



**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
86-88 SPRING STREET
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE COURT FACILITY
OSSINING, NEW YORK
JULY 11, 2017
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR
Dana Levenberg**

**COUNCILMEMBERS
Karen M. D'Attore Elizabeth R. Feldman
Kim L. Jeffrey Northern Wilcher, Jr.**

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on July 11, 2017 at the Birdsall-Fagan Police Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street Ossining, NY. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dana Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Northern Wilcher, Elizabeth R. Feldman and Karen D'Attore. Councilmember Kim Jeffrey was absent. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tom Addona and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts. Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz was absent.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE MATTER OF:

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

First, I want to thank the Village of Ossining Water Department and the Town of Ossining Highway Department for quickly repairing this weekend's water main break along Stormytown Road. After an early morning call on Saturday, the Water Department got right to work and finished the repair within the day, followed by further repairs to the road by the highway department yesterday. Thank you to everyone for handling this emergency quickly and professionally, and for getting full water service back to the neighborhood and Torview Swim Club.

I would also like to thank Victoria Cafarelli in my office for submitting the Clean Energy Communities grant application to secure our \$50K commitment from NYS last week. We are looking forward to using the money for improvements and bike lane striping on N. State Rd to make the road more pedestrian and bike friendly and help people find alternative transportation modes with which to navigate our commercial district.

We recently received word from Sustainable Westchester about an exciting new program for Westchester residents. As the Town is a member of Sustainable Westchester, there is an energy-savings and cost savings program open to all Town residents. Sustainable Westchester, through its electric vehicle consultant, EarthKind Energy, has secured a special offer for a \$10,000 discount on the 2017 all-electric Nissan Leaf. The program is available to all Westchester customers who have ConEdison as their delivery company, as well as NYSEG delivery customers who are municipal employees, or students or employees of Westchester colleges. Customers whose electric supply is provided by Westchester Power also qualify – that's everyone in Ossining! Combined with a \$1,700 NYS rebate and \$7,500

federal tax credit, the discounts total \$19,200. Resident and businesses can find out more, sign up, and download the discount certificate at:

<http://sustainablewestchester.org/initiatives-toolkits/electric-vehicles/> Simply bring the certificate and a copy of your ConEdison bill - or your Westchester municipal employee or college ID - to New Rochelle Nissan to get the discount. The 2017 Leaf gets 107 miles per charge (good for 90% of most commuter & local travel) - and includes 2 years of free charging. No gas. No oil or transmission changes. 8 year, 100,000 mile battery warranty. Zero emissions. The program ends when the remaining ~400 Leafs in the state are sold. If you have any questions, contact Ron Kamen @ 917-453-5740; Ron@EarthKindEnergy.com. Or call Sustainable Westchester at (914) 242-4725. As you may remember, the Town recently leased a Nissan Leaf for our fleet, and you can see our Building Inspector driving around Town in it. Also, very soon there will be more locations to charge your brand new Nissan Leaf – in Town Parks at Engel Park, Cedar Lane Park, and Ryder Park. I hope you will consider taking advantage of this great program – together we can make Ossining even greener!

Thank you to Tribal Legacy, Interstate Fireworks, Sundad, and the Soul Projekt for great performances and community events last week. This Friday, don't miss another one of Ossining's great performers – KJ Denhert! KJ is an internationally recognized urban folk jazz artist, and she just happens to call Ossining home. We are glad to have her perform in this year's Summer Concert Series – hope to see you at Louis Engel Park this Friday, July 14th at 7pm. If it rains, our rain location for the entire concert series will be at the Ossining High School auditorium, and we thank the schools for collaborating with us on this.

Saturday, July 15th, come back down to the Hudson River from 6pm-10pm for Lobsterfest, which is hosted jointly this year by the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce and the Sing Sing Prison Museum. Lobsterfest will be held at the Sing Sing Prison QWL Building at 354 Hunter Street. Tickets can be purchased at www.ossiningchamber.org or 914-941-0009.

Also on Saturday, the Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy will be holding a Gravestone Cleaning & Restoration Workshop at Sparta Cemetery from 9am-12noon. This is a fun and educational event for all ages, no experience is necessary and OHCC will bring all the equipment you need. Community service credit is also available. For more information, contact the OHCC at OHCC10562@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

Delphi Dance Ensemble will be holding a Mind, Body, Spirit – Ossining session this Sunday, July 16th at 11am at a new location – Sparta Park. The Delphi Dance Ensemble will lead participants in a belly dancing lesson, and offer some tips about boosting your self-confidence.

Don't miss St. Augustine's Annual Ossining Italian Festival from July 18-23, from 6-11pm each night. This is a great community event with good food, games, rides and fun not to mention friends. Make a night of it and don't forget the fireworks scheduled for the last Wednesday with a rain date of Thursday.

Coming up next week, the Westchester Collaborative Theater will be showcasing a number of one act plays as part of their 2017 Play Reading Series from July 21st - 23rd, directed by NYU Tisch School of the Arts Professor Nathan Flower, who is known for his directorial work Off-Broadway, abroad, and at various actor studios in Manhattan. Tickets are sure to sell out, so advance purchase is suggested at the WCT website, www.wctheater.org.

Friday, July 28th the Rotary Club of Ossining is hosting their Installation of Officers at GE Management Training Center in Ossining. Contact George Weeks at gaweeks@att.net for tickets.

Finally, the new picnic areas at Engel Park are almost ready -- we expect they will be ready for rentals and use by the end of July. The picnic areas will have grills,

and will be a great spot for community residents to gather during nice weather. You can reserve your space to use this new area in a few weeks with the Recreation Department, by calling 941-3189. All groups 20 people or over must get a permit to use this area, or you can choose to reserve a space for fewer people to guarantee your group gets a designated area. Otherwise, this space will be first come, first served.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the June 27, 2017, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes-Special Meeting

Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the July 5, 2017, Minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated July 11, 2017 in the amount of \$198,715.92

Supervisor Levenberg stated that this week's voucher detail includes the May and June Contractual payment to OVAC, as well as many of the payments for exciting new work being done to our parks, including grills and pavilion repairs.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Personnel: Parks Department- Appointment

Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Eugene L. Abreau, Jr., Ossining, to the probationary position of Part-Time Laborer in the Town Parks Department, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, effective July 11th, 2017.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that Larry Abreau recently retired from the Village of Ossining Parks Department, and we are excited to welcome him as a permanent part-time employee for the Town's Parks Department. Larry, of course, comes with extensive experience and will surely be an asset to the Town.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Procurement Policy- Amendment to Adopted Policy

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining re-adopts the Town Procurement Policy at the start of every year; and

Whereas, the Town Board is desirous of finding new ways to save money for Town taxpayers by finding competitive pricing for Town goods and equipment;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Town's membership in the US Communities Program, a government purchasing cooperative which the Town Comptroller has deemed a permissible platform for purchasing; and

Be it further Resolved, that the Procurement Policy for the Town of Ossining is hereby amended to include the below language under "General Provisions":

1. Where possible, purchases should be made from New York State and Westchester County purchasing contracts. These purchases are exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law Section 103. Information regarding these contracts is available online at www.ogs.state.ny.us. The NYS Contract number must be written on claim voucher or purchase order along with a print-out from the OGS website indicating the item is on NYS Contract.

In addition, purchases under any NYS county or local government contracts, or purchased through the Empire State Purchasing Group, National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) or US Communities, are permissible, provided that the contract is let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with NYS law and made available for use by other governmental entities and subject to the approval of the Town Supervisor.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that The Town regularly "piggybacks" onto state or local contracts when purchasing, such as the Empire State Purchasing Group and National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), in order to get the best price for supplies and other materials. This resolution will add another popular purchasing group to this list which has a lot to offer at very competitive prices – US Communities.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Authorize The Town Of Ossining To Jointly Apply For A 2017 Consolidated Funding Application Through The New York State Department Of State For The Update Of The 2008 Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed Conservation Action Plan And To Recommend Certain Polices And Goals For Implementation)

Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining has partnered with the Village of Croton-on Hudson, the Village of Ossining, the Town of Cortlandt, the Town of New Castle and Westchester County to develop the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed Conservation Action Plan which was completed in 2008 and included a series of Goals and Recommendations for implementation to protect and enhance the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the 5 participating municipalities all signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2008 agreeing to voluntarily work in a cooperative manner to

advance actions that would implement the recommendations of the Conservation Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, in the past 10 years the communities have met periodically to discuss issues related to the watershed; and

WHEREAS, in the past year the communities have begun to meet more regularly and now wish to seek grant funding to update the 2008 Action Plan and work on the implementation of certain policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to submit a joint grant application with the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, the Village of Ossining, the Town of Cortlandt and the Town of New Castle to the New York State Department of State in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to hire a Planning Consultant to work with the municipalities to Update the 2008 Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed Conservation Action Plan and is further authorized to execute all necessary agreements with respect to said grant.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that the Town has worked with neighboring municipalities on the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed Conservation Action Plan for many years. This group of municipalities would like to update this plan. Due to the high costs associated with this type of planning work, a joint application through NY State's Consolidated Funding Application program will be submitted to seek funding to update this plan.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Order Calling a Public Hearing in the matter of the Petition for Extension of the Ossining Consolidated Sewer District

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

Whereas, a written petition, dated June 27th, 2017, in due form and containing the required signature, has been presented by Simon Jackson to the Town Board of the Town of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, for the extension of the Ossining Consolidated Sewer District in said Town; and

Whereas, said premises are known as 19 Fowler Avenue, Ossining, New York , and also known as Section 80.14, Block 2, Lot 10 on the Tax Map of the Town of Ossining, and

Whereas, the cost of establishing such Sewer District Extension shall be borne entirely by the Petitioner; and

Whereas, all documents and plans related to this sewer extension are on file for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours; and

Whereas, it is now desired to call a Public Hearing to consider the Petition for the proposed establishment of said Sewer District Extension pursuant to Section 193 of the Town Law, as well as for purposes of determining the environmental impact of said action;

Now Therefore be it

Ordered, by the Town Board of the Town of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, as follows:

Section 1: A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, shall be held at the Birdsall-Fagan Police Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, in Ossining, New York, on the 25th day of July, 2017, at 7:30p.m., for the

purpose of conducting a public hearing to consider the aforementioned Petition and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same.

Section 2: The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Order to be published in the Gazette and posted in the manner provided by law.

Section 3: This Order shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that the Town received a request from 19 Fowler Avenue to join into the Town's sewer district. The process to join the sewer district first involves a public hearing, and this resolution sets the public hearing for July 25th.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IX. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

X. MONTHLY REPORTS

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of June 2017:

- Town Supervisor's Office
- Town Clerk's Office

XI. VISITOR RECOGNITION

XII. ADJOURNMENT-EXECUTIVE SESSION-ADVICE OF COUNSEL

7:52 P.M., Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember D'Attore that the Regular Meeting be adjourned to Executive Session.

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts Town Clerk