

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

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005
7:30 P.M.**

**POLICE/COURT
FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor John Chervokas. Other members of the Board present were: Geoffrey Harter, Fran Connolly, Michael G. O'Connor and Northern Wilcher. Also present were: Thomas Beirne, Town Attorney; Connie Cerny, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor; and Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk.

II. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION – Family Day

WHEREAS, the Ossining Communities That Care program is very much supportive of *Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children* and,

WHEREAS, that national program calls attention to the fact that teenagers who eat dinner with their families are 31 percent less likely to use illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes than the average teenager and,

WHEREAS, Monday, September 26, 2005 has been named *Family Day* this year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, John Chervokas, Supervisor of the Town of Ossining, with the full and enthusiastic support of the Ossining Town Board, ask families in the Town of Ossining to suggest, invite, urge their children to have dinner with them on that day – *and*, if possible, on a regular basis.

On September 15th, there will be Katrina Relief Courtesy Tolls located at the Arcadian Gardens, Route 9 & 133 and at Pleasantville and Ramapo Roads. They will also be collecting at the Ossining Matters Road Race, Brookside Circus and the Farmer's Market.

The Ferry-Go-Round is scheduled for September 18th with ferries from Ossining to Haverstraw and Tarrytown and Peekskill.

September 27th will be Noshing Night in the downtown of Ossining with many restaurants offering their fare. If you have any questions, please contact the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce.

The Town of Ossining Police Department will dedicate their new facility at 507 North State Road on October 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Councilmember Connolly announced that on Saturday, September 17th Ossining Matters Run & Walk will take place along the aqueduct with registration beginning at 8 a.m.

Councilmember O'Connor commented on the Proclamation which was read by the Supervisor regarding Family Day. This is fantastic and a warm family thing which allows a bond with families as well as an opportunity to have an open line of communication.

III. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – August 23, 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 August 23, 2005 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Connolly 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 Voucher Detail Report dated September 13, 2005 in the amount of \$209,366.59.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Elections – Use of Voting Machines – Ossining School District

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 authorizes the Ossining Union Free School District to use one (1) voting machine for student elections to be held on September 21, 2005; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the cost to program and transport the voting machine will be the responsibility of the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Police Department-Part Time Appointment

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 appoints Alice Christ, Henry Drive, Hopewell Junction NY as a part-time employee in the Police Department at \$15.73/hr effective September 14, 2005.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Appointment-Assessor's Office

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Tammie Fiske, Kessewaug Road, Middlebury, CT to the probationary position of Real Property Appraiser at a salary of \$51,634 effective September 14, 2005.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of Valley View Sewer District Extension

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

Whereas, Mario Conte of Croton Dam Road would like to connect to the Valley View sewer extension; and

Whereas, the proposed sewer district extension is for parcels of land owned in fee by the petitioners and designated on the current tax map of the Town of Ossining as Section 1, Plate 4, Block 11, Lot 5.1, and

Whereas, the proposed sewer district extension will be made at the cost of the Petitioner and not at the cost to the Town or Valley View Sewer District or any prior extensions thereof;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that a Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining shall be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at the Village of Ossining Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, to consider the said Petition and to hear all persons interested in the subject matter.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS – August, 2005

Councilmember O'Connor moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the Monthly Reports for August, 2005 from Town Clerk and Tax Receiver be received and filed:

V. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

Councilmember Harter moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following correspondence be received and filed:

- 1. June 22, 2005 and July 13, 2005 Planning Board Minutes.**
- 2. July, 2005 Helicopter Log from John Welch Learning Center.**

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Skylar Thomas, Ossining resident, questioned the Board regarding a football program (Ossining Tackle Football League) that utilizes a Town Facility and whether insurance is required; whether there was a fee and if residency was also a requirement. Apparently nine children missed the registration; however, the program has not as yet begun. He did not want to discuss anything further in public.

Councilmember Harter who is the Town representative on the Recreation Advisory stated that this organization had come before the Recreation Advisory in the Spring and presented their program. This group is not sponsored by the Recreation Department. This group funds themselves and is not attached to the Recreation Department.

Councilmember Connolly requested that the Town Board meet with Mr. Thomas to get further information about this situation.

Councilmember O'Connor was supportive of Mr. Thomas and will be happy to listen and attempt to rectify the situation.

Bobby Williams, Spring Street, discussed the IMA between the Village and Town of Ossining Parks and Recreation. The rip wrap contractor has been doing a good job. September is National Sickle Cell Anemia month, which is a disease that affects the African American population. Also discussed was GE's responsibility to clean up the Hudson River which they were ordered to do.

Duval Cellai, Stormytown Road questioned why the individuals in Resolutions D and E are not local.

Supervisor Chervokas advised that one of the individuals has been employed by the Town since November and recently passed a Civil Service Test for this position. As far as the other individual is concerned, it is difficult to get individuals from the area.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:03 p.m., Councilmember Harter moved and it was seconded by Councilmember O'Connor that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk

Approved: