



SPECIAL MEETING

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
16 CROTON AVE. 1ST FLOOR
OSSINING, NY 10562**

**OCTOBER 21, 2014
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR
Susanne Donnelly**

**COUNCILMEMBERS
Geoffrey Harter Eric P. Blaha
Kim L. Jeffrey Northern Wilcher**

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

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on October 21, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 16 Croton Avenue 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, Kim L. Jeffrey, Geoffrey Harter and Eric P. Blaha. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector and Deputy Town Ann Marie Rocco. Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz was absent.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Donnelly read the following statement:

We are proud to announce that after careful research, due diligence, and extensive negotiations, the Town of Ossining and the Village of Ossining have agreed on contract terms for the Village of Ossining to provide Police Services to the Unincorporated Area.

This was not an easy decision and the cost factor was just one of the reasons for this decision. Public opinion was just another factor in making the decision. We have had a very successful four years with the Westchester County Police who, during their time on duty in the Town of Ossining, have been nothing but professional and attentive to the residents and commercial property owners of the Unincorporated Area. The Town of Ossining thanks each and every officer at throughout the ranks in the Westchester County Public Safety for their commitment to the Unincorporated Area of the Town of Ossining.

After the RFPs were opened, we heard from many of you both pro and con concerning both providers. Over the next few months we did our due diligence always listening to the public.

Mid -September we decided to go into contract negotiations with the Village of Ossining. More open discussion at meetings, emails and letters came in; we thank you for so much public input.

There was a tremendous amount of work to be done to ensure the taxpayers, the Town Board and Town Administration that the Village had presented a feasible plan. It is very easy to complete an RFP, but the real work happens after submission to determine that commitments made in the RFP can be honored for the length of the contract.

The Village of Ossining Administration along with the Police Department and Village Board stepped up to the plate answered all of the questions, taught us a great deal

about scheduling this very complex department and gave us overviews of how they run police services. The contract is detailed in all of the expectations of the Town in relation to these services.

For those in the Unincorporated Area who are concerned about quality of life issues, we have addressed your concerns with the Village Police. Their commitment to us is that they understand this is a top priority- not only for those in the Unincorporated Area, but for those who live in the Village of Ossining as well. For the businesses throughout the Unincorporated Area, we have addressed your desires for the officers make the initial contact, and get to know both owners and employees to understand their needs through regular communications. For those who are concerned about traffic issues and enforcement, we have addressed those issues as well and will work with the Village Police Liaison to make sure that critical areas are monitored frequently.

The Town Board takes its responsibility very seriously, and vows to constantly communicate with the Village Police and review monthly reports, as we have done with the Westchester County Police for the past four years.

III. RESOLUTIONS

A. Contract- Provision of Police Services, 2015-2018

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

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign a contract, in a form acceptable to the Town Attorney, pertaining to the delivery of police services by the Village of Ossining to the Unincorporated Area of the Town of Ossining for the years 2015- 2018 and abiding by the following rate schedule:

**2015: \$1,992,399.00
2016: \$1,700,014.00
2017: \$1,824,400.00
2018: \$1,975, 429.00**

Councilmember Jeffrey moved to amend and it was seconded by Councilmember Blaha

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. ADJOURMENT-WORKSESSION

At 7:37 P.M. Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Harter that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk