

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK**

**JANUARY 27, 2009
7:30 PM**

**SUPERVISOR
Catherine Borgia
COUNCILMEMBERS**

**Geoffrey Harter Michael L. Tawil
David Krieger Northern Wilcher**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on January 27, 2009 in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. Members of the Board present were: Geoffrey Harter, David Krieger, Northern Wilcher and Michael Tawil. Also present were: Wayne Spector, Deputy Town Attorney; Connie Cerny, Budget Officer and Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk.

Kristian Laureiro, a boy scout, lead the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Clerk went out of order and read for adoption the following resolution regarding Mark Busche in the position of Police Chief.

1. Appointment - Police Chief – Mark Busche

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 Mark Busche as Police Chief, effective February 1, 2009, at an annual salary of \$127,000 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Westchester County Personnel Department. The probationary period shall be for a minimum of twelve (12) weeks to a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

The Town Clerk then read for adoption the resolution designating Alexander Ruhe as Police Officer.

2. Appointment - Police Officer – Alexander Ruhe

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 appoints Alexander S. Ruhe as Police Officer, Fourth Grade, effective February 5, 2009 at an annual salary of \$60,720 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Westchester County Personnel Department. The probationary period shall be for a minimum of twelve (12) weeks to a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Town Supervisor Borgia administered the Oath of Office to Chief Busche and then to Police Officer Alexander Ruhe. Supervisor Borgia requested that Chief Busche's family join him in the Oath of Office and Mrs. Busche pinned his new badge. Supervisor Borgia stated that it was a pleasure to administer the Oath of Office to Chief Busche and that she and the Board looked forward to working with him.

Chief Busche thanked the Board, especially his family and the men of the Town of Ossining Police Department for their constant support. Former Chief Kenneth Donato joined the group for photos.

Town Supervisor Borgia asked that Patrolman Ruhe's family join him in the Oath of Office and Mrs. Ruhe pinned on his new badge. Patrolman Ruhe was welcomed to the Department by the Supervisor who said she was looking forward to working with him for many years to come. Patrolman Ruhe thanked everyone for their support and is looking forward to working with the men of the Town of Ossining Police Department.

A brief recess was taken to take photographs and participate in a small reception.

The Board then resumed with their regular order of business.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Krieger announced that the Ossining Public Library would provide assistance with income tax on Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. beginning on February 5th and running thru April 9th. For further information please call the Ossining Public Library Reference Department. Also at the Ossining Public Library on Wednesday, January 28th and February 11th they will be featuring the best foreign films scheduled for 7 p.m.

Councilman Harter reminded the public that the first half of the Village tax is due on January 31st as well as the second half of the School tax for 2008-2009. The Village Finance will be open on Saturday, January 31st from 9 a.m. – noon

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2009

Councilmember Tawil 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 Minutes of the January 13, 2009 Reorganizational/Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Harter 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 January 27, 2009 in the amount of \$69,684.20 for 2008 and \$135,971.89 for 2009.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Dale Cemetery-Schedule of Fees

Councilmember Wilcher 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 approves the following Schedule of Fees for Dale Cemetery, as follows:

Single Depth Grave	\$1,450.00
Double Depth Grave	\$1,900.00

(Section 9 only)

Single Depth Grave	\$1,200.00
Double Depth Grave	\$1,500.00

Child's Grave (2.5' x 5')	\$450.00
Baby's Grave (18" x 26")	\$250.00

Single space in Columbarium (Inscription not included)	\$750.00
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Cremation Grave Space	\$450.00
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Interment Charges

Single depth with Vault/Liner	\$1,000.00
Single Depth with a Casket	\$1,075.00

Double Depth with a Vault/Liner	\$1,150.00
Double Depth with a Casket	\$1,225.00

Child's Grave (up to 5' in length)	\$475.00
Baby Grave (up to 26")	\$300.00

Cremated Remains	\$450.00
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Disinterment Charges

Disinterment remaining at Cemetery (with Vault)

Single Depth	\$2,200.00
Double Depth	\$2,500.00

Disinterment remaining at Cemetery (Casket only)

Single Depth	\$2,300.00
Double Depth	\$2,650.00

Disinterment to another Cemetery (with vault) \$1,400.00*

Disinterment to another Cemetery (casket only) \$1,950.00*

*The above disinterment charges are for labor only. There will be additional charges if a new wood box or steel vault is necessary at the time of removal. Concrete vault company charges are additional.

Additional Charges

There are no interments on Sunday or Holidays

Burials must arrive by 2:00p.m. Monday through Friday

Saturday burials must arrive before 11:30 am

If arrival is after 11:30 AM there will be an additional charge of \$85.00 per 1/2 hour.

Saturday full interment fee	\$275.00 additional
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Saturday cremains interment fee	\$125.00 additional
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Dale Cemetery must be notified by 12:00 noon on Friday if a burial is scheduled for the following Monday. Otherwise there is a \$275.00 fee for weekend preparation.

There will be a \$175.00 fee in winter if ice/snow conditions exist.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Tax Receiver - Property Redemption

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

Whereas, property located at 43 N. Malcolm Street has not paid their taxes resulting in commencement of In Rem foreclosure proceedings, and the mortgage holders have requested to redeem the property; and

Whereas, the Town Board desires to allow the mortgage holders of said property a window of opportunity to redeem the property;

Now, therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby allows the mortgage holders of 43 N. Malcolm Street, Ossining, NY to redeem said property by paying all taxes, interest, penalties, and fees, plus an additional ten (10%) percent penalty on the lien amount, which, upon the recommendation of the Receiver of Taxes, the Town Board finds to be fair and appropriate based upon the specific unique circumstances of this case.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Bobby Williams, Spring Street, discussed Government renewing energy and hoped that the new EPA person would look at the Hudson River. Everyone needs to take a look at what we are doing to our planet

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m., Councilmember Harter moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Krieger that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

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Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk**