



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

**OCTOBER 25, 2011  
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR  
Catherine Borgia**

**COUNCILMEMBERS  
Geoffrey Harter    Michael L. Tawil  
Peter Tripodi IV    Northern Wilcher**

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

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on October 25, 2011 in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Catherine Borgia. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Geoffrey Harter, Northern Wilcher and Peter Tripodi. Councilmember Michael Tawil was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Borgia announced that the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Fall Harvest Day on Saturday, October 29, 2011 on North State Road, Briarcliff Manor beginning at 9 a.m.

Councilman Tripodi announced that the Ossining Historical Society will be holding their Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 29, at the Travelers Rest beginning at 6 p.m.

Town Clerk Roberts reminded the residents to take part in a safe and fun way to celebrate Halloween by going to the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center located at 95 Broadway for DARE Halloween and participate in games, candy, hot dogs, popcorn, etc. It's a safe and fun way to celebrate Halloween.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the October 11, 2011 Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**B. Approval of Minutes-Special Meeting**

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

October 18, 2011- Minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated October 25, 2011 in the amount of \$248,087.47

Vote: 3-0-1  
Voting Aye: Wilcher,  
Harter, & Borgia  
Nay: Tripodi

**D. Intermunicipal Agreement – Yard Waste Transfer Site**

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Village of Ossining for the Yard Waste Transfer Site for transmittal of leaves at a cost of \$23 per ton in accordance with the agreement. This agreement shall be effective on October 1, 2011 and shall expire on March 31, 2012.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**E. Labor CSL Retainer**

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

Whereas, upon recommendation of the Town Attorney, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining retains outside counsel specializing in labor relations to assist in matters of negotiation with collective bargaining units, and

Whereas outside counsel is also required to assist the Town Attorney and the Town Supervisor with other labor relations matters that arise in the town, therefore be it

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with the law firm of Bond Schonek & King, 1399 Franklin Avenue, Suite 200, Garden City, NY 11530 to serve as labor counsel to the Town of Ossining for a period beginning on January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2014, at a fee of \$24,000 per year for matters covered under the retainer agreement and hourly rates as outlined in the agreement for partner, associate and paralegal and professional services.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**F. Reappointment - Part time Police Officer**

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

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Ossining wishes to use a part-time police officer to assist the Justice Court in security and

Whereas Former Ossining Town Police Officer Nicholas Piqueras has served in that capacity until June 2011, before deciding to leave the Town's employment, therefore

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby re-appoints Nicholas Piqueras to the position of part time police officer at a rate of \$32.96/hr

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**G. Appointment – Seasonal Worker, Highway Department**

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 appoints Michael Ward, Van Cortlandt Avenue, Ossining, to the position of seasonal laborer at the rate of \$12/hr, effective October 24, 2011.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**H. Energize-Northern Westchester Program**

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Bedford, as lead municipality, and the Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium, as inter-municipal partner with Bedford, have been awarded significant funding by both NYSERDA and the US Department of Energy to build an effective residential energy efficiency program that uses the high quality standards of the state's Home Performance program combined with activation of local trusted sources for word-of-mouth outreach,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining wishes to participate in the Energize Northern Westchester Program currently being piloted in the Town of Bedford, in order to extend the benefits of this residential energy efficiency program to the residents throughout the Town of Ossining; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Energize Northern Westchester Program requires local community participation in order to maximize the outreach in driving demand for energy upgrades of homes; and

WHEREAS, the Energize Northern Westchester Program will make a robust toolkit of resources, including staff and print and online materials, available to Consortium member municipalities that agree to undertake the Energize Program including but not limited to marketing collateral, a municipality website, an innovative upgrade performance tracking system by 1Q12, PACE Benefit Financing offerings;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts the Energize Partnership Pact, which states as follows: Energize Northern Westchester and the Town of Ossining will work together to identify the key community resources, to wit, a Municipal Energize Liaison, Energize Champions, and Local Trusted Sources, to support the short and long term success of the Energize Ossining Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Town Supervisor to appoint a Municipal Energize Liaison or Liaisons from among municipal staff or civic volunteers, with the understanding that the Liaison/s will serve as the chief point of contact between the Energize Northern Westchester staff and the Town of Ossining and its residents and civic associations and groups interesting in promoting residential energy efficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Liaison will work with the Energize Northern Westchester staff to identify Energize Champions, who will be homeowners in the community who have already undergone a Home Performance energy assessment

and implemented energy upgrade to achieve savings, and whose role will be to assist the Liaison in identifying local civic groups, both formal and informal, also known as Local Trusted Sources, whose members may be interested in learning about residential energy efficiency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Liaison and local Champions will collaborate with the Energize Northern Westchester staff in opening doors with civic groups for presentations about the Energize Program information, and any other outreach methods that the Municipal Liaison, Champions, and Local Trusted Sources may find effective in tailoring the Energize Program to this municipality.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**I. Appointment of Ossining Representative to WestCOP Board of Directors**

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 re-appoints Joan E. Whittaker to the position of the Town of Ossining representative to the Board of Directors of the Westchester Community Opportunities Program, (WESTCOP) for a term beginning October 28, 2011 and ending on October 27, 2012.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**V. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED**

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

- Minutes of the Town Planning Board.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**VI. MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the monthly reports for September 2011 from the Town Clerk's office and the Receiver of Taxes.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION**

Bobby Williams, Spring Street, commented on the passing of Duval Cellai who passed away this past Spring and was a frequent attendee at Town Board Meetings and how much he will be missed. Mr. Williams also commented on the article in the Journal News regarding PCBS in the Hudson River. GE should keep up the momentum to clean-up the Hudson.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:52 P.M. Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Harter that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved:

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Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk