



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

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR
Susanne Donnelly**

**COUNCILMEMBERS
Geoffrey Harter Eric P. Blaha
Peter Tripodi 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 September 10, 2013 in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Susanne Donnelly. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Northern Wilcher, Geoffrey Harter, Peter Tripodi and Eric Blaha. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Ceremony of Remembrance will be held at 7 p.m. at Louis Engel Park. The event is being held by the Town of Ossining and the Village of Ossining and Briarcliff Manor. Final numbers for the pieces and parts for the stage are being worked on. There will be a Community Build scheduled the weekend of October 4th to rebuild the stage at Louis Engel Park.

Supervisor Donnelly also discussed Resolution D (Personnel – Town Court – Appointment); Resolution E (“Purple Heart” Community); and Resolution F (Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of 2013 Cabaret License for Abzun Roque, Inc. D/B/A/ Maya Riviera Bar & Restaurant).

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting

Councilmember Blaha 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 August 27, 2013, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes-Special Meeting

Councilmember Wilcher 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 September 3, 2013, Minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Wilcher 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 September 10, 2013 in the amount of \$232,167.74.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Personnel- Town Court- Appointment

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Sarath Nair, Ossining, to the contingent probationary position of Intermediate Clerk in the Ossining Town Court effective September 16th, 2013 at an annual salary of \$39,918.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. “Purple Heart” Community

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

WHEREAS, the “Purple Heart” is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces who was wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the people of Ossining have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community through their service in the Armed Forces; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby proclaims the Town of Ossining to be a “Purple Heart Town”, honoring the service and sacrifice of our Nation’s men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Supervisor Donnelly made a presentation to Eugene Parada and Eugene Lang on behalf of Ossining becoming a Purple Heart Community. In the future, September 10th will be dedicated as Purple Heart Day.

F. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of 2013 Cabaret License for Abzun Roque, Inc. D/B/A Maya Riviera Bar & Restaurant

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Police/Court facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining, in the matter of the application of Abzun Roque, Inc. D/B/A Maya Riviera Bar & Restaurant 518 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Business Development Committee

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining has the authority and desire to seek input from Town residents through the formation of committees;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby establishes the "Business Development Committee" of the Town of Ossining, including the following guidelines and specifications:

"BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (BDC)

Committee established.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 485-b, Subdivision 8, of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, there is hereby established an advisory board to be known as the "Business Development Committee of the Town of Ossining."

Purpose.

The purpose of such Committee shall be to advise and make recommendations to the Town Board of the Town of Ossining (hereinafter the "Town Board") regarding options available to the Town in the area of partial real property tax exemption for certain commercial business or industrial improvements pursuant to § 485-b of the Real Property Tax Law, to review economic conditions in the Town of Ossining and elsewhere as appropriate, and to make recommendations to the Town Board on the basis of such review as to actions it deems advisable in order to improve the economic climate in the Town of Ossining.

This Committee shall also serve as an advocate for new and established businesses by making itself available to help review and write recommendations concerning Zoning Board decisions, Planning Board decisions, and Town laws affecting local businesses and commercial property owners.

In addition, the Committee will be charged with welcoming new businesses into the Ossining community by way of organizing business openings, working in conjunction with the local Chambers of Commerce to create an atmosphere healthy and welcoming to new businesses, and keeping businesses informed of local laws and decisions that may apply to them and their properties.

The Committee will keep a current list of businesses in the Town of Ossining (including the villages) to be used when bids and RFP's for special projects are released.

Membership; appointment.

The Business Development Committee shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall be appointed by resolution of and serve for a period of two years. The Town Board may, by resolution, designate one of the members so appointed as Chairman. Two of the members must be from both the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce and the Briarcliff Manor Chamber of Commerce. One member must be from the Ossining Town Board. The remaining four members shall be appointed by resolution of and for a period of two years.

Powers and duties.

The Business Development Committee created hereby shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall have only those duties and responsibilities as are consistent with § 485-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

Meeting dates and times.

The Business Development Committee shall meet bi-monthly and at a date and time set by the Committee. All meetings must be publically held at a location

deemed suitable for public meetings and pre-designated by the Committee on an annual basis; and

Be it further Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining reserves the right to make changes to the form, function and/or existence of this committee, by resolution, at a later date.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

Councilmember Harter 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 meeting minutes:

- Town Planning Board Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2013

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilmember Blaha 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 reports for the month of August 2013 from the:

- Town Clerk's Office
- Town Supervisor's Office
- Town Highway Department
- Town Building Department
- G.E. Helicopter Report
- Town Tax Receiver's Office

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT-EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL ADVICE

At 7:53 P.M., Councilmember Blaha moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Harter that the Regular Meeting be adjourned in memory of John Mangialardi.

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts Town Clerk