



**SPECIAL MEETING**

**TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OSSINING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
16 CROTON AVE. 1ST FLOOR  
OSSINING, NY 10562**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2014  
9:37 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 February 18, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 16 Croton Avenue in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 9:37 p.m. by Supervisor Susanne Donnelly. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Northern Wilcher, Kim L. Jeffrey, Geoffrey Harter and Eric P. Blaha. Also present were Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts. Town Attorney Wayne Spector was absent.

**II. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Finance- Capital Project #2014-2187- Town-Wide Revaluation Project**

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 authorizes the establishment of Capital Project #2014-2187, entitled “Town-Wide Revaluation Project”, not to exceed the amount of \$1,800,000 over a period of three years, to be fully funded by issuance of a bond anticipation note.

Councilmember Blaha moved to amend and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the resolution be adopted as amended.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF OSSINING TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL HABERMAN ASSOCIATES, INC. TO MONITOR THE CONTRACTOR/ASSESSOR IN CONNECTION WITH A TOWN WIDE REASSESSMENT**

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

WHEREAS, property tax revenues are the primary source of funding for the County, local, school, special districts; and

WHEREAS, property taxes are comprised of two components, the municipal budget and the total taxable assessed values within the taxing jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining has not completed a town wide reassessment of its approximate 10,000 properties since the mid 1970’s resulting in current

assessment inconsistencies and widespread lack of public confidence in the system resulting in an inordinate number of assessment appeals; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining is committed to updating assessments through a Town wide reassessment and has joined a consortium of nine jurisdictions known as the Multiple Municipal Reassessment Consortium formed to solicit proposals at the lowest possible cost from reassessment vendors to complete a Town wide reassessment; and,

WHEREAS, a Contractor (Tyler Technologies) has been selected to complete the Wide reassessment commencing in April of 2014 with an anticipated completion date of June 2016; and,

WHEREAS, After reviewing its response to a Request for Proposal, Michael Haberman Associates, Inc., has been selected to assist the Town Attorney in negotiating the Tyler Technologies contract at a rate of \$150.00 per hour not to exceed \$7,500; and, in addition,

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Michael Haberman Associates, Inc. has also been selected to Monitor all aspects of the reassessment project including but not limited to public relations and the final valuation and also including but not limited to ensuring that the contractor and assessor maintains compliance regarding the schedule of responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the consideration to be paid for monitoring the reassessment project, will not exceed \$130,000, to be paid in equal monthly installments; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Ossining is authorized to execute the contract between the Town of Ossining and Michael Haberman Associates, Inc. to commence monitoring the reassessment project in a form approved by the Town Attorney.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Personnel: Office of the Receiver of Taxes- Part Time As Needed Appointment (PTA)

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 Ms. Regina Manwaring, Ossining, to the PTA position of Intermediate Clerk in the Office of the Receiver of Taxes, effective January 1<sup>st</sup> at a rate of \$17.198 per hour.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

III. ADJOURNMENT-EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL ADVICE

At 9:45 P.M. Councilmember Blaha moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Harter that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

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Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk