



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

**AUGUST 11, 2015  
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 Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on August 11, 2015 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 Eric Blaha, Northern Wilcher and Kim Jeffrey. Councilmember Geoffrey Harter was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Donnelly read the following statement:

What a great summer we are having the weekends are gorgeous and filled with wonderful things to do.

It is good to see people are taking vacations again relaxing with family and friends and enjoying themselves. There is so much to do locally that even those who are staying home and those who have returned from vacation know our community offers so much.

This past weekend was the Ossining Fire Department Parade it was fantastic to see so many people come out to cheer on the different communities who participated. The weather was perfect and the look on everyone's faces (young and old) was precious.

This weekend Friday Aug 14th we have KJ Denhart at our waterfront concert at Louis Engel Park. Come on down Wobble will be offering a variety of great food (as usual) and have dinner or bring a picnic. The concert officially starts at 7:00 PM but lots of folks get there early.

August 21st will bring the Old Mill Singers to the waterfront on Friday evening to conclude our concert series for this year. Seems hard to believe the summer is coming to a close.

That said we will not be having a legislative meeting on August 25th Lots of us will be on vacation and since we are making our Town Hall Meeting on September 1 a special meeting so we can hear from all of you in public hearings concerning the Comp Plan Vision change – held over from July 14, 2015 meeting and the five local law changes wet lands, storm water, notification, tree protection, and Density provisions of the zoning law we will pay our bills and accept our minutes at that meeting. Hope you can join us – for details on these local laws and the comp plan

vision changes please go to our web page at [www.townofossining.com](http://www.townofossining.com) The Town Hall meeting will be in the Ossining Library at 7:30 PM

These public hearings are on the draft legislation we have had on the web page for the past month or so. We have heard from the Town Planning Board and EAC as well as other interested parties. We will discuss it at our work session next Tuesday Aug 18 with our planning consultant David Stolman and our planning engineer Dan Ciarcia as well as our Town Attorney Wayne Spector. This will be a discussion with the Town Board and will not be open to the floor for public comment. We have a lot to cover and the public hearings will be on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Last week we began a discussion on fund raising in the parks during public functions. After some investigation by our law team, in the future we will broaden the subject to soliciting in the Parks so it covers a larger scope. We decided to ask the Rec Advisory Board for a recommendation which will be meeting in September. To be clear this is not when an organization has an event in a Town Park, if they have gone through all the channels and completed all the appropriate forms and the folks going to the event know that there will be soliciting there, this is also not a comment on any organization that gives back to the community and beyond. What it is about is the right of people to be able to go to their parks enjoy themselves and not be approached by anyone selling a good, service or fund raising.

Some other exciting news around the Town:

The Town of Ossining heard from our fiscal advisor on Wednesday regarding the \$ 2,301,062 Bond Anticipation Note we plan to issue later this month. There was great interest in this BAN from the banking and financial institutions and we received seven low, competitive proposals. The interest rate we got is 0.700%, or less than 3/4 of one percent. We will be using the BAN to pay for:

- -The 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 issues for the reassessment
- -LED street lighting project for the Unincorporated Area
- -Recirculation project at the Louis Engel Spray Park
- -"Roll-Over" of the Old Albany Post Road Dead End Project (for which we anticipate FEMA compensation)

We are very pleased with this result!! Our outstanding credit rating of AA2 really pays off!! We are extremely proud of everyone involved.

Paving of roads:

- As of last Friday, Stormytown Road & Brookside Lane has been completed, and Mancuso Drive is well on its way. Gordon Avenue, Blue Lantern Road, and River Parkway will be the next leg of the project.

PLEASE drive only the speed limit and use caution. We will be continuing the work on these roads and by the end of next week when the white and yellow guidelines will be repainted. The police have been notified to closely watch these roads for people who forget that there are other drivers using the road, as well as bikers and walkers.

Millings from the roads being paved:

- Often when roads are re-paved, there are multiple layers on the surface of the road that must be stripped away to ensure that the road can be properly surfaced, the curbs can do their job, and that storm water catch basins and man hole covers are level with the road. While not all roads require milling, we had several on this project that did.
- Those millings (the layers shaved off of the road) can be re-purposed to grade parking lots, which we have done in the parking lot at Cedar Lane Park, a re-use that also saves money by not having to pay hauling and tipping fees to dispose of the

millings. This project has been a great example of true team work (with compliments from the subcontractor doing the milling); the Town Parks Department and Town Highway Department worked together to make sure that, as soon the dump trucks were filled, they went over to Cedar Lane Park's parking lot, where our Parks Foreman Mario and Matteo from our Highway Department rolled out the millings and stabilized the parking lot. This took several hours and, by the end of the day, there were only two piles left. The Parks Department will take care of it ASAP, but in the meanwhile, there are plenty of new, smooth places to park at Cedar Lane! Let us remind everyone that work is always going on in our Parks to keep them green, beautiful and fun- while it might be a slight inconvenience while repairs are in progress, we're sure you'll agree that the results will be well worth it.

Read more about what is going on either by subscribing to get all updates and announcements from the Town Supervisor by going to the web page and signing up, read it right on the web page – everything is posted there or now we have a The Town of Ossining Facebook page – it will not have as much detailed info as the web page but will have all the updates and other informative information.

Mark your calendar now for September 8th when there will be a special presentation at the Town Board Meeting here in the Court Room. , the organization Purple Hearts Reunited and the Department of New York Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 1782 in conjunction with Chapter 21, will present a Purple Heart Medal of PVT John R. Clark to the Ossining Historical Society Museum at the Town of Ossining meeting here in the Court House

To find out more please go to the web page starting tomorrow to read about this local hero or call us at 762-6001 and we will send you a copy of the information we received from the Purple Hearts Reunited organization.

Have a wonderful week and I hope we see you at the waterfront on Friday, August 14th for KJ Denhart!!

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

### **IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the July 28, 2015, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

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

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the August 4, 2015, Minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

#### **C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated August 11, 2015 in the amount of \$654,330.79  
Motion Carried: Unanimously

**D. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of Local Law #5 of 2015- “Amending Notification Provisions of the Town Code”**

Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Budarz Theater of the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, in the matter of “Amending Notification Provisions of the Town Code”.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**E. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of Local Law #6 of 2015- “Amending the Tree Protection Chapter of the Town Code”**

Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7:35 PM at the Budarz Theater of the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, in the matter of “Amending the Tree Protection Provision of the Town Code”.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**F. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of Local Law #7 of 2015- “Amending the Freshwater Wetlands, Watercourses and Water Bodies Protection Chapter of the Town Code”**

Councilmember Blaha moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7:40 PM at the Budarz Theater of the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, in the matter of “Amending the Freshwater wetlands, Watercourses and Water Bodies Protection Chapter of the Town Code”.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**G. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of Local Law #8 of 2015- “Amending the Steep Slope Protection Chapter of the Town Code”**

Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7:45 PM at the Budarz Theater of the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, in the matter of “Amending the Steep Slope Protection Chapter of the Town Code”.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**H. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of Local Law #9 of 2015- “Amending the Subdivision of Land and Zoning Chapters of the Town Code”**

Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7:50 PM at the Budarz Theater of the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, in the matter of “Amending the Subdivision of Land and Zoning Chapters of the Town Code”.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

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

**Councilmember Jeffrey 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 following:**

- **Planning Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**VI. MONTHLY REPORTS**

**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 accepts the following monthly reports for the month of July 2015:**

- **G.E. Helicopter Report**
- **Town Clerk’s Office**
- **Town Supervisor’s Office**
- **Town Building Department**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION**

**Karen Wells, Applebee Farm Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York discussed two projects which will affect the Town of Ossining. The Sunshine Hospital & Rehab facility is located in New Castle, but apparently have been having talks with the Town of Ossining. This will cause serious damage to the neighbors. We found out about this project by accident never having been notified by the property owner.**

**Linda Loeb, Cedar Lane, has a number of general concerns regarding the transparency of New Castle regarding the Cedar Lane projects. It is her understanding that they are near a determination and stated apparently the Town has signed off on the sewage plan and that they must proceed hastily. They want to cut down 266 mature trees and since they do not have space to replace them, they will make a deposit in the New Castle Tree Bank. They will be drilling wells for the additional bed count. The only information we received was a talk by Steve Worthy with the history of the Kress Family.**

**Matthew Gullotta, Emwilton Place, announced Ossining Family Fun Night being presented by Gullotta House at Nelson Park on August 13, 2015 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be games, pony rides, inflatable rides, food, drinks and raffles. The Westchester Knicks will also sponsor basketball games and clinic for ages 3 – 17. A portion of the raffles and suggested donation for rides will be going to help two families.**

**Jeffrey Manocherian, Cedar Lane, spoke relative to the expansion of the Sun Shine Hospital and Rehab Facility. He is one of the largest neighbors to this facility and although they do good work this explanation is too much. This organization is a for**

profit facility and earn approximately \$5 million per year. They are attempting to take an 18,000 square foot – 54 bed facility and transform it into a 150,000 square foot facility and change it to a 122 bed facility. There are steep slopes, wetlands which will be drained to construct a 100 car parking lot as well as the removal of 266 trees. This will also cause additional traffic for the area.

Councilmember Jeffrey announced that on August 24, 2015 Senator David Carlucci and Assemblywoman Sandra Galef will sponsor a Property Tax Seminar on August 24, from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library.

Supervisor Donnelly announced that David Stolman will be present at the August 18<sup>th</sup> Work Session where the proposed local laws will be discussed. This will be Board discussion only.

There will be no legislative meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT – EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL & LEGAL ADVICE**

At 08:10 P.M., Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Blaha that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

Approved:

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**Mary Ann Roberts Village Clerk**