



SPECIAL MEETING

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
53 CROTON AVENUE-BUDARZ THEATER
OSSINING, NEW YORK

DECEMBER 19, 2017
7:30 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Dana Levenberg

COUNCILMEMBERS
Karen M. D'Attore Elizabeth R. Feldman
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 December 19, 2017 at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue, Budarz Theater Ossining, NY. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Supervisor Dana Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Northern Wilcher and Elizabeth R. Feldman. Councilmember Karen D'Attore was absent. Also present was Town Counsel Steven Silverberg and Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg read the following announcements:

We have an exciting evening tonight so I will make these announcements brief. As we are coming up on the first of two holiday weekends, please be advised that all Town offices will be closed on the afternoon of Friday, December 22nd and for a full day on Monday, December 25th. The Town Board will meet at the Courthouse for a short meeting on Tuesday, December 26th at 7:30PM, where we will hold a public hearing on the revisions to the PACE Financing local law and take care of some final 2017 business. Then on Friday, December 29th, Town offices will once again be closed in the afternoon, and then for the full day on Monday, January 1st. We will be in bright and early to serve you on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018.

We have gotten several calls from residents with questions about the proposed Federal tax legislation and how that will affect tax payments. I will give you the best information that we have, but I urge you to contact a tax professional, as we (along with most other Villages and Towns) are merely speculating on the consequences of the new legislation on property tax deductions. If you have not yet paid your 2nd half school taxes, you are welcome to do so prior to December 29th in the Tax Office at 16 Croton Avenue. Our understanding is that this 2nd half payment will indeed be able to be deducted from your 2017 tax filings. Similarly, if you pay a Village of Ossining tax bill, they will take your payment prior to close of business on Friday, December 29th. However, we are unable to allow anyone to prepay their Town/County 2018, as the warrant runs concurrent with Westchester County's and will not be ready for several months. Again, we suggest that you consult your tax preparer, but it is our understanding that the 2nd half school and 2018 village taxes can be prepaid.

We have one very special announcement this evening—as many of your know, former Town Councilwoman Kim Jeffrey resigned from this Board on December 1st, 2017, as well as declined to step into her new four year term set to begin on January 1st, 2018. The Board received resumes from 14 eligible candidates and interviewed each of them last week. We were wowed by the level of interest, as well as by the high caliber of applicant we received. Trust me when I say, we were hard pressed to pick just one! However, the Board unanimously agreed on Ms. Jackie Shaw, a longtime resident of the Unincorporated Town, to serve on the Board in 2018. I will read an excerpt of the press release we will be ending out later this evening.

"We are so excited that Jackie stepped up to apply for the open seat on the Town Board," said Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg. "We had many wonderful candidates and it was certainly a

tough decision, however we felt that Jackie had the right mix of community involvement, management and business experience. We were also impressed by her work on boards (particularly on one so closely tied to the Town's own, with her work on the Recreation Advisory Board), that would lend itself perfectly to our mission. An added bonus is that Jackie lives in the Unincorporated Town for which this board serves as the local governing body. Since Jackie took an interest in this position, she has attended all Town Board meetings and has been proactive in spending time familiarizing herself with some of the issues facing the Town. We are confident that she will be an excellent addition to our board and a wonderful community advocate."

Ms. Shaw has an MBA from Boston University Graduate School of Management with a concentration in Health Care management, as well as a BA from the College of William and Mary and a certificate in interior decorating from Parsons School of Design. She worked for Merck & Co. as Senior Manager for Health & Utilization Management and for Koren Rogers Associates doing research and analysis, as well as managing administrative staff. After leaving the industry to start a family, she returned to the workforce as an entrepreneur, starting up an interior decorating firm which she ran in partnership with her mother for just under 10 years. She has been an active volunteer, representing the Town on the Recreation Advisory Board as vice chair from 2006-present and was recently selected to take over as chair of that board. She also has been serving on the Ossining School District Equity Task Force since 2006 and was selected to participate on the Ossining School District Superintendent Search Committee in 2013.

The Board plans to formally appoint Jackie at our Tuesday, December 26th meeting at the Courthouse. I know you will find in Jackie an inquisitive mind, a caring heart, and a passion for this great community we share, which are just a few of the reasons we believe she will be a great fit for Ossining. Please join us in welcoming Jackie, who will begin her term on January 1st, 2018.

With that, let's move into our resolutions for this evening.

III. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Ossining Arts Project, Summer Concert Series Sub-Committee- Appointment

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

Supervisor Levenberg appoints Councilwoman Liz Feldman as Town Board Liaison to the Village of Ossining's Ossining Arts Project Summer Concert Series Sub-Committee.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Ossining Arts Project, Summer Concert Series Sub-Committee- Appointment

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 appoints Terry D'Attore, Ossining, as the Town of Ossining's citizen liaison to the Village of Ossining's Ossining Arts Project Summer Concert Series Sub-Committee.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Stipulation of Agreement between Town of Ossining and CSEA Local 1000

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Town Supervisor, the Town Board hereby ratifies and approves the Stipulation of Agreement regarding Ann Carroll Malone and her amended date of hire for specific purposes, between the Town and CSEA Local 1000, Unit #9182, AFL-CIO, effective December 20t, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the Stipulation on the Town's behalf.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Appointment- Town Highway Department

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Fern Quezada, Ossining, to the probationary Part-Time position of Office Assistant-Automated Systems in the Town Highway Department effective December 20th, 2017 at an hourly rate of \$13.00.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. ADJOURNMENT-TOWN HALL MEETING

At 7:48 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that they adjourn to Town Hall Meeting

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts Town Clerk