



**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK
JANUARY 13, 2015
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
7:30 P.M.**

SUPERVISOR

Susanne Donnelly

COUNCILMEMBERS

Eric Blaha Geoffrey Harter
Kim L. Jeffrey Northern Wilcher

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

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on January 13, 2015 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 and Kim L. Jeffrey. Councilmembers Eric Blaha and Northern Wilcher were absent. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. APPOINTMENTS

1. Deputy Supervisor

Supervisor Donnelly appoints Eric Blaha Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Ossining effective January 1, 2015.

2. Deputy Receiver of Taxes

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, Ms. Julie Davis is hereby re-appointed to the office of the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Ossining for 2015, bearing the title and full responsibilities of Deputy Receiver of Taxes and serving at the pleasure of the Receiver of Taxes.

3. Supervisor's Liaison Appointments

Susanne Donnelly

De-facto on all committees
Historic Hudson River Towns
Inter-Municipal Leadership Team
Westchester Municipal Officials Association
Ossining Communities That Care

Geoffrey Harter

Recreation Advisory Board
Westchester County
Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
Ossining and Briarcliff Manor Fire Departments
Ossining Historical Society

Eric Blaha

Deputy Supervisor
IMA Committee
Ossining and Briarcliff School Districts
Liaison to Village of Ossining Water Department
Liaison to Highway Department
Liaison to Teatown Lake Reservation

Co-Liaison to Green Ossining Committee

Kim Jeffrey

**Green Ossining Committee
Business Development Committee
Ossining and Briarcliff Manor Chambers of Commerce
Village of Ossining
Village of Briarcliff Manor
Co-Liaison to Ossining and Briarcliff School Districts**

Northern Wilcher

**IFCA
Ossining Boat & Canoe Club
New York State
Dale and Sparta Cemeteries**

4. Deputy Town Attorney

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby re-appoints Mark Reisman as Deputy Town Attorney, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

5. Town Attorney

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 re-appoints Wayne Spector as Town Attorney, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

6. Budget Officer/Personnel Director/Aide to the Supervisor

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Madeline Zachacz, Budget Officer for the Town of Ossining effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the duty of Aide to the Supervisor is in addition to her duties as Budget Officer.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

7. Justice Court – Town Constables

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints the following to the position of Town Constable, at an hourly rate of \$50.00, to serve at the pleasure of the Board during calendar year 2015:

Carlos Castro- Ossining, NY
Allen Gantz- Ossining, NY

Motion Carried: Unanimously

8. Justice Court- Court Attendants

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints the following to the position of Town Court Attendants, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, to serve at the pleasure of the Board during calendar year 2015:

Elijah Garrison- Fleetwood, NY
Mario Conte- Ossining, NY
John Simkins- Ossining, NY
Allen Gantz- Ossining, NY
Richard Fernandez- Cortlandt Manor, NY
Franklin Jackson- Wappingers Falls, NY-\$25.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

9. Appointment- Planning Board

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Ingrid Richards, Ossining, as the Chair of the Town of Ossining Planning Board, to fill the remainder of an unexpired five-year term set to expire on 12/31/2018.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

10. Appointment- Planning Board

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Gareth Hougham, Ossining, to the Town of Ossining Planning Board for a five-year term set to expire on 12/31/2019.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

11. Appointment- Planning Board

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Jim Bossinas, Ossining, to the Town of Ossining Planning Board for a five-year term set to expire on 12/31/2019.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

12. Appointment- Environmental Advisory Committee

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Donna Sharett, Ossining, to the Town of Ossining EAC for a five-year term set to expire on 12/31/2019.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

13. Appointment- Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints David Krieger, Ossining, to the Town of Ossining Zoning Board of Appeals, to fill the remainder of an unexpired five-year term set to expire on 12/31/2017.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

A. Official Newspaper

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates The Gazette as the Official Newspaper and the Journal News as the Alternate Newspaper of the Town of Ossining for 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Town Council Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts the following Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2015:

**Regular Town Board Meetings – 2nd & 4th Tuesday – 7:30 p.m.
Birdsall/Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street**

**Work Sessions – 1st & 3rd Tuesday – 7:30 p.m.
16 Croton Avenue Board Room-1st Floor**

The Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd will be moved to Wednesday, November 4th due to Election Day.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Setting Town Office Hours

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

Resolved, that the office hours of the Town Offices for 2015 will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Town Historian

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Martha R. Mesiti, Town Historian for 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Mileage Allowance

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

Resolved, that wherever it shall be appropriate to compensate Town Officials and/or Town Employees for mileage, they shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.575 per mile to be paid upon claim voucher, after audit and approval, in accordance with IRS standards.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Membership in the Association of Towns

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

Resolved, that pursuant to Article 8 of the Town Law, the Town of Ossining shall pay the Annual Membership Dues for membership in the Association of Towns of the State of New York for 2015 in the amount of \$1,500.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Authorization for Attendance at Association of Towns Meetings

Councilmember Harter 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 following Town Personnel to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns to be held in New York City, February 15-18, 2015 subject to approval of their Department Heads, Town Supervisor and Members of the Town Board; Town Attorney and Deputy Town Attorney; Town Assessor; Building Inspector; Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk; Receiver of Taxes and Deputy Receivers of Taxes; Superintendent of Highways; Town Justices; Town Court Clerks; Budget Officer; Assessment Personnel; Chairman and Members of the Zoning Board; Chairman and Members of the Planning Board and Chairman and Members of the Environmental Advisory Board.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Delegate to the Association of Towns

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates Susanne Donnelly, Supervisor, as Delegate to the Association of Towns Annual Meeting for 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Alternate Delegate to the Association of Towns

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates Maddi Zachacz, Budget Officer, as Delegate to the Association of Towns Annual Meeting for 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

J. Animal Control-SPCA of Westchester

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

Resolved, that the Supervisor be and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute an agreement with SPCA of Westchester for the period January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015, providing for humane procedures for homeless and stray dogs and cats seized by dog control officers, animal control officers, police and other agents of the municipality.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

K. Renewal-Delta Dental Insurance Program

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby acknowledges that the Town's dental insurance program with Delta Dental of New York will continue at the same rates as 2014 for the period January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015 for Group # 1576-0001 at a rate of \$62.58 per month per employee with no dependents and \$148.86 per month, per employee with family coverage; and be it further

Resolved, that Group # 1576-0002 shall be at a rate of \$67.56 per month per employee with no dependents and \$158.22 per month, per employee with family coverage.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

L. 2015 Refuse/Recycle Collection

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining entered into an agreement with Sani-Pro Disposal Services Corp, for the removal of refuse, garbage and commingled recyclables at residential properties within the Unincorporated Area of the Town of Ossining on December 21, 2012; and

Now, therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby exercises its option to renew with Sani-pro Disposal of 566 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY for fiscal year 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$424,755.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

M. Approval of Compensation Plan for 2015

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the following Compensation Plan for the year 2015:

TITLE OF POSITION	ANNUAL SALARY
<u>EXEMPT</u>	
ASSESSOR	\$137,700
ATTORNEY	67,389
DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY	50,000
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	50,000
BUDGET OFFICER/ AIDE TO THE SUPERVISOR	70,000
COURT CLERK (2)	62,695
DEPUTY RECEIVER OF TAXES	45,337
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	63,511
ASSESSMENT TAX AIDE	43,350
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>	
TOWN CLERK	\$89,636
COUNCIL MEMBER (4)	11,059
RECEIVER OF TAXES	70,556
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS	83,048
SUPERVISOR	70,309
TOWN JUSTICE (3)	44,899
RUOK WEEKEND RATE	18.00/HR

NON-COMPETITIVE

MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (3)	\$78,169
PARKS FOREMAN	81,380
ASSISTANT PARK FOREMAN	74,946
HIGHWAY FOREMAN	84,591
ROAD MAINTAINER (2)	72,052
AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC	81,573
AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC HELPER/ROAD MNT.	72,052

LABOR

PARK GROUNDSKEEPER (1)	\$72,052
PARK GROUNDSKEEPER (1)	56,175
PARK GROUNDSKEEPER (1)	56,913
CHAUFFEUR (3)	36,584
FOOD SERVICE HELPER	36,584
BUS DRIVER	48,274

COMPETITIVE

DEPUTY ASSESSOR	\$72,420
ASSESSMENT CLERK	61,367
ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT	52,840
OFFICE ASSISTANT AUTOMATED SYSTEMS (2)	50,843
ASSISTANT COURT CLERK	46,920
NUTRITION SITE DIRECTOR	76,207
INTERMEDIATE CLERK (1)	50,843
INTERMEDIATE CLERK (1)	42,891
INTERMEDIATE CLERK- SPANISH SPEAKING	43,350

PART TIME EMPLOYEES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Conn, Margaret	PT, Building Department	\$19.19/HR
DeIBourgo, Constance	PT, Nutrition	\$15.76/HR
Fracassi, Patricia	PT Clerk's Office	\$23.11/HR
Hamilton, John	PT, Building Inspector	\$38.46/HR
Jackson, Nathaniel	PT, Assessor's Office	\$36.23/HR
Sutton, Jeffrey	PT, Nutrition	\$12.00/HR
See, Mary	PT, Clerk's Office	\$23.11/HR

Valentine, Arnestia	PT, Town Court	\$18.00/HR
Sullivan, Jeremiah	PT, Paralegal	\$18.73/HR

ELECTION OFFICIALS

Coordinator/Liaison	\$2,700.00
Clerical Assistants	\$60.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

N. Surety Bonds

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

Whereas, certain officers and/or employees of the Town of Ossining designated by law are required by law to file an undertaking which shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of their term of office, the termination of their employment, or the further resolution of this Town Board, and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining by prior resolution has determined it is more beneficial and economical to provide the undertakings by a blanketed bond;

It is, therefore, Resolved, that all officers and/or employees of the Town of Ossining will be bonded by a blanket bond in the amount of \$500,000 except that the following position will carry an additional surety bond in the amount of \$100,000: Receiver of Taxes.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

O. Consulting Engineer

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

Resolved, the Town Supervisor is authorized to continue the intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Ossining to provide engineering services to the Town for the calendar year 2015, at the sum of \$71,400. (\$5,950 per month).

Motion Carried: Unanimously

P. Bond Counsel

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

Resolved, that the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliff, LLP, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York is hereby retained as Bond Counsel in accordance with the fees set forth in Sections 11 and 12 of the proposal received from Orrick dated December 18th, 2014.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Q. 2015 Schedule of Fees

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the following Schedule of Fees for calendar year 2015:

TOWN FEE SCHEDULE

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee
Sale of Codebook	Chapter 1	Publisher's price
Access to Records	Chapter 45	
	Fees for copies of records not exceeding 8 ½ by 14 inches in size	\$0.25 per page
	Fee for reproducing records in excess of 8 ½ by 14 inches in size	Actual cost of reproduction
	Fee for PDF Copy of Tax Map on CD (Office of the Assessor)	\$150
Accessory Dwelling	Chapter 50	
	Initial application	\$300
	Each renewal	\$150
Alarms	Chapter 51	
	Annual registration	\$25
	Non Registration Fee	\$250
	False alarms:	
	1 st and 2 nd offense	Warning
	3 rd offense	\$50
	4 th offense	\$100
	5 th offense	\$200
	6 th offense	\$500
	Subsequent Offenses	\$500
Building Construction	Chapter 63	
	Certificate of occupancy, where the total value of the building is:	
	Less than \$10,000	\$50
	Greater than \$10,000 but less than \$20,000	\$50
	Greater than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000	\$50
	Greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000	\$50

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee
	Greater than \$100,000 but less than \$150,000	\$60
	Greater than \$150,000	\$70
	Building permit issuance	
	Where the total value of the work is up to \$1,000	\$20
	For each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof up to and including \$15,000	\$10
	For each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof up to and including \$50,000	\$6
	For each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof exceeding \$50,000	\$4
	Renewal of building permit	½ of Original B.P. Fee
	Electrical permits	
	Per dwelling	\$50
	Alteration to commercial building	\$100
	New commercial construction	\$250
	Plumbing permit	
	House sewer and tie-in	\$50
	Installation of 1 – 3 fixtures, appliances or standpipe connections	\$50
	Installation of 4 – 9 fixtures	\$75
	Installation of 10 or more fixtures	\$100
	Backflow Device	\$100
	Gas certification	\$50
	Plumbing permit if not listed	\$50
	HVAC Permit	
	HVAC Residential	\$50
	HVAC Commercial	\$250
	Erecting signs	\$50
	Demolition permit	
	For structure less than 1,000 square feet	\$50
	For structure over 1,000 square feet	\$200
	Title search (office assistance)	\$25 per property
	Copies of certificates of occupancy and surveys	\$25 per copy
	Inspection and letter in lieu of certificate of occupancy	\$50
	Legalization of work performed without permits	All fees tripled + \$500 to \$1000 penalty

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee
	Failure to keep a scheduled appt. for an inspection	\$50
	Same day inspection	\$50
	Non-mandated inspection letter	\$50
	Any type of Permit Not Listed necessary and requires inspections	Same fee structure as filing a Building Permit (based on estimated cost of project)
Cabaret	Chapter 68	
	Annual license fee	\$100
	After July 1	\$25
	Renewal application 30-day extension	\$5 per month
Dog Fees	Chapter 74	
	License fees:	
	Spayed/neutered:	\$10.00
	Unspayed/unneutered	\$18.00
	Seniors over age 60 are exempt from local fee.	
	Redemption fees from impoundment of dogs	
	First impoundment	\$20 first 24 hours; \$5 each additional 24 hours
	Second impoundment	\$40 first 24 hours; \$10 each additional 24 hours
	Third impoundment	\$60 first 24 hours; \$15 each additional 24 hours
SEQR	Chapter 85	
	Environmental clearance form	No fee
	Application for preliminary environmental review	\$100
Street Opening	Chapter 87, Part 1	
	Simple Curb Cut	\$90
	Road opening less than 150 sq. ft	\$300
	Road opening 150 sq ft and greater	\$400
Deposit for all Street Openings	Deposit per sq ft	\$300
Excavation of Topsoil or Gravel	Chapter 87, Part 2	
	For each 10 acres of property, or any portion thereof, proposed to be excavated	\$75

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee
	Refund upon denial of application	\$25
	Permit renewal, for each 10 acres of property, or any portion thereof, proposed to be excavated	\$75
Filling and Grading	Chapter 92	
	Application for a filling and grading permit	
	For the first acre or part thereof	\$100
	For each additional acre or part thereof	\$30
	Application for a certificate of completion	
	For the first acre	\$50
	For each additional acre or part thereof	\$10
Floodplain Development	Chapter 102	
	Permit application	\$200
Freshwater Wetlands	Chapter 105	
	Application review fee for permits issued by Building Inspector (see § 105-6)	Same fee structure as filing a Building Permit (based on estimated cost of project)
	Application review fee for permits issued by the Planning Board (see §105-7)	Included in site plan review fees
Parks	Chapter 138	
	Rental fees for Saturday, Sunday, holidays	
	1 – 100 people	\$225
	101 – 250 people	\$275
	250 people or more	\$350
	Rental fees for Monday through Friday	
	1 – 100 people	\$150
	101 – 250 people	\$200
	250 people or more	\$300
	Boat ramp	
	Daily	
	Residents	\$30
	Nonresidents	\$50

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee
	Seasonal	
	Residents	\$90
	Nonresidents	\$150
Peddlers	Chapter 144	
	Annual license fee	\$100
Police Fees	Vehicle Impound Release Fee Meeting Room-Non-Profit Meeting Room-Profit	\$25.00 \$25.00 per hour \$50.00 per hour
Steep Slopes	Chapter 167	
	Application and inspection fee, residential only	\$50
	Application and inspection fee, nonresidential	Included in site plan review fees
Streams and Watercourses	Chapter 169	
	Permit application	Same fee structure as filing a Building Permit (based on estimated cost of project)
Subdivision of Land	Chapter 176	
	Application review fee	
	Major	
	Preliminary plat	\$100, plus \$125 per lot
	Final plat	\$100, plus \$125 per lot
	Minor	\$100, plus \$125 per lot
	Recreation fee. However, in the case of multifamily developments, the Planning Board may adjust the recreation fee in relation to the recreational facilities provided within the subject development. Recreation Fee-Affordable Housing	\$7,500 per lot or dwelling unit. \$2,500 per lot or dwelling unit
	Inspection fee	3% of the Town Engineer's estimated cost for all utility and roadway improvements, plus \$100 for an engineering estimate
	Escrow account deposits	(See fees under “Zoning” below.)
Taxicabs and Limousines	Chapter 182	
	For each taxicab or limousine owner's license, on initial application	\$100
	For each taxicab or limousine owner's license, for each annual renewal thereof	\$50

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee	
	For each taxicab or limousine owner's supplementary license	\$25	
	For each vehicle licensed as a taxicab or limousine	\$25	
	For each taxicab or limousine driver's license	\$10	
	For each taxicab or limousine substituted	\$25	
	For replacement of a lost or destroyed taxicab or limousine license or sticker	\$20	
	For replacement of each driver's license or badge	\$5	
Call-a-Cab Coupons			
	Cost to qualifying senior citizen	\$3.00 per coupon	
	Redemption by Town to participating taxi company	\$4.75 per coupon	
Senior Services	Contribution from Qualifying Senior Citizen		
	Congregate Meals	\$2.00	
	Home Delivered Meals	\$2.50	
Tax Foreclosure	Title Search	\$200.00	
	Legal & Publication Fees	\$600.00	
Tax Receiver	Administrative Re-Levy Fee for Unpaid Village water rents	\$100	
	Administrative Re-Levy Fee for Unpaid Town Charges/Alarm Fine Liens	\$100	
	Memo Bill Fee-Per Bill	\$5.00	
	Bounced Check Fee-Per Item Returned	\$20.00	
	Annual Tax File Subscription Charge for Tax Service Agencies	\$500.00	
Telecommunication	Chapter 182A		
	New telecommunications tower	\$5,000	
	Co-location of an existing telecommunications tower or high structure where no increase in height of the tower or structure is required	\$2,000	
Towing Services Agreement	Chapter 182B		
	Fees and services	Normal business hours Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Sat/Sun/holidays and after 5:00 p.m. weekdays
	Light-duty straight Town (3 tons DVW)	\$94.50	\$120.75

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee	
	Light-duty service call	\$78.75	\$105
	Gate/yard	----	\$47.25
	Mileage, per mile	\$4.20	\$4.20
	2 nd truck	\$94.50	\$120.75
	Light-duty winching	\$94.50	\$120.75
	Storage, per day	\$50	\$50
Tree Removal	Chapter 183		
	Tree removal permit, residential only	\$50	
	Tree removal permit, nonresidential	Included in site plan review fees	
Zoning	Chapter 200		
	All appeals and applications made to the Board of Appeals	\$150	
	Special permit application	\$250	
	Site plan or conditional use permit		
	Application review fee	\$250, plus \$25 per parking space	
	Inspection fee	Same as application review fee	
	Request for rezoning or zoning amendment review fee	\$1,000 plus \$50 per acre of property owned or controlled by the applicant to which the rezoning or zoning amendment pertains	
	Environmental quality review. A full environmental assessment form review fee is required in all cases when this form is part of the application.	\$100	
	Performance and maintenance bonds	The amount of all performance and maintenance bonds shall be established by the Planning Board, based upon a recommended amount as specified by the Town Engineer	
	Each bond reduction request	\$100	
	Escrow accounts		
	For subdivisions, based on number of lots		
	0 to 2	\$3,750	
	3 to 10	\$7,500	
	11 to 35	\$22,500	
	More than 35	\$52,500	
	For site plan, conditional use permits and special permits, based on square footage		
	0 to 3,000	\$3,750	
	3,001 to 20,000	\$7,500	

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee
	20,001 to 50,000	\$22,500
	Greater than 50,000	\$52,500
	For minor applications (includes accessory apartments, wetland permits, filling and grading permits, etc.)	\$500
	Variances	As determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals
	Pre-application meetings to discuss conceptual proposals, per meeting	\$350
	After the fact application (Planning & Zoning)	Application Fee Tripled
Filming	Per day	\$1400

Motion Carried: Unanimously

R. Records Management Officer

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

Resolved, that pursuant to Section 57.19 of the Local Government Records Law, the Town Board hereby appoints Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk, Records Management Officer of the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

S. Appointment of Marriage Officers

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Mary Ann Roberts and Susanne Donnelly as Marriage Officers for the Town of Ossining for 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

T. Finance-Investment Policy

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

**INVESTMENT POLICY
FOR THE TOWN OF OSSINING**

I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for investment on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity of individual.

II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the local government’s investment activities are, in priority order,

- to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legal);
- to adequately safeguard principal (safety);
- to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity); and
- to obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The governing board's responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Town Supervisor who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a data base or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

IV. PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the Town of Ossining to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

V. DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the Town of Ossining to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.

VI. INTERNAL CONTROLS

It is the policy of the Town of Ossining for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Finance Department and deposited in a designated Town of Ossining revenue account within one business day of receipt of the funds. The Town Supervisor's office shall receive a copy of the transaction record. Employees will receive a written receipt for any cash amounts forwarded to the Finance Department and should maintain original receipt(s) in department records and copies of the receipt(s) in personal records.

The Town Supervisor is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of Town monies are:

Depository Name
J. P. Morgan Chase

Officer
John Gardell

Wells Fargo
Hudson Valley Bank
TD Bank
Mahopac National Bank

Paul DeGrato
Linda Carrington
Rick Tyler
Mariela Diaz

VIII. COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law, §10, all deposits of the Town of Ossining, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

1. By a pledge of “eligible securities” with an aggregate “market value,” or provided by General Municipal Law, §10, equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from the categories designated in Appendix A to the policy.
2. By an eligible “irrevocable letter of credit” issued by a qualified bank (or federal home loan bank) other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% (100% if federal home loan bank) of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.
3. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims - paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

IX. SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by (the depository and/or a third party) bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure local government deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events, which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the Town of Ossining or its custodial bank.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As authorized by General Municipal Law, §11, the Town of Ossining authorizes the Town Supervisor to invest monies not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- Special time deposit accounts;
- Certificates of deposit;
- Obligations of the United States of America;
- Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;
- Obligations of the State of New York;
- Obligations issued pursuant to LFL §24.00 or 25.00 (with approval of the State Comptroller) by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the Town of Ossining;
- Obligations of this local government, but only with any moneys in a reserve fund established pursuant to GML, §6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-g, 6-h, 6-j, 6-k, 6-l, 6-m, or 6-n.

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Ossining within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Ossining within two years of the date of purchase.

XI. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

The Town of Ossining shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments which can be made with each financial institutions or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit worthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition (Call Report) at the request of the Town of Ossining. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers. The Town Supervisor is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners and custodians. Such listing shall be evaluated at least annually.

XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Town Supervisor is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.
2. By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Article 5G of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the governing board (for example, NYCLASS – New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System).
3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized tracking partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a

bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Town of Ossining by the bank or trust company. Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law, §10.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

XIII. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

- All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.
- Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers.
- Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America and obligations of agencies of the United State of America where principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America.
- No substitution of securities will be allowed.
- The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

**Appendix A
Schedule of Eligible Securities**

<u> X </u>	(i) Obligations issued, or fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States of America, an agency thereof or a United States government sponsored corporation.
<u> </u>	(ii) Obligations issued or fully guaranteed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the African Development Bank.
<u> X </u>	(iii) Obligations partially insured or guaranteed by any agency of the United States of America, at a proportion of the Market Value of the obligation that represents the amount of the insurance or guaranty.
<u> X </u>	(iv) Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the State of New York, obligations issued by a municipal corporation, school district or district corporation of such State or obligations of any public benefit corporation which under a specific State statute may be accepted as security for deposit of public moneys.
<u> </u>	(v) Obligations of Puerto Rico rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.
<u> </u>	(vi) Obligations of counties, cities and other governmental entities of a state other than the State of New York having the power to levy taxes that are backed by the full faith and credit of such governmental entity and rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.
<u> </u>	(vii) Obligations of domestic corporations rated in one of the two highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

- _____ (viii) Any mortgage related securities, as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which may be purchased by banks under the limitations established by bank regulatory agencies.
- _____ (ix) Commercial paper and bankers' acceptance issued by a bank, other than the Bank, rated in the highest short term category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization and having maturities of not longer than 60 days from the date they are pledged.
- _____ (x) Zero coupon obligations of the United States government marketed as "Treasury strips".

Motion Carried: Unanimously

U. Finance-Debt Management Policy

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 adopts the Debt Management Policy as follows:

The Comptroller will monitor the debt portfolio annually for refinancing opportunities through services of a financial advisor. This can be done in connection to the continuing disclosure process.

The minimum criteria for bond refunding are as follows:

1. Refunding should produce savings equal to 3% of bonds to be refinanced
2. Savings after insurance premium should be 2 ½ times underwriters discount and other costs of issuance.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. Finance – Procurement Policy

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

WHEREAS, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law requires the governing body of every municipality to adopt a procurement policy for all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid, and

WHEREAS, comments have been solicited from all officers in the Town of Ossining involved in the procurement process, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining does hereby adopt the following procurement process which is intended to apply to all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid.

Purchases up to \$999

Town Department Managers may authorize purchase of not more than nine-hundred and ninety nine dollars (\$999) per purchase contract for materials, services, supplies or repairs provided that such purchase is made in conformance with the following procedure:

- A. A standard Claim Voucher is to be completed and submitted to the Supervisor's Office with the following information:
 1. Name and address of Vendor
 2. Date and vendor number
 3. Budget Account Codes
 4. Quantity, description and purpose of goods or services purchased
 5. Signature of Department Head

B. The Claim Voucher must be accompanied by an original invoice and packing slip, if applicable.

Purchases between \$1,000-\$10,000

Department Managers may make purchases between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for materials, supplies and repairs provided that such purchase is made in conformance with the following procedure:

- A. A Purchase Order is to be completed in order to encumber the expenditure for all purchases over \$1,000, including purchases made under State or local government contracts. This form shall be submitted to the Budget Officer with the following information:**
- a. Name and address of recommended vendor**
 - b. Date, Vendor Number, Budget Account Codes**
 - c. Quantity, description and purpose of the purchase**
 - d. Unit cost and total cost of proposed purchase**
 - e. Purchase Order must be signed by the Department Manager**
- B. Two verbal quotations are required for purchases between \$1,000-\$2,999. A verbal quotation form available in the Supervisor's Office must be used to document the quotes. Attach verbal quotation form to Purchase Order and submit to Budget Officer for approval.**
- C. Three written quotations are required for purchases between \$3,000-\$10,000. A written quotation form available in the Supervisor's Office must be used to document the quotes. Attach written bid requests to the Purchase Order along with documentation from vendor indicating cost and submit to Budget Officer for approval.**
- D. Approved purchases will be acknowledged to the Department Manager by copy of the signed Purchase Order signed by the Town Supervisor with a Purchase Order number assigned to it by the Finance Department.**
- E. Upon satisfactory receipt of the material, supply or repair, the Department Manager will submit to the Budget Officer the following:**
- a. Purchase Order signed by the Department Manager to indicate approval for payment along with an invoice from the vendor attached to the Purchase Order.**

Any public works contract over \$10,000 must follow above procedures and obtain three written quotes. A Public Works Contract over \$30,000 is subject to competitive bidding.

A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the purchaser will document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall failure to obtain the proposals be a bar to the procurement.

Purchases are subject to the availability of funds. Department Managers may not authorize purchases under this section when there are insufficient funds in the designated budget account. The Budget Officer distributes monthly budget expenditure reports showing the available funds in each department account.

Purchases of \$10,000 and over

All purchases of materials, supplies and repairs of equipment of \$10,000 or more and all public works contracts of \$30,000 or more requires competitive bidding subject to the laws of New York.

- A. The Town Supervisor and Clerk's office shall be responsible for the issuance of required documents, notices and advertisements required under the competitive bidding laws and for the receipt of such bids from vendors.**
- B. Department Managers will be responsible for preparing information regarding the quantity, quality and specifications of the materials, supplies or work to be furnished.**
- C. Capital Projects are defined as improvements to the Town's operations in excess of \$12,000 per project. Please consult with the Budget Officer in order to establish a Capital Project number and processing of Purchase Order.**

General Provisions

- 1. Where possible, purchases should be made from New York State and Westchester County purchasing contracts. These purchases are exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law Section 103. Information regarding these contracts is available online at www.ogs.state.ny.us. The NYS Contract number must be written on claim voucher or purchase order along with a print-out from the OGS website indicating the item is on NYS Contract.**

In addition, purchases under any NYS county or local government contracts, or purchased through the Empire State Purchasing Group or National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), provided that the contract is let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with NYS law and made available for use by other governmental entities and subject to the approval of the Town Supervisor.

- 2. Documentation is required of each action taken in connection with each procurement.**
- 3. Documentation and explanation are required whenever a contract is awarded to other than the lowest responsible offeror. This documentation will include an explanation of how the award will achieve savings or how the offeror was not responsible. A determination that the offeror is not responsible shall be made by the purchaser and may not be challenged under any circumstance.**
- 4. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 104-b(2)(f), the procurement policy may contain circumstances when, or types of procurement for which, in the sole discretion of the governing body, the solicitation of alternative proposals or quotations will not be in the best interest of the municipality. In the following circumstances, it may not be in the best interest of the Town of Ossining to solicit quotations to document the basis for not accepting the lowest bid:**
 - a. Professional services or services requiring special or technical skill, training or expertise. The individual or company must be chosen based on accountability, reliability or responsibility, skill, education, and training, judgment, integrity and moral worth. These qualifications are not necessarily found in the individual or company that offers the lowest price and the nature of these services are such that they do not readily lend themselves to competitive procurement procedures.**

In determining whether a service fits into this category, the Town of Ossining Town Board shall take into consideration the following guidelines: 1) whether the services are subject to state licensing or testing requirements; 2)

whether substantial formal education or training is a necessary prerequisite to the performance of the services; and (3) whether the services require a personal relationship between the individual and municipal officials. Profession or technical services shall include but not be limited to the following: services of certified public accountant; investment management services; printing services involving extensive writing, editing, or art work; management of municipally owned property; and computer software or programming services for customized programs or services involved in substantial modification and customization of pre-packaged software.

5. A Request for Proposal must be prepared for Professional Services. This section is adopted from the Office of the State Comptroller's Financial Management Guide, Subsection 8.3020. Requests for proposals are traditionally used as a means of obtaining many types of professional services. RFPs are used to obtain the services of: architects, engineers, accountants, lawyers, underwriters, fiscal consultants, and other professionals. The purpose of a request for proposal is to have an effective way to award contracts for professional services. RFPs and evaluation of the proposals can consider price plus other factors such as experience, staffing and suitability for needs and may include negotiations on a fair and equal basis. The award should be the most advantageous to the Town.

The overall process involves making a request for proposals from various firms or professionals, and then evaluating the proposals received. Depending on the complexity of the situation, you may prepare the RFP in house or a consultant could be obtained to help you prepare it. The Town Attorney will review all RFPs, contracts to be executed with the firm selected and any other needed items.

There should be a well planned solicitation effort in order to identify a sufficient number of qualified firms. This can be done by advertising in local trade journals, checking listings of professionals, talking to local officials, etc. A well planned solicitation effort can result in reduced costs through increased competition.

6. Emergency purchases pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law. Due to the nature of this exception, these goods or services must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternative proposals may threaten the life, health, safety and welfare of the residents. This section does not preclude alternative proposals if time permits.
7. Sole Source. Competitive bidding is not required under Section 103 of the General Municipal Law in those limited situations when goods or services are available from only one source. If a determination is made that a particular item is available only from one source so that no possibility of competition exists, competitive bidding may not be required for the procurement of the item. Department Managers must document the unique benefits of the item as compared to other items available in the marketplace; that no other item provides substantially equivalent or similar benefits; and that considering the benefits received, the cost of the item is reasonable, when compared to other products or services in the marketplace
8. Purchases of surplus and second-hand goods from any source. If alternate proposals are required, the Village of Ossining may purchase surplus and second-hand goods at auctions, through specific advertised sources, or from Town suppliers, if it can be determined that such purchase is at a fair market value, is in the best interests of the Town, and if approved by the Town Supervisor or Budget Officer. It is understood that it may be difficult to try and compare prices of used goods and that a lower price may indicate an older product.
9. Goods or services under \$1,000. The time and documentation required to purchase through this policy may be more costly than the item itself and would, therefore, not be in the best interests of the taxpayer. In addition, it is not likely that such de minimis contracts would be awarded based on favoritism.

10. The Town Board must authorize and approve all change orders on capital construction projects by Town Board resolution.
11. The Town Supervisor and Budget Officer shall be the municipal officials responsible for providing guidance and making decisions as to application of this procurement policy.

W. Reimbursement of Town Employee Business Expenses

WHEREAS, from time to time employees incur certain expense in connection with performing their duties, attending training, seminars and/or conferences; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ossining has established guidelines which an employee may be legally reimbursed for expenses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining does hereby adopt the Reimbursement of Town Employee Business Expense Policy as follows:

Purpose of this Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the guidelines under which an employee of the Town of Ossining may be legally reimbursed for expenses related to the travel to and from, and attendance at, any event which has been recognized and authorized as an event related to Town business. The policy is adopted from the Office of the State Comptroller's Financial Management Guide, Subsection 8.1025. In the event of any misunderstanding or dispute, the Town Supervisor will make the final determination as to whether an employee is entitled to reimbursement of any expense.

Prior Written Authorization Required

Authorization must be obtained in writing from the Town Supervisor prior to attending an event for which an employee expects reimbursement. In the event that such prior authorization was not obtained, the Town Supervisor, at his/her discretion may authorize reimbursement by written notice to the Budget Officer.

Claim Voucher Required

In order to receive reimbursement of an expense, an employee must submit to the Budget Officer a properly completed and signed Town form, including as attachments, a copy of the Town Supervisor's written authorization, a copy of the brochure or other literature describing the event, and any required receipts. The claim form, available in the Supervisor's Office, must clearly state the title of the event, the sponsoring association, the location and date(s) of the event, and an itemized list of the expenditure categories to be reimbursed. In the event of a conference or training seminar where certificates of completion are issued, said certificates should be provided to the municipality.

Use of Petty Cash for Employee Reimbursements

Petty cash should be used minimally for the reimbursements of employee expenses. It should be remembered that petty cash should require replenishment no more than once a month. Further, any reimbursement made of employee expenses through petty cash still requires appropriate receipts and authorization from the Town Supervisor. A monthly report of petty cash deposits and expenditures must be submitted to the finance departments and supervisor's office

Legal Authority

General Municipal Law 77-b generally authorizes reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending a meeting, convention, conference or

school conducted for the betterment of the Town. Written authorization must be obtained in advance from the Town Supervisor before such attendance can be considered a proper Town expense. “Actual and necessary” means that the expenses were:

1. Actually made
2. Necessarily incurred for an authorized purpose
3. An amount no greater than necessary (Opn. St. Comp. 69-563).

Tax Exempt Certificate

The Town is exempt from federal, state and local taxes, including sales tax. As such, it is the responsibility of any employee authorized to attend an event to ascertain that they carry with them a copy the Town of Ossining Tax Exemption Certificate. Such certificates should be presented to places of lodging and dining, so that any amounts paid are exclusive of taxes. The Town retains the right to refuse reimbursement of sales and other taxes paid as part of an employee’s expense.

Reimbursement will be made for the following business related expenses, but **MUST** be pre-approved by the Supervisor’s Office:

- Transportation
- Meals
- Lodging
- Gratuities

Transportation

Transportation will be reimbursed for actual travel to and from an authorized event. Transportation will not be reimbursed for any personal travel incurred while away, or for normal commuting to and from home and Town Offices. Reimbursement will be made for:

- The amount spent using public transportation (bus, train, etc.) receipts are required.
- The amount spent for re-fueling a Town owned vehicle. Receipts are required.
- The standard mileage rate, as determined by the Town Board, when using a personal vehicle.
- The amount spent for tolls. Receipts are required.
- The amount spent for parking. Receipts are required.
- The amount spent for plane fare at the regular rate charged for a single coach fare, unless otherwise authorized in writing.

Meals

Meals will be reimbursed when the employee is attending an authorized event away from the regular work area for an extended period of time. If an employee is not attending an event which requires an overnight stay, breakfast and/or lunch will not be reimbursed. Expenditures for the purchase of alcoholic beverages or for guests will not be reimbursed. Receipts are required for all meal expenses.

Lodging

Lodging will be reimbursed at the usual cost of the single occupancy room rate for those nights which fall between the days of an authorized event. “Single occupancy room rate” means the regular room rate charged for a single occupant by the hotel, or the nearest available hotel to, where the event is held. Lodging will not be reimbursed for nights prior or subsequent to the days of an authorized event, unless authorized in advance in writing by the Town Supervisor. Receipts are required for all lodging expenses.

Registration, Tuition, Materials

Any other expenses required to participate in an authorized event, such as registration fees, tuition, books and supplies, will be reimbursed. Receipts are required for all such expenses.

Gratuities

Gratuities that are reasonable and actual may be reimbursed. Gratuities for meals may not exceed the greater of (\$1.00) dollar or fifteen (15%) percent of the cost for each meal, unless a mandatory minimum greater than this amount is required under the terms of the event

Periodic Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Budget Officer. Any questions concerning this policy may be directed to the Budget Officer. The references cited above may assist employees in understanding this policy, and the basis for its contents.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

X. Agreement-NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance

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 continues its membership with the NYS Workers' Compensation Alliance for fiscal year 2015 to administer workers compensation claims at a cost not to exceed \$133,153, including the NYS assessment fees.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Y. Insurance Renewal-New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby continues its insurance policies and coverage with the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at an amount not to exceed \$112,495.96.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

REGULAR MEETING – BOARD RESOLUTIONS

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Donnelly read the following statement:

Good evening

2014 was a very interesting year in the Town of Ossining. We made great strides in working on our infrastructure and, with the help of our engineering team who we have as part of an IMA with the Village of Ossining, we have fixed many of the outstanding issues in the Unincorporated Area related to major road repair, like the Old Albany Rd dead end, and addressed drainage issues such as at Cedar Lane and the Croton Dam Rd/Minkel neighborhood drainage, to name just a few. These projects were completed at a fraction of the cost originally projected, and we could not be more proud of the team.

2014 was the year we began an essential reassessment to update the most recent one, completed in 1972. Over the next two years, every parcel will be inspected, including those belonging to a municipality, those that are privately owned and those designated not-for-profit/religious, or tax exempt properties. Delineation of neighborhoods will help to guide the valuation given to each property, and by mid-2015 the new values will begin to be assigned to individual properties. Throughout this process, the public has been and will continue to be included, and we encourage you to review and update any

discrepancies in the data mailer sent after the inspection, and also available in the not so distant future review your own property (or any other) via the Town of Ossining webpage.

Some of the other exciting projects we have worked on in 2014 are:

2014

Town General – Ossining

- Secured upgraded bond rating from Moody's Investors Service, from an Aa3 to an Aa2
- Began the process of changing size of, and increasing the authority of, Board of Ethics
- Secured \$100k grant for Water Filtration & Recycling at Engel Waterfront Park's Spray Park from Senator David Carlucci
- Construction of new stage at Louis Engel Waterfront Park
- Joined NJPA for competitive pricing on equipment
- Constructed two new playgrounds, one each at Ryder Park and Buck Johnson Park
- Commissioned physical improvements at the Shine House in Cedar Lane Park
- Completed transfer of Sparta Cemetery from the Historical Society to the Town of Ossining Executed successful auction of three foreclosed properties within the Town
- Assisted in planning and coordinating the student-produced mural on the rest station at Louis Engel Park
- Researched and purchased software to secure future grants
- Instituted a restructuring of management of, and recordkeeping processes in, Dale Cemetery.

Unincorporated Area – Ossining

- Performed research, conducted tours and attracted future buyer to the unused police facility at 507 North State Road, and paid off significant debt on the building after the sale
- Drafted a Request for Proposal for the Provision of Police Services within the Town of Ossining
- Worked with FEMA to secure additional funding on Old Albany Post Road Dead End project
- Completed work on the Lakeville Sewer Project upgrade and elimination of sewer lift station at the corner of Route 9A and Croton Dam Rd
- Worked with New York State DOT to get a no turn on red on the southbound right hand turning lane as well as directional arrows and other safety markings installed at intersection of Route 134/ Croton Dam Road and Route 9A, resulting in significantly reduced serious accidents not only helping motorists but also the strain on our First Responders
- Negotiated and signed franchise agreement with Cablevision
- Continued to work with a group of volunteers to strengthen the Business Development Committee
- Worked with residents and members of the Planning, Zoning and Town Boards as well as the EAC (Environment Advisory Committee) to review the Comprehensive Plan
- Completed Cedar Lane Drainage project to improve driving conditions, and preventing deterioration, along Cedar Lane. This work also helped prevent the flow of water down the hill to the Condo development below along with their efforts to have proper drainage on the property.
- Interviewed and contracted special counsel and began process for court case concerning the proposed annexation of Election Districts 17 & 20 to the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- **Hosted presentation and discussion of Policies, Procedures and the Law concerning the Town of Ossining Planning Board**
- **Negotiated and settled four year contract with the Village of Ossining for the provision of Police Services to the Unincorporated Area of the Town**

While we work on all of these projects, we are also responsible for the day to day activities of the Town of Ossining. This is a hands-on administration who watches the budget everyday and works with the Department Heads and Teams to ensure that the tax payer’s funds are used property.

Fund Balance (Savings or “Rainy Day” funds)			
Year End	2011	2012	2013
General Fund	\$1,022,444	\$1,063,927	\$1,854,063
Town Outside	\$ 980,987	\$1,263,883	\$1,530,206
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 480,890</u>	<u>\$ 578,673</u>	<u>\$ 692,833</u>

Subtotal – three Primary Funds	\$2,484,321	\$ 2,906,483	\$ 4,077,102
All Other Funds	<u>\$ 955,218</u>	<u>\$ 1,154,528</u>	<u>\$ 1,044,600</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$3,439,539	\$4,061,011	\$5,121,702

Our budgets increases for 2015 each fund

General Fund	1.6% “one point six percent.”
Unincorporated Fund	- .073% <u>decrease</u> of “less than three-quarters of a percent decrease”

Highway	<u>1.38 %</u> “one point thirty-eight percent”
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Total Unincorporated	- .0020 or zero “two-tenths of a percent”
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Goals for 2015

- **Complete the work of changing the size, and increased authority of, Board of Ethics**
- **Restructure the Planning Board with new leadership and increased transparency**
- **Complete the review and update of the Town Comprehensive Plan**
- **Work with a committee and the Planning Board to initiate the Board of Architecture Review as part of the Planning Process**
- **Develop a schedule of infrastructure improvements such as road repaving and curb replacement/repair throughout the Unincorporated Area**
- **With a coalition with the Villages of Ossining and Briarcliff Manor, implement a program to provide solar power at a reduced rate for residential and commercial property owners in the Town of Ossining.**
- **Negotiate a fair and equable contract with the Teamsters for 2016-2019.**
- **Investigate grants for every department, as well as for outside Not for Profit and safety net organizations, ensuring that Ossining gets its fair share of monies available through all types of resources.**
- **Implement next steps (reporting) using the biometric time clocks in controlling employee attendance, ensuring that all employees are treated fairly and that taxpayers dollars are used efficiently.**

Some important dates to remember

Next Tuesday we will be having our first Town Hall Meeting for 2015 Tuesday January 20, 2015 starting at 6:30 PM

At that time, the Town Board will meet with the 2015 Planning Board to discuss some of the changes that will occur in the year ahead, as well as to show our support for this very important Board. (The Town Hall Meeting on the Reval will commence afterwards at 7:30PM.)

The Town of Ossining is proud to announce the selection of two new members and one re-appointment to the Town Of Ossining Planning Board. All 3 members are residents of the Unincorporated Area of the Town.

Ingrid Richards has been named Chair of Town of Ossining Planning Board. Ingrid has long been active in the Ossining community in a variety of capacities. She currently serves as the Manager of Downtown and Economic Development for the Village of Ossining, drawing heavily on her vast knowledge of land use and compliance. Ingrid has also served on the Town of Ossining Zoning Board and Citizen Finance Advisory Committee, and also sat on the Board of Ossining MATTERS. Ingrid holds a Masters of Public Administration (MPA) from Pace University.

Gareth Hougham has been reappointed as a Member of the Ossining Planning Board. Gareth joined the Town Planning Board in mid-2014, where he fulfilled the unexpired term of another member. Over his time with the Board, he has proven to be a valuable asset with a critical mind. With an extensive background in Chemistry and a mind towards the environment, Gareth has brought a fresh perspective to the Board during his tenure and brings an impressive skill set to the Planning Board.

Finally, Jim Bossinas has been appointed as a new member of the Town of Ossining Planning Board. A life-long Ossining resident, Jim attended the University at Buffalo (SUNY) and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Design and a Masters of Architecture. Jim practices mainly in Westchester County and works primarily in residential design. Jim is also heavily involved in the Ossining community through his work with Jesse Collyer Youth Sports, and serves on the Ossining Travel Baseball Board.

These members of our community will be joining Greg McWilliams and Dennis Kirby who will continue and be instrumental in bringing the institutional knowledge to the

There will be other changes to the Town of Ossining Planning Board.

- **Effective immediately, all applications will be submitted electronically (PDF) as well as in hard copy. The electronic versions will be distributed to the members of the Planning Board, as well as posted on the Town Planning Board page (<http://www.townofossining.com/j25/planning-board>). All iterations of an**

application will remain on the page to allow any interested party to refer back to prior versions.

- Meetings of the Town Planning Board will be videotaped beginning in February 2015, broadcast on Government TV, and posted on the web page.
- A committee will be formed by the end of January to research, document and advise the Town Board on the development and implementation of a Board of Architectural Review. Once established, this important role would also become the responsibility of the Town Planning Board.
- We will begin Planning Board meeting minutes as soon as they are approved by the Planning Board. In the past, we have waited until the Town Board accepted the minutes as well.
- We will review our process for notifying residents, commercial property owner and neighboring municipalities concerning developments that come before the Planning Board.
- The next Town of Ossining Planning Board Meeting will be held TOMORROW, January 14th, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Ossining Public Library. Please check the Town web page at www.townofossining.com for more information.

At 7:30 PM

We will have John Wolham, Director of the Southern Region for the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, will be discussing the Homestead Option, the required timeline for investigation, and the action steps leading up to this very important decision. Melissa Baer from Tyler Technologies and our Town Assessor Fernando Gonzalez will be updating us on the progress of the Town-wide Re-valuation.

This coming weekend, as we celebrate and pay tribute to Martin Luther King and everything he stood for, we reflect on his life through words and music.

On Saturday January 17, 2015, The Cooperative Scholarship Committee will hold a fund raiser at the Ossining High School at 3:00 PM. Come in the spirit of unity and service, and share in the celebration and tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On Sunday January 18, 2015, the Briarcliff - Ossining Ministerial Association invites you to join us at our annual celebration of the life of Martin Luther King at 7:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church 34 South Highland Avenue Ossining, NY 10562

Solarize Ossining-Briarcliff Manor

On Saturday, [January 24](#) at 10:00am at the Briarcliff Library, we will have our first kickoff meeting of a program designed to bring solar power to our residents and commercial property owners through a pre-selected vendor and user friendly process. Our second kick-off meeting will be held on Thursday January 29th at the Ossining Library at 7:00 PM.

Solarize Westchester has selected the Town of Ossining, and the Villages of Briarcliff Manor and Ossining, to participate in a solar electricity infrastructure installation discount program that will make going solar easy and affordable for their residents and businesses. Green Ossining, a community-based environmental resource protection and sustainability volunteer organization, will be assisting in the public outreach for this project.

Solarize Ossining–Briarcliff increases the opportunities for residential and commercial solar infrastructure installation through a proven formula.

Group discounts offered by a pre-selected, qualified solar contractor are coupled with extensive community outreach and education to create awareness and build interest. A clear end date motivates residents to act.

Lots more information at

<http://www.solarizewestchester.com/solarize-ossining-briarcliff/>

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

III. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting -December 23, 2014

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 approves the Minutes of the December 23, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated January 13, 2015 in the amount of \$67,576.05 for 2014 and \$125,408.83 for 2015. Grand total of \$192,984.88.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Change to Dale Cemetery Fee Schedule

Councilmember Harter 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 following addition made to the Dale Cemetery Fee Schedule, effective January 14th, 2015:

Requested Amendment/ Void of Deed: \$50 per Deed Changed

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Call for Public Hearing- Local Law #1 of 2015-Changes to Town Ethics Code

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 calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 27th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village of Ossining Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, in the matter of Local Law #1 of 2015 –Changes to Town Ethics Code.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Call for Public Hearing- Local Law #2 Salary of Elected Highway Superintendent

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 27th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village of Ossining Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, in the matter of the Local Law #2- Salary of Elected Highway Superintendent.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

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

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

- **2014 Annual Report Zoning Board of Appeals**

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of December, 2014 from:

- **John F. Welch Learning Development Center (Helicopter Report)**
- **Town Clerk's Office**
- **Town Supervisor's Office**
- **Town Building Department**

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. VISITOR RECOGNITION

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 P.M. Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Harter that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk