



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

**JUNE 24, 2014
7:30 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 June 24, 2014 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 Geoffrey Harter, Northern Wilcher, Kim L. Jeffrey and Eric P. Blaha. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector and Deputy Town Clerk Ann Marie Rocco. Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz was absent.

II. Public Hearing in the matter of Local Law #2 of 2014 for the Purpose of Amending the Multifamily Provisions of the Town Zoning Law

At 7:31 P.M., the Public Hearing was opened.

David H. Stolman from Frederick P. Clark Associates, Inc. provided a brief overview of this law which is an amendment to the multifamily provisions of the Multifamily, Multifamily-Inn and General Business zoning districts of the Zoning Law in order to expand the opportunities for multifamily housing and therefore increase the opportunities for affordable housing in the Town. The purpose of this local law is to achieve that end. This local law is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan in that the Plan states that one of its objectives is to, "Cooperate in efforts to make a wide variety of housing opportunities available to members of the community."

Supervisor Donnelly commented that it is merely a verbiage change. The Town will review the Comprehensive Plan. The Town has received a response from the County Planning regarding a local determination.

Councilman Blaha stated that the Town should not be on this list as Ossining works well.

At 7:39 P.M., Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey that the Public Hearing be closed.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Concerning the article in the Journal News about Police Services our response is as follows:

I am somewhat surprised at the Mayor of Ossining's assertion that the Village has responded to any calls in the Unincorporated Area during the terms of this contract, and have asked for any and all records of calls to that effect. We do not believe there have been any, especially since we are made aware of each call and incident

through phone calls, emails and monthly reports by Westchester County. We have update meetings any time we request them.

If he is implying that we do not have the proper coverage, I do not understand how anyone who is not involved in the day-to-day activities of the Unincorporated Area can draw such a conclusion. We have had outside contracted services for 4 years and are pleased with the results, especially the ability to backfill the area with officers should any issue arise.

Also, we are perplexed by Briarcliff Manor Village Manager's assertion that the RFP is geared toward the County. The RFP is geared toward innovative and structured police services that the residents and the commercial property owners of the Unincorporated Area of the Town of Ossining have always had and deserve. Please find a copy of the RFP attached.

We look forward to the two Villages, and the County, responding to the RFP.

We expect all responses to the RFP to be by Monday June 30th at 10:00 AM we will have the Board review the documents and publish them on the web page. On July 15th we will hold one of our regularly scheduled Town Hall Meetings where at which time all responders to the RFP will be invited to make a 10-15 minute presentation if they choose. The floor will be opened up to the public to ask any questions and of course while we welcome comments from all the residents and commercial property owners of Ossining and our guests we are very interested in what those who reside and work in the Unincorporated feel.

We also welcome emails for those who cannot make it or simply feel more comfortable doing that. All emails will be shared with the Board as we determine which of the RFP fits the needs of the people of the Town of Ossining.

So many exciting things still going on in Ossining. July 3rd will be a BIG night as it always is with music and fireworks down by the river. Join us bring a picnic or there will be food vendors there...fantastic family night.

Starting the next Friday July 11 we will have music at the waterfront every Friday night...come enjoy our new stage and great sound system that was purchased with the support of some great small businesses as well as a contribution from the Teamsters. Again we encourage everyone to either bring a picnic or purchase food from one of the vendors we will have down there...watch for details but of course Wobble Café will be there no matter what.

The Spray Park is coming along. The floor turned out to be a little bigger of a project than we first anticipated we are waiting on the last of the paint when it comes the Parks TEAM will put it down immediately and within days we will have the spray park open.

The John C playground and spray park at Louis Engel Park are closed completely on July 3rd as the park is prepared for the fireworks and music as well as a very large crowd.

Please enjoy this great weather with family and friends and be safe.

Councilmember Jeffrey stated she was excited about the police RP and that the Town works well with the County.

Supervisor Donnelly stated that the County Police Department was the second line of defense with mutual aid.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

V. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes

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 approves the June 10, 2014, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: 3-2-0
Ayes: Wilcher, Jeffrey & Donnelly
Abstain: Harter & Blaha

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated June 24, 2014 in the amount of \$548,764.10

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Finance- Audit- Town of Ossining 2013

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 acknowledges that in accordance with Section 35 of the General Municipal Law, the 2013 Audit of the Town of Ossining Financial Statements and Supplementary Information has been distributed to and reviewed by the Town Board and said report shall be filed with the Office of the Town Clerk.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Town Court- Audit 2013

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby acknowledges that in accordance with the Unified Court System's Action Plan for Justice Courts, the 2013 Audit of the Town of Ossining Justice Court was conducted as required and said Audit has been distributed to and reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Personnel: Office of the Receiver of Taxes: Cancellation of PTA Appointment

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby rescinds the resolution appointing Ms. Antoinette Nacinovich, Ossining, to the PTA position of Intermediate Clerk in the Office of the Receiver of Taxes, originally passed on June 10th, 2014.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Personnel: Parks Department: Reinstatement

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby reinstates the seasonal employment of Sylvester Foreman, Ossining, in the Parks Department as a Laborer as approved by the Town Board on April 22nd, 2014; and

Be it Further RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby rescinds the resolution terminating the seasonal employment of Sylvester Foreman, originally passed on June 10th.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Foreclosure – Public Auction

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the following properties to be sold at a Public Auction on August 14th, 2014 pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale has been entered into with New York State Supreme Court, Westchester County, New York.

House and Property at 94 State Street, Tax I.D # 97.011-0001-084. Minimum Bid- \$25,000.00

Vacant Property at Priestly Street, Lots 4 and 5, Tax I.D. # 97.015-0002-004. Minimum Bid - \$5,000.00

10 Building Lots 8-16 Thornton Hill, Tax I.D. # 89.008-0001-049.004 to 013. Minimum Bid- \$177,000.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Audit- Dale Cemetery Management Corporation

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 Supervisor to enter into an agreement with SAXBST to perform an audit of the finances of Dale Cemetery Management Corporation for year ending December 1st, 2013, in accordance with their letter of proposal dated June 18th, 2014.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following meeting minutes:

- Town Planning Board minutes dated May 20, 2014

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS

VIII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Sabrina Albrecht, North State Road, had comments regarding Terra Rustica with delivery trucks blocking her driveway, mailbox, etc. The garbage trucks come at 3 a.m. and make all sorts of noise. They are also power washing their building at

11:30 p.m. They use a leaf blower several times during the day and evening. There is also construction noise. They also harass our dogs by barking at them and aiming the leaf blower at them.

Vera Albrecht, North State Road, continued that it took the police a while to get there.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL ADVICE

At 8:08 p.m. Councilmember Blaha moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk