



**SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
16 CROTON AVE. 1ST FLOOR
OSSINING, NY 10562
DECEMBER 29, 2015
6:00 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 Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on December 29, 2015 in the Municipal Building, 16 Croton Avenue, 1st Floor Board Room in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Supervisor Susanne Donnelly. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Geoffrey Harter and Eric Blaha. Councilmember Northern Wilcher arrived at 6:07 p.m. Councilmember Kim Jefferey was absent. Also present were Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

III. **BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

A. Environmental Advisory Committee- Resignation

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of EAC Member Donna Sharrett, effective December 17th, 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Personnel: Building Department- Appointment

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 appoints Margaret Conn, Ossining, to the probationary position of Intermediate Clerk in the Town Building Department, effective January 4th, 2016.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Contract: MUNIS Software, Town Portion of Purchase

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 authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Village of Ossining to pay the Town portion for the MUNIS Software Accounting Package commissioned by the Village of Ossining, at a price not to exceed \$180,652.50.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Contract: Sunshine Children's Home Sewer Lift Station

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

Resolved, that the Supervisor is authorized to enter an agreement with the Sunshine Children's Home with regard to upgrades to the Town owned sewer lift station, as approved by the Town consulting Engineer, on the Sunshine property in a form approved by the Town Attorney, which agreement shall expire in six months if the upgrades aren't completed in that time period. This resolution shall not constitute an endorsement of the proposed Sunshine Children's Home expansion Plans, currently before the Town of New Castle.

Motion Carried: TABLED

E. Contract: Sunshine Children's Home, Support for Positive Declaration by Town of New Castle

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining has identified itself as an involved and interested agency in connection with the proposed expansion of the Sunshine Children's Home located in the Town New Castle, new the border with the Town of Ossining , due to the proximity of the property to areas of the unincorporated Town of Ossining and the potential significant impacts of the project could on the environment, impacting residents of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the project, including plans and other submissions in connection with the project and has educated itself regarding the details

of the project, has had its consultants review the proposed project, has heard presentations by the applicant and other interested parties concerning the project and various Board Members have attended proceedings before the New Castle Zoning Board concerning the proposed project, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has deliberated the question of whether the proposed project will likely cause significant environmental impacts, affecting not just the Town of New Castle but also areas and residents of the Town of Ossining, and concluded that the proposed project will likely result in significant adverse impacts, including but not limited to impacts to the aquifers, watershed, streams and watercourses, potential impacts resulting from blasting, regrading and significant quantities of fill being brought in, traffic impacts, both during construction due to the volume of fill coming onto to site and the associated truck traffic, and the long term traffic impacts due to the extent the facility is being expanded, other impacts including drainage issues, runoff, disturbance of slopes, extensive tree removal, visual and ascetics, noise, air and changes to the character of the neighborhood due to such a large expansion,

NOW, be it resolved that the Town, as an interested and involved agency hereby recommends and requests, due to the need to insure that a complete and comprehensive review of all the potential significant environmental impacts, as mandated by SEQRA, that a Positive Declaration be adopted by the Town Of New Castle Lead Agency in connection with the proposed project and that an Environmental Impact Statement, after a completed and comprehensive scoping session, be required in connection with the proposed project.

Motion Carried: TABLED

F. Permission for Extended Sale Deadline and Property Redemption- 19 Cedar Lane

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

Whereas, the property at 19 Cedar Lane, Tax ID number 89.11-1-59, was on the list of properties to be auctioned by the Town for failure to pay delinquent taxes; and

Whereas, on May 27, 2014, the Town Board agreed to temporarily remove the property from the auction listing while efforts were made to market and sell the property; and

Whereas, the property owners have encountered extenuating circumstances while preparing the property for sale and have requested more time to market and sell the Property; and

Whereas, the Town Board, on September 23rd, 2014, approved a resolution extending this deadline to December 31st, 2014; and

Whereas, a further delay was requested by the real estate agent, in expectation of a pending sale; and

Whereas, the Town Board desires to allow the property owners a window of opportunity to redeem the property prior to auction;

Now, therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby grants an extension to this deadline until December 31, 2015; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby allows The Estate of Maria Kellner, the owner of the property at 19 Cedar Lane, Ossining, to redeem said property by paying all outstanding taxes, interest, penalties and fees, plus an additional ten (10%) percent penalty on the lien amount, for a total of **\$46,305.33**, which, upon the recommendation of the Receiver of Taxes, the Town Board finds to be fair and appropriate based on the specific and unique circumstances of this case.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Calling for a Public Hearing in the Matter of Local Law #1 of 2016- Revising References in the Town Code Referring to the Town Attorney

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 calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at 7:30PM in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining, in the matter of Local Law #1 of 2016, regarding the Revision of References in the Town Code Referring to the Town Attorney.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Calling for a Public Hearing in the Matter of Local Law #2 of 2016- Consultant Fees in the Town of Ossining

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 calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at 7:35PM in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining, in the matter of Local Law #2 of 2016, regarding consulting fees in the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 P.M., Trustee Blaha moved and it was seconded by Trustee Harter that the Special Meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts Village Clerk