

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007
7:30 P.M.**

**Supervisor
John Chervokas
Councilmembers**

**Geoffrey Harter Northern Wilcher
David Krieger Martha Dodge**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on September 25, 2007 in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor John Chervokas. Other members of the Board present were: Geoffrey Harter, Northern Wilcher, David Krieger and Martha Dodge. Also present were: Thomas Beirne, Town Attorney and Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk.

Presentation – FY 2006 Independent Auditor’s Report: Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis, The Government Services Division of O’Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP.

Supervisor Chervokas introduced Dominick Consolo of Bennett Kielson auditors. They are the auditors for Town of Ossining. Mr. Consolo discussed all of the funds relative to the Town of Ossining (Town General, Town Outside General, Highway and Capital Funds). He referenced pages 48 and 49 for the Board to follow. The original budget was increased by any open purchase orders. The final budget number changes during the year with the fund balance being reduced by \$401,000. The Mortgage Tax was \$527,000 which was greater than the number originally budget, however, he remind the Board and the public that due to the housing climate at the present time the Town should not anticipate as much in 2007 and 2008. The Town also sold property during the year 2007 to add to the fund. The Town controlled the budget very well with the fund balance on January 1, 2006 at \$2,357,000 and ending at \$1,956,000 on December 31, 2007. They are in excellent financial condition.

Bobby Williams, Spring Street, questioned open purchase orders at the end of the year closing. The explanation given was that they are not open, but they are earmarked for specific orders.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember David Krieger announced that on September 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library there will be a short presentation of 3 short stories. Also Blueberry Pond will be presenting 4 plays as well as readings in the near future. If you need further information go to blueberrypond.org or telephone (914)923-2030.

Councilmember Jeffrey Harter reminded the public that the first half of the school tax is due on September 30, 2007; however, since the 30th is on a Sunday you have until the close of business on Monday, October 1st.

III. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2007

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 approves the Minutes of the September 11, 2007 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated September 25, 2007 in the amount of \$344,383.34.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Authorizing renewal of Generator Inspection Contract for Lift Stations

Councilmember Dodge moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Krieger that the following resolution be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a renewal generator inspection contract with Gabel Equipment Corporation of Port Chester, New York for regularly scheduled service visits of the Town's lift stations effective October 1, 2007 – October 1, 2008.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Awarding of Bid – Cedar Lane Park Water Main Project

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining has solicited bids for the Cedar Lane Park Water Main Project; and

Whereas, a public notice was advertised in the Journal News on August 20, 2007; and

Whereas, at 10:00 am., Friday, September 16, 2007 all bids were opened and upon reviewing the bids, the Consulting Engineer and Town Attorney determined that the lowest responsible bidder meeting the requirements of the contract documents for the Water Main Project is Steve Giordano Builders, Inc. of Ossining, New York at a total bid price of \$278,500.00;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Water Main Bid at Cedar Lane Park is hereby awarded to Steve Giordano Builders, Inc. for the total bid price of \$278,500.00.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. IMA – Village of Ossining – Yard Waste Transfer Site

Councilmember Dodge 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 Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Village of Ossining for the Yard Waste Transfer Site, at a cost of \$22 per ton in accordance with the agreement. The term of this agreement shall be effective October 1, 2007 and shall expire on March 31, 2008.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Highway – Request for Bids – 2008 Refuse/ Recycle Collection

Councilmember Harter moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Krieger 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 Collection of Residential Refuse and Recyclables in accordance with specifications available in the office of the Town Clerk. Sealed bids shall be received no later than 10:00 am on Monday, October 15, 2007 in the Town Clerk's Office, 16 Croton Avenue, in said Town.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Teamster Contract

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Ossining and Local 456 International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, AFL-CIO, dated August 15, 2007 covering the period from January 1, 2007-December 31, 2011; and be it further

Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute a collective bargaining agreement for the period from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2011 that is consistent with the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Pace University – IMA Study

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining and Village of Ossining have made a decision to enter into an agreement with the Michaelian Institute for Public Policy and Management of Pace University to evaluate the viability of existing intermunicipal agreements in order to identify legal, financial, and operational issues arising out of the terms of those agreements; and

Whereas, the total cost for the services of an IMA study is \$33,000 to be split between the Town of Ossining and Village of Ossining,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Michaelian Institute for Public Policy and Management of Pace University, 1 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY, subject to review by the Town Attorney, to conduct a study of the Intermunicipal Agreements between the Town of Ossining and Village of Ossining. The Town of Ossining will contribute \$16,500 towards the cost of the study and will fund this expenditure in the 2008 FY budget.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 1

Voting Yes: Wilcher, Krieger, Dodge,
Chervokas

Abstaining: Harter

I. Appointment- Appraisal Technician

Councilmember Krieger 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 Albert B. Ciosi, Split Rock Road, Putnam Valley, NY to the position of Appraisal Technician effective September 25, 2007 at an annual salary of \$55,392. The probationary period shall be a minimum of twelve (12) weeks to a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

J. Re-Appointment – Assessment Review Board – Wayne Wheeler

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby re-appoints Wayne Wheeler, Samstag Avenue, Ossining, NY to the Assessment Review Board for a five-year term expiring on September 30, 2012.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

K. Highway Department – Seasonal Appointment

Councilmember Dodge 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 Percival Gilchrest, Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY to the seasonal position of Laborer in the Highway Department effective September 25, 2007 at \$12.00/hr.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilmember Dodge moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Krieger that the Monthly Report for August, 2007 from Tax Receiver be received and filed.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

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

1. August, 2007 Helicopter Log from General Electric.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Bobby Williams, Spring Street, requested that the Supervisor explain what a lift station is. Also discussed was the audit specifically the mortgage tax and that the Federal Government is willing to assist failing banks, but not individuals with their mortgage payment thus allowing the individuals to loose their homes. Homes are not valued at what they were a short time ago. There should be equal justice for all. Supervisor Chervokas gave a brief description of a lift station “pumping sewage to gravity level.” Ossining has 11 or 12 lift stations due to the hilly terrain.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 p.m., Councilmember Harter moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Krieger that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk

Approved: