

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
OSSINING, NEW YORK**

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2005
7:30 PM**

**Multi-Purpose Room
COMMUNITY CENTER
95 BROADWAY**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on August 16, 2005 in the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Francesca Connolly. Members present were: Geoffrey Harter, Michael G. O'Connor and Northern Wilcher. Supervisor John Chervokas was absent. Also present were: Thomas Beirne, Town Attorney; Connie DiSalvo, Budget Officer and Constance Alfini, Deputy Town Clerk.

II. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2005

Councilmember Harter moved and it was seconded by Councilmember O'Connor that the following resolution be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Minutes of the July 26, 2005 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember O'Connor moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following resolution be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated August 16, 2005 in the amount of \$507,256.56.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Request for Bids-Engel Park Sprayground Improvement Project

Councilmember Harter moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following resolution be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise a Request for Bids for the Engel Park Sprayground Improvement project as specified in the bid forms available in the office of the Town Clerk. Bids are returnable to the Town Clerk's office, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2005.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Endorsing Westchester County's Recommendation for Civil Confinement Law

Councilmember O'Connor moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following resolution be approved:

Whereas, the savage murder of Concetta Russo-Carriero on June 27th has acted as a severe and painful reminder of the dangers of sex offenders who reside within our communities; and

Whereas, counties, towns, villages and cities throughout New York State continue to address the complex issue of how to protect citizens from sex offenders; and

Whereas, sixteen states already have in place civil confinement laws which allow the state to confine violent sexual predators to secure treatment centers rather than to be released to the community; and

Whereas, these civil confinement laws are designed to ensure a system whereby violent sexual offenders whose terms of incarceration are about to end are evaluated to determine whether they should be released into the community or sent to another secure facility; and

Whereas, the State Legislature and the Governor have the sole authority to enact civil confinement legislation on behalf of the people of the State of New York; and

Whereas, in the absence of a civil confinement law, other procedures can be put into place immediately to help ensure that violent sex offenders are not permitted to roam throughout our communities; and

Whereas, such procedures include, (1) providing Westchester County with a waiver from the State's Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which the County Executive has requested, to institute a policy of confining any Level 3 Sex Offender or Level 2 Sex Offender whose victim was a child under the Age of 16 who resides in a temporary housing shelter to said facility at all times, (2) requiring the New York State Parole Board to cease granting parole to any Level 3 sex offenders so that they are supervised for life, (3) imposing lifetime post release supervision on all Level 3 sex offenders so that they are supervised for life, (4) requiring Level 3 sex offenders and Level 2 sex offenders who victimized a child, and who are currently on parole, to wear electronic monitoring devices, and (5) convening a Task Force to examine sentencing guidelines and conditions for parole for violent sex offenders to ensure that we are maximizing our efforts to protect the public at large; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town of Ossining calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to immediately pass and enact a civil confinement law in a special legislative session and, to immediately institute the additional policy changes articulated in the resolution; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Pataki, Assembly Speaker Silver, Senate Majority Leader Bruno, and the members of the Westchester County Delegation to the State Legislature.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Request for Bids-Road Resurfacing/Curbing of Cooper Drive, Lakeville Drive and Ganung Drive

Councilmember Harter moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following resolution be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise a Request for Bids for the Road Resurfacing/Curbing of Cooper Drive, Lakeville Drive and Ganung Drive project as specified in the bid forms available in the office of the Town Clerk. Bids are returnable to the Town Clerk's office, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, no later than 10:00a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2005.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

Councilmember O'Connor moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following be received and filed:

- 1. Helicopter Schedule for July, 2005 from John F. Welch Learning Center in Crotonville.**

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Mr. Robert Little, representing SaveScarborough.com, asked the Board if there has been any discussion amongst the Board with regard to the disposition of the Kemeys Cove property.

Councilmember O'Connor stated that they have not had any discussions as the Board has not met for a meeting or work session in two weeks.

Deputy Supervisor Connolly said the Town had no intentions to sell the property. There are no concrete plans for this property. The possibility of a park with an access to the river would be a real plus to the waterfront park.

Councilmember Harter said the Board would be meeting with planning consultants and the attorney and would make sure this property is well protected.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:06 p.m., Councilmember O'Connor moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Harter that the meeting be adjourned and move into their Work Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Constance Alfini, Deputy Town Clerk