



SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
53 CROTON AVENUE-BUDARZ THEATER
OSSINING, NEW YORK

MARCH 15, 2016
7:30 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Dana Levenberg

COUNCILMEMBERS
Karen M. D’Attore Elizabeth R. Feldman
Kim L. Jeffrey Northern Wilcher, Jr.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL**
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**
- IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

A. Town Court- Audit 2015

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 2015 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.

B. Acceptance of Bylaws- Ossining Recreation Advisory Board (RAB)

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the revised bylaws of the Ossining Recreation Advisory Board, adopted by the RAB on January 11th, 2016.

C. Resolution Choosing Default Rate for CCA Program

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously adopted a resolution unanimously authorizing the Town to participate in a Community Choice Aggregation Program (“CCA Program”). which was intended to provide residential and small non-residential consumers “with the ability to lower their overall energy costs and the potential benefits of the CCA programs include price stability for a fixed contract term, lower prices, more favorable contract terms, and the ability to design a program that reflects local preferences and needs, including a preference for cleaner power sources,” and as part of that resolution the Town Board authorized the Town Supervisor to execute any and all documents to give effect to the resolution; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Town Board’s authorization, the Town Supervisor executed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Sustainable Westchester, a not-for-profit organization comprised of over forty municipalities in Westchester County, including the Town, for Sustainable Westchester to serve as Program Manager for the CCA Program; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Westchester received compliant bids, as defined in the MOU, from several energy service companies and accepted a bid from ConEdison Solutions, pursuant to the terms of which ConEdison Solutions would provide electricity for a period of two (2) years at a lower fixed rate for both Basic Service Supply and 100% Renewable Energy Supply than the 2015 benchmark rate from the existing local utility as set forth in the below chart:

Rate Comparison		Westchester Smart Power Program rate choices with ConEdison Solutions	
Rate Class	Local utility rate in 2015 for Basic Service Supply (Brown benchmark)	100% Renewable Energy Supply (Green Option)	Basic Service Supply (Brown Option)

Residential (EL1)	\$0.0809	\$0.0768	\$0.0738
Small Commercial (EL2)	\$0.0968	\$0.0965	\$0.0961

; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by the Town Board, the Town Supervisor executed an agreement with ConEdison Solutions;

WHEREAS, because both the Basic Service Supply rate and the 100% Renewable Energy Supply rate are lower than the 2015 benchmark rate, the Town Board has to choose which rate to use at the default rate for electricity users within the Town participating in the CCA Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that a main objective to participating in the CCA Program is to promote and pursue clean energy sources and given that: (1) the 100% Renewable Energy Supply is lower than the 2015 benchmark rate, (2) the Town Board understands from representatives of Sustainable Westchester that the annual difference between the 100% Renewable Energy Supply rate and Basic Service Supply rate will be relatively small (approximately less than \$30 per year for a residence), and (3) any electricity user within the Town participating in the CCA Program will be able to opt out of the default 100% Renewable Energy Supply and choose the Basic Service Supply;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Town Board designates the 100% Renewable Energy Supply as the default rate for the CCA Program.

V. ADJOURNMENT –WORK SESSION

BY LAWS OF THE OSSINING
RECREATION AND PARKS
ADVISORY BOARD

ARTICLE I –NAME:

The name of this organization shall be the “Ossining Recreation and Parks Advisory Board”.

ARTICLE II – DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Section 1. The Board shall consider suggestions , ideas, criticisms and changes proposed by Town and Village residents and organizations, or which may referred to it by the Superintendent of Recreation and Parks.

Section 2. The scope of subjects for Board consideration will be generally determined by the following definition of “recreation”.

Any activity or program (including facilities and personnel related thereto) which has, as its purpose, play, diversion, entertainment, or leisure activities for the general benefit of Ossining residents.

The Board shall, from time to time:

- a.** Recommend programs, actions or activities that will foster community interest in Recreation;
- b.** Recommend and advise of priorities for long range planning of programs and facilities;
- c.** Maintain open communications with Ossining and Briarcliff Manor residents and interpret community needs and interests;
- d.** Evaluate the maintenance and current uses of Town and Village parks for the purpose of developing recommendations for their improved use for recreational purposes as well as unprogrammed open space and other uses;
- e.** Prepare and submit park and recreation studies as the Board and or the Town or Village Boards deem necessary;
- f.** Support, promote and assist in implementing all scheduled programs, activities and special events conducted by the Town and Village parks and recreation departments;
- g.** Remain informed on current trends in the parks and recreation field;

h. Advise on proposed recreation budget.

Section 3. The Board shall at all times endeavor to establish friendly and cooperative relationships with the schools (public and private) and other community groups which are concerned with Ossining recreation.

Section 4. The Board may undertake any activity which may be specifically authorized by the Town Board or Village Board.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. The Board shall be composed of nine (9) residents from the Town of Ossining, five (5) shall be from the Village of Ossining appointed by the Village Board and four (4) shall be from the Town of Ossining appointed by the Town Board, two (2) of whom shall be from the Unincorporated Area of Ossining and two (2) from the Village of Briarcliff Manor. Each member of the Board shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.

The Board shall elect one of its members to act as Chairperson for a term of one (1) year. No member shall serve as an officer for more than three (3) consecutive years. Election of Officers will take place in January.

Section 2. Each member of the Board shall have one vote.

Section 3. The Recreation and Parks Superintendent, one member of the Town Board and one member of the Village Board shall be ex-officio members of the Board. Ex-Officio members shall be non-voting members, who shall report to their respective Boards or staff regarding Recreation Board meetings.

Section 4. A vacancy in a Village membership on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Village Board and a vacancy in a Town membership shall be filled by appointment by the Town Board.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION:

Section 1. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall perform the duties usually associated with the responsibilities of the Chairperson of such an organization.

Section 2. The Board shall elect one of its members to serve as Vice Chairperson during any absences of the Chairperson and assume the duties of the chair or chairperson as needed.

Section 3. The Board shall elect one of its members to act as Secretary. The

Secretary shall keep full and accurate records of all meeting of the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incidental to the office. Copies of the minutes of all meeting of the board shall be distributed to each member of the Board, the Superintendent of Recreation and Parks, the Village and Town Boards' liaisons.

ARTICLE V – SUB-COMMITTEES:

Section 1. The Board may establish standing and Ad Hoc Committees as deemed necessary for the purpose of study or to promote the objectives or interests of the Board. Each sub-committee shall have its Chairperson appointed by the Chairperson of the Recreation Advisory Board.

Section 2. Sub-Committees may include other interested residents who may participate in meetings when pertinent but shall hold no voting rights.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS:

The Board shall meet nine times per year on a stated date to be selected by the Board and may hold such other meeting as the Board may from time to time determine. One-half of active members of the Board plus one shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. If an odd number of active members, round down to nearest whole number. Any member of the Board who is absent for any three consecutive meetings (stated or adjourned) without an excused absence shall be automatically dismissed from the Board, unless reappointed by the governing body which originally appointed such member. Any reappointment shall not extend the term of such member.

As amended on January 11, 2016 by the Recreation Advisory Board.

The changes will not take effect until reviewed and approved by the Town Board of Ossining and the Village Board of Ossining.