



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

**APRIL 9, 2013
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR
Susanne Donnelly**

**COUNCILMEMBERS
Geoffrey Harter Eric P. Blaha
Peter Tripodi 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 April 9, 2013 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 Northern Wilcher, Eric Blaha, Peter Tripodi and Geoffrey Harter. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Donnelly announced that the Town Hall Meeting will be held at the Ossining Public Library on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Stash the Trash and Earth Day will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013. To participate in Stash the Trash pick up your bags, etc. at Engel Park, Historical Society, Jug Tavern or the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center. Earth Day will begin in the afternoon with educational material, games for the children, etc.

Councilman Tripodi announced that the Jesse Collyer Little League will begin the season with a parade from Roosevelt School to Veterans Park beginning at 9 a.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes-Special Meeting

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the April 2, 2013, Minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting

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 approves the March 19, 2013, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated April 19, 2013 in the amount of \$1,156,614.00 for 2012 and \$627,522.00 for 2013 for a total of \$1,784,136.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Taxes-In Rem Foreclosure-Re-appointment

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Mark S. Tulis, Esq. of Oxman, Tulis, Kirkpatrick, Whyatt & Geiger LLP, 120 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, New York as Special Counsel to conduct In Rem foreclosure proceedings upon its tax liens appearing in the 2012 list of delinquent taxes as to which payment has not been made. Compensation to Mr. Tulis shall be in accordance with his letter to the Town of Ossining dated March 26, 2013.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Personnel-Parks Department-Temporary Appointment

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 appoints Robert T. Hinson, Ossining, to the temporary position of Laborer in the Town Parks Department effective April 8th, 2013 at a rate of \$9.50 per hour.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Budget Modification

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby makes the following budget adjustments to the 2012 adopted budget:

| TRANSFER TO G/L ACCOUNT | TO ACCOUNT: | FROM ACCOUNT: | TRANSFER FRM G/L ACCNT |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Employee Benefits | | | |
| 031.9010.0813 Workers Comp | 4925.00 | 4925.00 | 031.9010.0810 Employees Retirement |
| TOTALS | 4925.00 | 4925.00 | |

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Sale of Surplus Equipment- Senior Nutrition Program

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

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Ossining has made a concerted effort to lower the amount of Town-owned vehicles; and

Whereas, the Office of the Assessor no longer needs regular use of a vehicle for their department; and

Whereas, the Senior Nutrition program will be taking possession of the aforementioned car from the Office of the Assessor;

Now therefore be it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the following vehicle, no longer being used by the Senior Nutrition program, to be declared Surplus, and then to be sold on Auctions International to the highest approved bidder.

2001 Ford Taurus Wagon

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Taxes-Foreclosure 2012 Title Search

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby re-authorizes Maureen Redmond of Judicial Title Insurance Agency, Inc. to perform the title and lien searches required in connection with the 2012 list of delinquent taxes in preparation for In Rem foreclosure proceedings at a fee of \$300 per parcel.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Procurement Policy- Adjustment

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining has agreed to aggressively pursue competitive bids on public works contracts; and

Whereas, New York State has recently raised the threshold for competitive bidding from \$20,000 to \$35,000;

Now, therefore be it Resolved that the Town of Ossining hereby adjusts its own Procurement Policy to reflect a similar change, raising the threshold for requiring competitive bidding to \$30,000 from the previous limit of \$20,000, effective immediately, and this change will be effectuated in all specified sections of the Town Procurement Policy.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

J. Dale Cemetery- Excavator Bid

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining authorized for Dale Cemetery to solicit bids for a new excavator; and

Whereas, the bids were received and opened by the Office of the Town Clerk;

Now, therefore be it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby awards the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who also conformed to the bid specifications, namely Pine Bush Equipment Co. Inc. of Pine Bush, New York, in the amount of \$50,077.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilmember Harter 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 monthly reports for the e month of March 2013 from the following:

Town Building Department Monthly Report –March 2013

Town Clerk’s Office Monthly Report –March 2013

G.E. Helicopter Monthly Report- March 2013

Tax Receiver’s Monthly Report-March 2013

VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Bobby Williams, Spring Street, went back to the 70’s when the Urban Renewal took buildings down on North Highland Avenue and Main Street. There should be more participation by the Community in Village, Town and School Meetings.

Supervisor Donnelly announced that the Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the Ossining Public Library on the lower level of the Library. Please enter the rear entrance. The topics to be discussed will be expectations of public officials which includes elected and appointed officials; Transparency in Government; Details on Highway Audit and where we stand with the SRO at the Middle School.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT –EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL MATTERS-REAL ESTATE

Supervisor Donnelly reminded residents that the next Town Hall Meeting will take place at the Ossining Public Library on April 16, 2013 7:30 p.m. lower level entrance:

Some of the topics that we plan to discuss at the meeting are:

- **Expectations of Public Officials: We want to hear from you what you expect from both your elected officials and the appointed Department Managers.**
- **Transparency in Government: Our goal is to give you the information you require to best understand and participate in your local government. We will always do this to the best of our ability. How can we do better?**
- **Details on Highway Audit : There has been a prolonged discussion on the scrap metal portion of the Highway Department Audit; at this meeting, we will discuss the rest of the audit and encourage the Highway Superintendent to share positive updates and workable action plans to move this department forward, while protecting the tax dollars spent there.**
- **Where we stand with the SRO at the Middle School: We will outline the process that has been used to determine the correct course of action ensuring support for the program at AMD.**

At 7:55 P.M. Councilmember Tripodi moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Harter that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk