

AGENDA
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
IN PERSON AT
TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
16 CROTON AVE – OSSINING, NEW YORK
AND VIA ZOOM

JULY 6, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING
9:35 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Dana A. Levenberg

COUNCILMEMBERS
Elizabeth R. Feldman Gregory G. Meyer
Jackie G. Shaw Northern Wilcher, Jr.

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

At 9:35 PM, Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn to Special Meeting and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on July 6, 2021 in the Town Municipal Building, 16 Croton Ave in Ossining, and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 PM by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Jackie G. Shaw, Elizabeth R. Feldman, Northern Wilcher, Jr., and Gregory G. Meyer. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona and Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli.

II. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Personnel – Rehire Court Attendant

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining rehires Franklin Jackson, Jr., Ossining, to the part-time position of Court Attendant at an hourly rate of \$28, effective July 6, 2021.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Tonight we are happy to be welcoming back Franklin Jackson, Jr. from his very brief retirement from the Town – Franklin recently retired from his day job with the Village of Ossining and according to NYS retirement system rules, he needed to go off all municipal payrolls for a period of time. Now that the time has passed, we are happy to be welcoming him back to the Town!

Motion: Carried

B. Resolution Declaring Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing Disposal

Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following resolution be approved as amended.

Resolved, that the Town of Ossining hereby declares the following equipment as surplus equipment and authorizes disposal in accordance with New York State law by sale or otherwise “as is”:

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
2001 Generac Generator, Serial #2062233
Generac Generator, Serial #818588
DMT Generator, Serial #WA 5073560297**

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: These generators were recently replaced and upgraded at a few of our sewer lift stations. Our Highway Superintendent and Water Superintendent both agree that there is no use trying to rehab these generators for future use, so we are declaring them as surplus tonight so we can hopefully bring in a small bit of revenue associated with their disposal.

Motion: Carried

C. Property Insertion Agreement – 2 Lincoln Place

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Property Insertion Agreement with Maltz Auctions, Inc. for 2 Lincoln Place, the property to be auctioned.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: The Town entered into an agreement a few weeks ago with Maltz Auctions, Inc. for Maltz to perform online auctions of foreclosed properties as a general service. Tonight, we are approving a short agreement specific to the first property to be auctioned – 2 Lincoln Place. We are hopeful that by working with a professional company, we will get better results at auction. And again, the delinquent taxes on this property far pre-date the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you to our Tax Receiver Holly Perlowitz for shepherding this process along to help recoup the unpaid taxes for the Town, School District, and Village.

Motion: Carried

D. Resolution Modifying Town Board Meeting Locations

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

WHEREAS, since April 2020, the Town of Ossining Town Board and the Town land use boards have held their meetings via videoconferencing in accordance with Executive Orders 202.1 and 202.15, as subsequently extended, which authorized such as a result of the State of Emergency established by Executive Order 202 related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2021, the Governor announced that the State of Emergency would expire on June 24, 2021 and that he would not extend it; and

WHEREAS, when the State of Emergency expired, so did the modifications of law contained in Executive Orders 202.1 and 202.15, as subsequently extended, pursuant to which the Town had been conducting its meetings via videoconferencing; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable law and the Town’s practices, the Town Board and the Town land use boards will return to in-person meetings with public attendance; and

WHEREAS, prior to the pandemic, the Town Board’s practice was to have its meetings livestreamed by GOTV so that the public could view the meetings in real time without having to attend, but during the pandemic this was not necessary because those members of the public who wished to view the meetings live could watch or listen through Zoom; and

WHEREAS, due to the sudden expiration of the State of Emergency, the Town Board has learned that GOTV will not be equipped to begin livestreaming the Town Board meetings again for a few weeks; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow members of the public to continue to view the Town Board meetings live without having to attend the meeting, for the time being the Town Board will incorporate videoconferencing into its meetings; and

WHEREAS, while the first floor conference room at Town Hall (16 Croton Avenue) where the Town Board normally holds its work sessions is equipped to accommodate videoconferencing, the Courthouse at 86-88 Spring Street where the Town Board normally holds its legislative sessions is not; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide videoconferencing capabilities so that members of the public can view Town Board meetings live without having to attend, the Town Board desires to temporarily move all of its meetings to Town Hall (16 Croton Avenue); and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the following meetings of the Town Board will be held in the first floor conference room at Town Hall (16 Croton Avenue):

- July 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. – Town Board legislative session
- July 27, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. – Town Board legislative session
- August 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. – Town Board work session
- August 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. – Town Board legislative session
- August 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. – Town Board legislative session

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to notice said meetings as required by law.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: So yes, this was our very first hybrid meeting held here at 16 Croton Avenue. Currently, we are unable to broadcast live on Go TV from this building, and it is the only room currently outfitted to accommodate hybrid meetings. So until we address the live broadcast issue, and adjust to our new environment, we are changing the location of our upcoming meetings to be held here at 16 Croton Ave, not at the Courthouse as was done in the past for Regular Meetings. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new space, hopefully things continue smoothly!

Motion: Carried

III. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 P.M., Councilmember Wilcher motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for advice of counsel and contracts and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

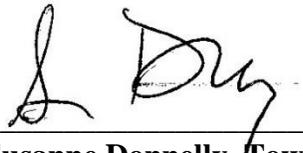
At 10:23 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 10:23 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk