



AGENDA
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
16 CROTON AVENUE
OSSINING MUNICIPAL BUILDING-1ST FLOOR BOARD ROOM
OSSINING, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on September 26, 2017 at the Ossining Municipal Building, 16 Croton Avenue-1st Floor Board Room, Ossining, NY. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dana Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Kim Jeffrey, Northern Wilcher and Elizabeth R. Feldman. Councilmember Karen D'Attore was absent. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tom Addona, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION-Burbio Update—Dennis and Julie Roche

Dennis Roche made a presentation for an on-line calendar service which includes media as well as marketing. This service will organize events in our community as well as being able to see what is going on in other parts of the County. Julia Roche put the Community Calendar adopted by Yonkers on the screen as a sample of what the Town can expect on their site. The service is free for non-profits as well as communities.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION- Ossining Boat & Canoe Club Proposed Improvements

Tom Earl from the Boat and Canoe Club made a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed improvements to the BOCC which has old and faded shingles that he believes are over 100 years old and in poor condition with many faded and/or broken. This does not present a good image to visitors to the waterfront. The BOCC has skilled volunteers who are capable of performing the work. This is a not for profit and will be of no cost to taxpayers which will be cosmetic and not structural repair. This will be an in-kind replacement with South Carolina Cedar.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:
Work at the intersection of Route 9A and Route 134 continues—our Highway Department finished pouring concrete earlier today for our stormwater drain cap, and the State has continued work with our utility companies. We are hopeful that the work is nearing its end and that Route 134/ Croton Dam Road will be reopened soon, good as new.

Speaking of utilities, our friends in the Village of Ossining want to remind you that yesterday, September 25th, started the biannual five week cycle of hydrant flushing throughout the Village of Ossining and the Unincorporated Area, which will take

place between the hours of 9PM and 1AM to minimize disruption to residents. When they are flushing in your neighborhood, you may notice some discolored water early in the morning—don't be alarmed, just run the tap for a few moments. If the discoloration persists, please call the water department at 941-6111.

Briarcliff shared some info on their web blast last week which pertains to the road widening project at 9A and N. State Rd. As was explained to me, work could be starting on the North East corner as early as next week. The way the work is planned, it should not involve any permanent lane closures during the duration of the job since most of the work is being done outside the current lanes. The Village of Briarcliff is lead agency on this road expansion and has been coordinating with their contractor, NYSDOT, Con Edison, Westchester County DOT and other involved parties to coordinate logistics. I hope to have more information for you in the near future. Because this project includes major signalization updates and enhancements, it will not be a "quick" project. The work routine will vary and involves several component stages as it overlaps into other projects that it will ultimately connect with it. This includes a pick-up of construction at the Pleasantville - North State Road Intersection, which they have nicknamed Birrettella's Corner. As you know, this work is a coordinated and funded project of VBM, TOS, WC, NYS Legislature and NYSDOT. The Village of Briarcliff asks for everyone's patience and cooperation during this next phase. Please anticipate inevitable delays.

As a reminder, September 30th is the due date for school taxes. Since the due date falls on a weekend, payments will still be accepted on Monday, October 2nd in the office. In order to accommodate folks who have not yet paid, the Town Tax Office at 16 Croton will be open extended hours on Thursday, September 28th, Friday, September 29th, and Monday, October 2nd, where the office will be open from 8AM until 6PM. Please visit the Tax Receiver's page on the Town of Ossining website for more information.

I also want to remind folks that tomorrow, Wednesday September 27th, St. Ann's Church will hold a DACA Renewal Application session between 5PM and 8PM in the church basement on Eastern Avenue. Be sure to bring along your work card and SS card, 2 passport style photos, \$495 money order payable to US Dept. of Homeland Security, a copy of your previous DACA application, and all certificates of disposition and/ or other immigration documents. If your DACA expires between now and March 5th, 2018, the government must receive your renewal application by October 5th, 2017. For more information, please text Sr. Kelly or Johana at (914) 372-6153.

We are anticipating some great news this week, as the National Foundation for Affordable Housing Solutions, Inc. anticipates closing on the Maple House property later this week. The Town Board will be passing a resolution tonight authorizing me to sign this PILOT agreement, and we are very excited to be a part of the preservation of affordable housing for seniors in Ossining. Look for more information on progress in the coming weeks.

This Sunday, October 1st, I hope you will join for me for Farm Fest 2017 at Fable Foods on Route 134 between 10AM and 4PM for some cooking demos, artisanal crafts and food, yoga, a chance to feed the Fable Foods chickens, and more. Visit fablefoods.com/farmfest for more information.

Did you know that while 92% of New Yorkers support organ donation, only 30% of New Yorkers are registered? This contributes to a troubling fact: every 18 hours a New Yorker dies waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. On Wednesday, October 4th, you have the opportunity to be part of an incredible movement and help to change this troubling statistic. LiveOnNY is holding its third annual Organ Donor Enrollment Day on October 4th, 2017, and like last year, the Town of Ossining is organizing a team. In 2016, over 150 New York teams participated – teams were comprised of hospitals, organizations, colleges, donation advocates, elected officials and more - all working in their respective areas to run enrollment

drives. Over 4,000 enrollments were collected in a single day. This officially broke our record from 2015 when we registered over 3,100 people. Here in Ossining, alongside our partners at Phelps Memorial Hospital, Team Ossining secured 91 enrollments in 2016. This year we want to beat our own record! Registering is easy, free and only takes a minute. Join us for this life-saving day and help us enroll as many New Yorkers as possible! Learn more about this important cause at LongLiveNY.org and learn more about the day at EnrollmentDay.org. If you would like to participate in Team Ossining's efforts this year, please contact the Supervisor's Office at (914) 762-6001 or ycafarelli@townofossining.com.

On Thursday, October 5th, we will hold our first Millwood-Ossining Go! Public Forums at Club Fit in Briarcliff. Please join us for the 1PM or 7PM session and weigh in on the best routes to connect Downtown Ossining with the North County Trailway, North State Road, and everything in between. Refreshments and giveaways will be provided by Club Fit Briarcliff to forum participants. For more information and to RSVP, go to the Town of Ossining homepage and find the MOGO tab under "Projects." Can't make it on October 5th? We will be at the Ossining Public Library Café for another two sessions on November 2nd, also at 1PM and 7PM. Please join us and let us know what you think!

On Thursday, October 5th, the Ossining Public Library will host "Community Conversations" as part of the Westchester Library Systems program "Criminal Justice, Yesterday and Today." Our very own Dana White, Village Historian, will give some background on the history of Sing Sing, and our friend Sean Pica, Executive Director of Hudson Link, will join an esteemed panel to discuss the current trends in prison reform and rehabilitation and how Sing Sing itself has impact the penal system in the US. This exciting conversation kicks off at 7PM in the Budarz Theater at the Ossining Public Library—be sure not to miss it.

This Thursday, September 28th, the Ossining Lions Club will host "Prohibition in Ossining: What Was it Like?" at their monthly dinner meeting at the Elks Club on 118 Croton Avenue at 7PM. Miguel Hernandez, historical raconteur will share stories about our village when it was known as "Rum Row". How many speakeasies were there in the village? How strict were the local police during this period? What was the role of the churches in the village? To get in the spirit of the times try to evoke the look of the period with maybe a fedora for the guys and a head band with long pearls for the women. It will put some 'roar' into the evening. The buffet is \$25 with a cash bar. Please contact rsvp@ossininglions.org to reserve a space.

The WC Mobile Shredder is coming to the Village of Briarcliff Manor on Saturday, October 7th, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at 5 Van Lu Van Road, past the Youth Center. If you can't make it then, the Shredder will be back at the Joseph G. Caputo Center in Ossining on October 14th between 10AM and 1PM. Residents can bring up to 4 file-size (10"x12"x15") boxes of confidential papers per household. Please remove all large binder clips and covers. This is for the disposal of personal household papers. All business, institutional or commercial papers are not acceptable and will be rejected, as will any junk mail, magazines or newspapers.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that next Tuesday, October 3rd, we will be holding our Town Hall Meeting at the Ossining Public Library, beginning at 7:30PM. We will start with a special Meeting to re-open the Public Hearing on our Zoning Law, and barring any major issues, adopt it that very night and end the moratorium in the Unincorporated Area. We also hope to make a presentation about the Garbage RFP and get some feedback from our residents about what they would like to see included in the proposal. However, we expect to have some extra time at the end, and these are your meetings. If you have any other topics that you wish to address with the Town Board, we hope to have some time at the end to listen to you. As a reminder, we must be out of the Library by 9:15PM, so if we are not able to hear everyone who attends, we will have paper and pens to collect questions and will plan to follow up with you shortly thereafter.

Councilmember Jeffrey announced that on October 1, 2017 St. Ann's will be holding a fundraiser in the gym from noon to 6 p.m. to raise funds for the Mexico and Puerto Rico victims of the hurricanes and as well as the earth quake.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting

Councilmember Feldman 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 September 12, 2017, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated September 26, 2017 in the amount of \$ 551,166.01.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Personnel- Retirement

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation in anticipation of retirement of Chauffeur Denise Awerdick in the Senior Nutrition Program, effective September 27th, 2017.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Maple House PILOT Agreement

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

Whereas, the property known as Maple House located at 15 Maple Place in the Village and Town of Ossining (the "Property"), was granted a Payment in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT"); and

Whereas, The National Foundation for Affordable Housing Solutions ("The Foundation") is under a certain Purchase and Sale Agreement to acquire the Property; and

Whereas, The Foundation intends to make a long-term commitment to the Property and to the community, including the restoration of all units and exterior and interior common spaces, and most importantly, long term affordability at the same AMI level as is currently served by Maple House; and

Whereas, in order to facilitate these long-term plans, including obtaining the necessary financing, The Foundation has made a request to enter into a PILOT agreement; and

Whereas, the Town of Ossining has administered this and all other PILOTs in Ossining, and is one of four local taxing entities that must approve any such extension or change in terms of the PILOT, with such entities also including the Village of Ossining, Ossining Union Free School District, and the Ossining Public Library; and

Whereas, the parties have negotiated an agreement that will include, but are not limited to, annual payments to the Town, Village, School and Library based on whichever is higher:

- 1) A base rate of \$52,600 to be appropriately split across all named entities, with a 1.5% growth factor to be applied each calendar year; or
- 2) A payment representing 10% of the shelter rent as defined in the agreement for the year prior;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the PILOT agreement as negotiated in its current form with The National Foundation for Affordable Housing Solutions for Maple House; and

Be it further Resolved, the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute any documents consistent with this resolution to give effect to this resolution.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Personnel- Section 73 Termination, Town Court

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Town Supervisor, the Town Board hereby terminates the employment of Allen Gantz from his position as part-time Court Attendant pursuant to Section 73 of the Civil Service Law effective September 27, 2017.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IX. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

X. MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

- Dale Cemetery

Motion Carried: Unanimously

XI. VISITOR RECOGNITION

XII. ADJOURNMENT-EXECUTIVE SESSION-CONTRACTS-PERSONNEL-ADVICE OF COUNSEL

At 8:40 P.M., Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the Regular Meeting be adjourned to Executive Session.

At 9:47 P.M., Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman to leave Executive Session.

At 9:48 P.M., Councilmember Jeffrey motioned to leave Exec and Councilmember Wilcher that Executive Session be adjourned.

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts Town Clerk