

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK
APRIL 24, 2007
7:30 PM

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 April 24, 2007 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, Northern Wilcher, David Krieger and Martha Dodge. Also present were: Thomas Beirne, Town Attorney; Connie Cerny, Budget Officer and Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Dodge announced that Ossining School/Community Walk Day will be held on Friday, May 4th, rain or shine. Walk with your friends, neighbors, community members, school student, local merchants, business owners and parents to work and/or school. Once you have completed your walk email your mileage to Ossiningwalks@yahoo.com. There will be special events at AMD as well as at Claremont School.

The OHS Performing Arts proudly presents “Little Shop of Horrors” at the Ossining High School on Thursday, April 26th at 4 p.m.; Friday, April 27th at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 28th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 29th at 2 p.m. These performances are free.

Councilmember Krieger announced that the Teatown Plant Sale will take place on May 11th from 4 – 7 p.m. with an admission of \$5. The sale will continue on May 12th with the admission free. If you have any further questions, please call 762-2912. Happy Spring Time!

III. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2007

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Minutes of the April 10, 2007 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated April 24, 2007 in the amount of \$241,940.26.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for (1) Rear-Loading Refuse Collection Truck Body - Highway Department

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for one (1) Rear-Loading Refuse Collection Truck Body for use by the Highway Department, to be returnable no later than 10:00 am on Monday, May 14, 2007 in the office of the Town Clerk, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Taxes-In Rem Foreclosure Re-Appointment

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby reappoints Mark S. Tulis, Esq. of Oxman, Tulis, Kirkpatrick, Whyatt & Geiger LLP, 120 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, New York as Special Counsel to conduct In Rem foreclosure proceedings upon its tax liens appearing in the 2006 List of Delinquent Taxes as to which payment has not been made. Compensation to Mr. Tulis shall be in accordance with his letter proposal to the Town of Ossining dated April 10, 2007.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Senior Services-Westchester County Food Establishment Permit Renewal

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 Supervisor to execute and deliver an application to the Westchester County Department of Health for a permit to operate a food service establishment at the Community Center for senior citizens for the period of July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Cedar Lane Park-Reuben House

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

Whereas, the Town Board has been advised by its engineering consultant that the condition of the roof of the building known as Reuben House, located in Cedar Lane Park in the Town of Ossining, is such that, in the absence of immediate repair and restoration, further water infiltration will make the structure unusable for any purpose; and

Whereas, the Town Board has been advised, and so finds, that Reuben House, if preserved, can be used in the future for public events benefiting the Ossining community and, conversely, that if the structure is permitted to further deteriorate, such benefit to the community will be irretrievably lost; and

Whereas, the Town will not be able to complete all of the formal bidding requirements of General Municipal Law section 103 in time to save the Reuben

House structure but does have bids from at least two reliable contractors for the work in question; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the above-described situation constitutes an “emergency” within the meaning of the applicable General Municipal Law provision and the Supervisor and appropriate agencies of the Town government are authorized and directed to accept the low bid received to date in the amount of \$10,770.00, from Edward Monks General Contractor, Inc, Buchanan, NY 10511 or any lower bid from a responsible bidder which the Town may receive prior to commencement of the work; and it is further

Resolved, that the above-described roof repair and restoration shall commence immediately and be completed as soon as possible.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. 2007 Budget Adjustment

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the following budget adjustment be made to the 2007 Budget:

<u>TRANSFER TO G/L ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM G/L ACCOUNT</u>
Parks-Capital Improvements 10-7110-442	10,770.00	Trust & Agency-Park Land Deposits 033-033-0037

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. IMA-Westchester County-Selective Enforcement for Traffic Safety Grant

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign an Intermunicipal agreement with Westchester County for the 2006-2011 Selective Enforcement for Traffic Safety Grant. Westchester County will reimburse the Town up to \$1,600.00 annually for eligible enforcement activity conducted between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2011.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

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

1. February 28 and March 28, 2007 Planning Board Minutes.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Bobby Williams, Spring Street, announced that he was not part of the Spring Street Group that was present at the last meeting. He was also glad to hear and see that Engel Park will not be posted “Residents Only”. The Town and Village of Ossining welcomes all to enjoy the parks. In response to the resolution adopted this evening regarding the Rueben House, he requests that the Town do more with Cedar Lane Park. Since the cost of fuel is rising, he anticipates greater use of the park.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 pm, Councilmember Krieger moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk