

**TOWN OF OSGOOD  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023  
6:30 P.M.**

**RE: IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2) (B)**

Present at the meeting were Stephanie Back, Chris Kuhn, Holley Rose, Bill Roberts, and Lynn Fledderman.

Meeting adjourned to go into regular meeting.

**TOWN OF OSGOOD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

Present at the meeting were Stephanie Back, Chris Kuhn, Holley Rose, Bill Roberts, Lynn Fledderman, Dustin Payne, Gary Payne, Caleb Payne, Alex Wilhelm, Riley Thomas, and Tony Wood.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Tammy Wilhoit was not present.

Motion to waive the reading and adopt the pre-read minutes. Holley 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3 - ayes

Old business:

- a. An ordinance was created for Event & Road Closures. Council take under advisement to review.
- b. An ordinance was created to amend Ordinance §94.02 New Installations. It is in the best interest of the Town to amend the ordinance to require those applying for a permit to be in compliance and good standing with the Town and to utilize only contractors or sub-contractors approved by the Town. Council will take under advisement and review.

Commonwealth Project Memo:

Water Improvement Project –

- Water Project has bid according to schedule.
- There was a Pre-Bid Meeting held June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Bids were due by 3:30 p.m. at which time no bids were received.

Tony will be looking at issues to address before re-bidding. Chris asked if there are other projects that need to be completed with federal funding opportunities. Tony suggested a comprehensive plan for the next 1, 3, 5, or 10 years. Chris suggested working on a plan in a work session at 6:00 p.m. before the next regular meeting.

2022 round 2 – Community Crossing Project –

- Construction meeting held with Johannigman Excavating on June 2
  - On schedule
  - Waiting 3 to 4 weeks for castings
  - Work Change Directives reviewed and Change Order provided (no cost outside normal unit price for installation)
    - Utility conflicts on Wilson St. has resulted in moving pipe to opposite side of road.

- Moving curb and gutter in on Eckert to mitigate damage from trash truck
- Will start laying pipe on Wilson this week. Already laid pipe on Eckert.  
Town noted Contractor may utilize/install material out of town yard if this aids in mitigating delay – Engineer noted if done so change order proposal from Contractor to credit Town would be required submitted and approved first (for cost savings to Town).
- Next CE meeting is scheduled for Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Gas Department.

Motion to approve Pay Estimate #1 for Johannigman Excavating in the amount of \$286,642.08 with retainage of \$15,086.42. Bill 1<sup>st</sup>, Holley 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3 - ayes

Motion to approve Commonwealth's claim for Construction and RPR in the amount of \$8,332.59. Holley 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3 - ayes

#### 2021 Round 2 – Community Crossing Project –

Motion to give Bill Roberts the authority to attend mediation and decide a settlement. Holley 1<sup>st</sup>, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3 - ayes

Motion to approve Commonwealth's claim for General Services performed in the amount of \$165.70. Holley 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3 - ayes

Last day to accept Water/Sewer applications was June 14<sup>th</sup>. Need to set up a time to do interviews. Chris is unavailable and Council stated Tony can interview and consult them if needed.

Gary, Dustin, and Caleb Payne were present on behalf of the O.B.C. They wanted to discuss the Next Level Trail opportunity. It would be the proposal of extending Osgood Trails to JCD / Reinking woods by 1.5 to 2 miles. The initial contact with the school and businesses have all been positive so far with other initiatives: would possibly get trail from JCD to State Park. \$500,000 per mile so a \$2,000,000 project. Gary stated the preliminary response from the Reynolds Foundation was favorable to help fund as well. The businesses and school are willing to look at helping with the maintenance of the trails. The grant window is July 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 1<sup>st</sup>. Gary expressed that the funding was not announced until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If now is not a good time, keep on the radar for the future as this would be very positive for our community.

Council had a few concerns: trails would be by farmland and farmers spray their fields, who would maintain them, if the businesses or school were willing – what if they sold or backed out of the agreement, and the time line would be a quick turn around since this hasn't been discussed with the Street Department nor a maintenance plan in place.

Caleb has spoken with Dave Patterson about the possibility of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party maintenance. He stated it would cost around \$350.00 for herbicide per mile, \$120/\$240 for both sides, \$13,000 for 30 mowing's throughout the year includes weed eating and blowing. Gary would like to get people together to brain storm the maintenance so it doesn't put a burden on the Town.

Lynn suggested the Council table it until a plan for maintenance was in place. Can have special meeting before the next regular meeting to discuss if they'd like.

Lynn stated the Town has a potential economic development opportunity and Council needs to make a motion to give Tammy the authority to order two appraisals.

Motion to give Tammy the authority to order two appraisals. Holley 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3 – ayes

Tony Wood provided water and sewer updates with focus on fiber companies wanting to bore near water lines. They've been moving water meters for the Community Crossing Project. He will be having a meeting with IDEM in a couple of weeks to discuss shift reduction. The goal is to reduce shifts by 4 hours which was suggested in the comprehensive plan.

Police Department – Alex Wilhelm gave the monthly statistical report.

Fire Department – Riley Thomas stated they had 20 runs last month for a total of 117 for the year. They've sent 7 new people through classes and 5 have passed. In July they will start state certification class and it will run thru October. He stated the fire house needs painted and they are trying to get 2 quotes and also waiting on the generator to arrive. The membership count was rough at the beginning of the year, but now they are having trouble finding spots for people.

Motion was made for the Town to apply for grants from Reynolds, REMC, and Change Ripley County. Bill 1<sup>st</sup>, Holley 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3 – ayes

Gary Payne is requesting the closure of O&M and possibly a portion of Maple Street on August 12<sup>th</sup> for a meet and greet. Bill asked them to fill out paperwork forms requesting the closure.

Dustin Payne stated they would like to develop the CSX property and asked if the Town would be willing to try and buy it. Chris and Lynn both stated that CSX doesn't usually cooperate with the Town either.


Claims signed.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Holley 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3 – ayes

  
Stephanie Back, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Member

  
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