



**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
OSSINING MUNICIPAL BUILDING-1ST FLOOR BOARD ROOM
16 CROTON AVENUE – OSSINING, NEW YORK
JULY 17, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR
Dana A. Levenberg**

**COUNCILMEMBERS
Karen M. D’Attore Elizabeth R. Feldman
Jackie G. Shaw Northern Wilcher, Jr.**

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

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on July 17, 2018 at the Ossining Municipal Building –1st Floor Board Room, 16 Croton Avenue in Ossining, NY. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 p.m. by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Elizabeth R. Feldman, Northern Wilcher Jr. and Jackie G. Shaw. Councilmember Karen D’Attore was absent. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm Adonna, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Interim Town Clerk Victoria Cafarelli.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announce the following:

Tonight was supposed to be the first night of the annual St. Augustine’s Church Italian Festival, but as you might imagine, the weather was not on their side! The plan is to be on as scheduled tomorrow (Wednesday) through Sunday night, 6PM-11PM, for rides, entertainment, dancing, games of chance, delicious food, and the White Elephant sale. If you’ve never visited this event, you are in for a treat—admission and parking are free, and tomorrow night, they will set off their annual fireworks display. If you didn’t get enough at the Town’s Independence Day celebration two weeks back, come on down to St. Augustine’s tomorrow night and make an evening of it! If the fireworks get rained out tomorrow, Thursday 7/19 is the rain date.

Also tomorrow, Wednesday the 18th, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef will be holding her annual Senior Forum at Cortlandt Town Hall at 1 Heady Street. Join Sandy starting at 9AM for a free breakfast before you learn about topics important to today’s seniors, including heart health, avoiding scams targeted towards seniors, driving at night and eye health, and more. The event will last until 12 noon, so come learn from some local experts about how to keep the seniors in your life safe, healthy and happy.

The next installment of the Briarcliff Manor Chamber of Commerce’s Concert Series is on for this Thursday evening at Law Park in Briarcliff Manor. Come enjoy some snacks and drinks while listening to the live musical stylings off “Off The Record” between 7 and 9PM. To learn more about this free event, visit www.briarcliffchamber.org.

That very evening, the Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series will be hosting a screening of “Don’t Tell Anyone” in the Budarz Theater at the Ossining Public Library. This documentary is a difficult one—it explores the plight of our nation’s undocumented population and the social, economic and health consequences they face due to the silence they must endure. This free screening begins at 6:30PM and will be followed by a panel of experts, including one young woman whose story is chronicled in the film. Don’t miss this important, and timely, event on Thursday.

Also beginning on Thursday night, Westchester Collaborative Theater will be presenting a staged reading of "Feedback Loop," which explores the lives of six teenagers coming into their own, set against the early 90s rock scene in suburban USA. Please note-- this production contains material suited for adult viewers only, including very strong language and content. Please be mindful of who you invite along! Showtimes and tickets are available by visiting www.wctheater.org.

On Friday night (7/20), I hope to see a big crowd at the waterfront for a performance by a band that started in Ossining, Jigsaw, as part of the 2018 Summer Concert Series. The fun starts at 7PM, so be sure to bring some chairs or a blanket and get comfortable for a night of live music along the Hudson. We will also be joined by Gyro Uno food truck, as well as a *special guest food* truck, so plan to enjoy dinner and an incredible sunset among friends.

On Saturday, we have two great free workouts on offer as part of the Mind Body Spirit Ossining program. On Saturday the 21st, join Meghan who will be filling in for Elisha Simpson of the Crossover Yoga Project for Rise & Shine Yoga at 8:30AM at Engel Park. Later that afternoon, Sue Radparvar of Studio95 Zumba will also be at the Engel Park stage for an energetic Zumba class at 3PM. Come get your sweat on with some of our local experts while you enjoy our beautiful Hudson River scenery.

In between, why not head over to the Dale Cemetery gravestone cleaning with Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy? At 9AM, meet the group and they will take care of the rest- no experience required. Make sure you wear clothes that you won't mind getting a little dirty or damp.

On the morning of Sunday, July 22nd at 11AM, the Village of Briarcliff Manor will be hosting a ribbon cutting for the grand re-opening of the Route 9A/ North State Road intersection. This project has been discussed for many years, and we are so glad it is finally complete-- extra special thanks to to the Village of Briarcliff and Village Manager Phil Zegarelli for taking the lead on this complicated project and helping it to fruition, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and Senator David Carlucci for their help and support with funding and with navigating NYSDOT, and County Legislator Catherine Borgia for all the work at the County level necessary to get this improvement accomplished, which we hope will help ease traffic on this major corridor. I am sure many of you have already experienced the new lining and traffic lights. I look forward to celebrating with our Board, as well as the prior Town Board who brought the Town in on the work and the BOT from Briarcliff. We are already getting great feedback on the smoother traffic flow as a result of this project.

On Saturday, July 28th, Westchester County Department of Health will be sponsoring a free rabies clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets at the SPCA on North State Road between 10AM and 2PM. Appointments are required for your furry friend— please call 941-2896 ext. 10 to plan a visit. Westchester residents only please. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers, dogs must be leashed and aggressive dogs must be muzzled. All pets, regardless of temperament, must be supervised by an adult.

That evening, WCT will host Gerry Malkin Collective with Ingrid Jensen as part of their Jazz Masters Series. Ingrid Jensen recently worked with some musicians from Ossining High School and was phenomenal, so take advantage of this opportunity to hear some first class musicians right in or backyard! Doors open at 7PM for the 8PM performance, admission is \$20 per person. Visit www.wctheater.org for more info and to get your tickets.

Finally, there are two great events taking place later this month to support the Croton and Ossining Community Tennis Association. The Summer Sizzler is a two-part fundraiser, all taking place on Saturday, July 28th. Part one is a social tennis mixer at the Shannon Ross Tennis Courts at Nelson Park between 2PM and 5PM-- if you want to get in on a little friendly competition, all you need to do is register, and they will work out the schedule and teams for you. Part two is a party at the home of Patrice and Jeff Davidson in Croton between 7PM and 9:30PM, including Jeff's world-class barbeque. To participate, reserve your spot for one or both events by visiting www.crotontennis.org.

III. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Permission to Hold Special Event at Cedar Lane Park Pavilion- Sunday, August 5th, 2018

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining has a permit in place for the rental of facilities in Town Parks; and

Whereas, for most events, the Superintendent of Recreation has the discretion to approve or reject an application, but larger events may be sent to the Town Board for formal approval; and

Whereas, an application was filed in June 2018 for use of the Cedar Lane Park Pavilion for Saturday, August 5th, 2018 by Columbus Lodge #692 for the Annual Columbus Lodge Family Picnic to take place between 12PM and 6PM, and this application was referred to the Town Board;

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Recreation to accept this application, and ensuring that the proper insurance and applications are in place with the Department of Recreation.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Permission to Hold Special Event at Louis Engel Park Stage & Spectator Area- Saturday, August 25th, 2018

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining has a permit in place for the rental of facilities in Town Parks; and

Whereas, for most events, the Superintendent of Recreation has the discretion to approve or reject an application, but larger events may be sent to the Town Board for formal approval; and

Whereas, an application was filed in June 2018 for use of the Engel Park Stage and Spectator Area for Saturday, August 25th, 2018 (raindate August 26th) by Columbus Lodge #692 for the Italian Heritage Day Festival to take place between 9AM and 10PM, and this application was referred to the Town Board;

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Recreation to accept this application, and ensuring that the proper insurance and applications are in place with the Department of Recreation.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Contract for Lockbox Services-- Sterling National Bank

Councilmember Shaw moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Receiver of Taxes to enter into a contract with Sterling National Bank for the provision of remote tax collection services for the Town of Ossining Tax Office subject to approval by Counsel as to form.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Contract- Retainer Agreement for Legal Services

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign a retainer agreement on behalf of the Town of Ossining with Daniel G. Vincelette, PC of Albany, NY, for legal support on Tax Certiorari cases related to the Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Index Nos. 66855/2012, 65431/2013, and 66118/2014, with compensation in accordance with the proposal submitted to the Briarcliff Manor School District Attorney dated June 27th, 2018.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**IV. ADJOURNMENT-EXECUTIVE SESSION-ADVICE OF COUNSEL-
PERSONNEL & LITIGATION**

At 10:00 P.M., Councilmember Shaw moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman to enter into Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 10:43 P.M., Councilmember Shaw moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher to leave Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 10:44 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw to Adjourn Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Victoria Cafarelli Interim Town Clerk