



**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY- BUDARZ THEATER
53 CROTON AVENUE – OSSINING, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 16, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING
8:05 P.M.**

SUPERVISOR

Dana A. Levenberg

COUNCILMEMBERS

Karen M. D’Attore

Elizabeth R. Feldman

Jackie G. Shaw

Northern Wilcher, Jr.

WORK SESSION/TOWN HALL 7:30 P.M.-8:05 P.M.

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 16, 2018 at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue-Budarz Theater in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Elizabeth R. Feldman and Jackie G. Shaw. Councilmember Northern Wilcher, Jr. and Karen D’Attore were absent. Also present was Town Counsel Christie Tomm Addona

Supervisor Levenberg asked everyone to remain standing as we observe a moment of silence for those lost from the devastating consequences of the hurricanes that have swept the southeast, as well as for those tragically lost in the limousine accident in Schoharie, New York. Our hearts go out to all those families and friends impacted by these senseless losses.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

We had a very busy weekend and week. We have been prepping and working on so many projects in the Town. Our parks are a-buzz with activity. Friday afternoon our Eagle Scout –to-be Ryan Salyer kicked off his Eagle Scout project to repair some of the steps at Cedar Lane Park which had fallen into disrepair. The original steps were undertaken by another Eagle Scout and friend of Ossining, Anthony Pili. Maddi Zachacz from my office had thought to reach out to Anthony, and Anthony in turn reached out to Troop 49 to see if anyone would be interested in working to update his great efforts. With the help of a generous grant from Greater Hudson Bank—recently bought by Connect-One Bank—Ryan and Troop 49 were well on their way. After additional fundraising, Ryan was able to purchase the supplies and this weekend he had lots of help from the Troop and was able to accomplish completing the replacement of the portion of the steps he had intended to complete and it looks wonderful. We are thankful to Ryan and Troop 49 and all those who supported him. Personally I am also thankful to his sister, Fallon, who gave me lots of the leftover and delicious food she had made! Expect to hear about a ribbon cutting in the not too distant future. Great job Ryan!

Also this weekend, the Forest O Fears Guys and Ghouls were busy busy busy at work prepping for what promises to be the best ever Haunted Hayride with a newly added haunted house feature, and a greatly expanded Children’s Halloween Village. Get your tickets now at forestOfears.org to make sure you secure your spot for this fantastic event.

Today all the chief elected officials were invited to hear from ConEdison about their response since the storms of March 2018 which took a real toll on this area and since they were criticized by many for their less than stellar response. They had held a similar meeting a couple of months ago and then went around to individual municipalities to get specific feedback as to where we believed the slowdowns

occurred or communications failed to work well, and they solicited our suggestions for improvements. They have made a number of upgrades and set goals for others or are in process of improving. This includes increased training for their crews and plans to more effectively and efficiently obtain back up crews faster who can hit the ground running; hardening efforts to improve the strength of their physical lines by lowering them on the poles; strategies to make sure they have availability of many more bucket trucks; new software that can track crews coming from other places so they know real time estimates of when they will arrive for training and work; a tree program targeting increased opportunities for education and a pilot program to evaluate the cost/benefit of taking down compromised trees on personal property; gathering lists from munis to identify access roads to critical facilities; upgrading their information technology to get more accurate information more quickly into the hands of their customers; and strengthening their municipal liaison program to give more tools to those from con ed who have been deployed to work with our emergency operations teams so we can all be more effective. We are hopeful these efforts will indeed make a difference in the next major weather event or large outage, which we also hope is a long long way away.

A reminder that voter registrations were due in last Friday, but there is still time to get your absentee ballot application in. You have until October 30th to mail it into the Westchester county Board of Elections, but you can walk it in up until the day before the election. We do have some applications in the office, but you can also download one from the Westchester County Board of Elections website.

Project Forward, the Town's information gathering campaign to assess everyone's interest in options to make town government operate more efficiently, went out in the mail a couple of weeks ago. We are hoping to get a big response to the survey seeking public opinion on these important ideas. Please do take the time to respond as soon as you can. We have set Oct 22nd as our deadline. Feel free to share with your friends and family who may have overlooked it. You can find the survey on line at projectforwardtoo.com

We have kicked off our internal meetings for the 2019 Town Budget and are determined to keep the budget under the tax cap. Many of you received a check in the mail recently from the State. You only get this check if your schools and municipal budgets stay within the cap. We are determined to do all we can to help our taxpayers while also continuing to provide outstanding services and facilities. It is always a balancing act, but we are doing our best to save wherever we can, and only spend responsibly. We will be presenting the Supervisor's Budget on November 20th, but will be available online on October 30th. Our Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for November 27th. Please do take the opportunity to share with us any suggestions you may have within this time frame.

Councilmember Feldman and Supervisor Levenberg announced that the Fireman's inspection will take place on Saturday, October 20th and begins at 7:00 p.m.

III. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Resignation: Town Planning Board

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 accepts, with regret, the resignation of Town Planning Board member Marc Hoeflich, effective October 8th, 2018.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Temporary Beer/Wine/Cider Permit for Haunted Hayride, October 26th and October 27th, 2018

Councilmember Feldman 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 the Landlord Authorization Form for the New York State Liquor Authority for a Temporary Beer/Wine/Cider license for Six Degrees of Separation Brewery, Ossining, NY, who is in the process of filing an application to sell beer at the Forest o' Fears Haunted Hayride in Cedar Lane Park on Friday, October 26th and Saturday, October 27th, 2018; and

Be it further Resolved, that the applicant will provide proof of insurance and a letter of indemnity to the Town in a form acceptable to Counsel to the Town.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Adoption of Sexual Harassment Policy Update

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining has had a Sexual Harassment Prevention policy in effect for many years, and has also administered training in accordance with that policy on an annual basis; and

Whereas, the State of New York has recently passed legislation requiring mandatory additions to this policy for all municipalities effective October 9th, 2018 and corresponding training to take place by October 9th, 2019;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts, retroactive to October 9th, 2018, the “Model Sexual Harassment Policy for Municipalities” as provided by labor counsel to the Town and in accordance with the guidance provided by the New York State Division of Human Rights.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Contract- Sustainable Westchester ReCollect Software

Councilmember Feldman 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 an agreement with Sustainable Westchester, 55 Maple Avenue, Mt. Kisco NY, for the provision of ReCollect software to aid with the production and maintenance of refuse and recycling schedules to be used for the Unincorporated Area of the Town of Ossining; and

Be it further Resolved, that the contract is for a two-year term beginning in October 2018, and will be billed to the Town at a price not to exceed \$1700 per year for services outlined in the “Service Agreement for Waste & Recycling Communications Platform for the Town of Ossining.”

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Resignation: Town Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Town Zoning Board of Appeals member Carolyn Stevens, effective October 16th, 2018.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Appointment: Town Planning Board

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Carolyn Stevens, Ossining, to the unexpired term of Marc Hoeflich, effective October 17th, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2020.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Finance- Capital Project #2018-5211- Reclamation and Paving, Hawkes Avenue

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes opening a 2018 Capital Project #2018-5211 entitled “Reclamation and Paving- Hawkes Avenue” with a project budget of \$135,000 for milling, prep work, cutting joints, shimming around driveways/ catch basins, paving in place, and a layer of new paving. The project will be funded from CHIPS/EWR/Pave NY funds and Highway Fund Balance.

Increase: 3705110.200.5211 Avenue (Expense)	\$135,000- Reclamation and Paving, Hawkes
Increase: 370030.3501.5211 Funding (Revenue)	\$125,654- NY State CHIPS
Increase: 370050.503131.5211 Balance (Revenue)	\$9,346- Transfer from Highway Fund
Increase: 3109901.905 (Expense)	\$9,346-Transfer to Capital Fund
Increase: 310060.4795 Balance (Revenue)	\$9,346- Transfer from Fund

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. ADJOURNMENT- EXECUTIVE SESSION, PERSONNEL

At 8:06 P.M., Councilmember Shaw moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:58 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw to leave Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:59 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

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Interim Town Clerk Victoria Cafarelli**