



**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK
APRIL 10, 2018
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR
Dana A. Levenberg**

**COUNCILMEMBERS
Karen M. D’Attore Elizabeth R. Feldman
Jackie G. Shaw Northern Wilcher, Jr.**

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

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on April 10, 2018 in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Elizabeth R. Feldman, Northern Wilcher Jr., Jackie G. Shaw and Karen D’Attore Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm Addona, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

To begin, I shared this announcement via a web blast yesterday, but I want to bring it to everyone’s attention once again as time is of the essence. I learned from one of my fellow Supervisors that folks with Cablevision/Optimum who lost service during the recent storms may be eligible for a bill credit, depending on how long your service was out. Time periods lasting more than 4 hours would qualify. You need to contact Cablevision in order to be verified for this credit-- call them at (718) 860-3513, or live chat through the Town website. You will need to provide your home address and what dates you were without service-- even though they likely have this information already, you will not be issued a credit without asking for it and providing the proper information about your outage. The sooner you can make contact on this, the better the chance you will receive the credit you are due.

Yesterday, Neighbor’s Link opened their doors in Ossining at 23-25 Spring Street, and we are so very pleased to have them here. They are a great resource for our community and we look forward to the many additional programs that they plan to offer over the coming years. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this day possible.

Earlier today, I had the pleasure of joining Congresswoman Nita Lowey, along with Village of Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity and Ossining Children’s Center Director Howard Milbert to announce a big boost in funding for childcare in the US, and in particular, \$107 million additional dollars coming to New York State. We hope that this will help provide parents with quality childcare, which makes it easier for everyone in our community to be successful.

This Thursday, April 12th, Rock for a Cause with the Mike Risko Band at Maya Riviera on North State Road beginning at 7PM. All proceeds from the show will go to benefit the Ossining High School PTSA—make a dinner reservation or just come enjoy the live music!

On Friday, April 13th between 9AM and 1PM, the Office of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, along with the City of White Plains Dept. of Public Safety and Westchester County, will host a Community Gun Buy Back Amnesty Program at Mount Hope AME Zion Church at 65 Lake Street in White Plains. Payment for UNLOADED weapons will be made on site via debit card, no questions asked. For more information, call the Attorney General's office at (212) 416-6044 or look at the Town of Ossining homepage for more specific information.

If you're ready to get a jump on some Spring cleaning, the Westchester County Mobile Shredder will be visiting Ossining NEXT Saturday, April 14th. Bring up to 4 file-sized boxes of paper (no paperclips/ binderclips/bindings please!) to the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center between 10AM and 1PM-- they will take your papers and shred them right before your eyes! Remember-- this is for residential shredding only, no businesses. And if you want to plan ahead, May 5th is the Ossining Community Wide Tag Sale through Green Ossining. Sign up now to secure your spot on the map!

This Saturday, April 14th, consider visiting the Ossining Public Library for "Demystifying Medicare," a presentation by Westchester Seniors Out Speaking (WSOS). If you are nearing 65 or have a close friend or family member who is struggling with all of the rules and regulations, this presentation will help you learn the terminology and deadlines you'll need to know to make a successful transition to Medicare. Pre-registration is suggested—please call (914) 231-3236. The presentation starts at 9:30AM in the second floor conference room, all are welcome.

Just across town, the Ossining Historical Society Museum at 196 Croton Avenue will be hold a "Memories Collage" workshop between 1PM and 3PM. Bring your own glue stick and scissors, along with trinkets, lace, buttons, or a photocopy of an important photo or document (make sure to leave the original at home, as it will be glued down!) Visit the OHSM for some guidance on how to make your unique art piece for just \$10 per person.

This Saturday and Sunday, the theater space at Westchester Collaborative Theater on Water Street will be hosting the second and final weekend of performances of "Dry Powder," a dark comedy by Sarah Burgess and directed by Ed Friedman. Check out the 2PM or 8PM performances on Saturday the 14th or the 3PM matinee on Sunday the 15th. I went to see Dry Powder this past weekend and cannot recommend it highly enough—get your tickets at brownpapertickets.com.

You can also listen to the cool vocal stylings of Alexis Cole at the Elks Lodge, 118 Croton Ave on Saturday night, beginning at 7:30PM—Alexis has been compared to the classic jazz artists of the 1920s, and has performed on stages nationwide. I can personally vouch for her talent and vocal finesse. There is a small cover charge at the door, but you are in for a full night of entertainment as part of the Second Saturday Jazz Series.

On Tuesday, April 17th, "Exploring the Serious Side of Food- A Reading and Discussion Group" begins at the Ossining Public Library with Session 1, which will explore the infamous expose "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair with special guest speaker Phil Haynes, livestock ranger at Stone Barns Center. This 4 part series will continue on April 24th, May 8th and May 15th and will cover Diet Cults by Matt Fitzgerald, In Defense of Food by Michael Pollan and The Third Plate by Dan Barber. Each session will begin at 10:30AM and pre-registration is required. Email Linda Levine at LLevine@wlsmail.org as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

On Saturday, April 21st, we will be joining with the Village of Ossining to celebrate Ossining's 8th Annual Earth Day at Louis Engel Park. Organized by Green Ossining and led by the sustainable superstar Suzie Ross, the event begins at 10AM and goes until 5PM, and there will be plenty to do to keep you occupied! This year's theme is "Our Sustainable Community," and you will have a chance to check out artisanal vendors, local food including vegan & vegetarian fare, educational opportunities, and eco-demos and activities. Ossining's event has been arguably the

best attended in Westchester for the past several years, so mark your calendar now for a beautiful day down at the waterfront with several thousand of your friends and neighbors! Students at AMD recently submitted their posters for Earth Day to a friendly poster contest. Winners will be announced on Earth Day at the waterfront.

Finally, it's official—Ossining's annual Stash the Trash event will take place on Saturday, May 5th this year—there are multiple events scheduled for that day as part of I Love My Park Day, including cleaning up the waterfront and the Old Croton Aqueduct, and the Community Wide Tag Sale, so all things cleaning related. Be sure to keep your calendar clear--Mother Earth will thank you.

Councilmember Shaw welcomed Bill Garrison to the position of Superintendent of Parks & Recreation where he was introduced at the Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting last evening.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember D'Attore announced over this past weekend IFCA celebrated their 50th Anniversary at The Briarcliff Manor where several awards were presented with one being our Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- **Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk**

Supervisor Levenberg presented Town Clerk, Mary Ann Roberts with a proclamation. Supervisor Levenberg stated that this weekend many of us had the pleasure of joining with IFCA to recognize you for your many, many contributions to our community, and to IFCA in particular, as you received IFCA's Susan Brewster Eisenmann Award for your steadfast advocacy and commitment to the people of the greater Ossining community. Marlene Cheatham spoke of you as a super woman (or was it Wonder Woman?). Either way, as a woman you were the first to serve as Mayor of the Village of Ossining. Among the many accomplishments Marlene touted, keeping her calm and keeping her from stepping off the board were some notable ones she highlighted! You always offer perspective on any situation and certainly have had to keep calm in many. Thank you again for your above and beyond commitment to Ossining, and congratulations on receiving this recognition.

Town Clerk, Mary Ann Roberts read the following report:

I would like to thank the Town Board especially Town Supervisor Levenberg. Councilmembers D'Attore, Shaw and Wilcher for attending IFCA's 50th Anniversary celebration this past Saturday afternoon at which time I was honored with the Susan Brewster Eisemann Award. The office of the Town Clerk has a variety of functions which include the attendance of all regular and special legislative meetings for the Town and Village as I am also the Village Clerk. Minutes are taken at both of these meetings which includes certification of all the resolutions adopted and indexing of the minutes. We also process local laws beginning with the notification for the Public Hearing, publications of the legal notice, filing adopted local laws with the Secretary of State and upon filing with the State forwarding it to General Code for inclusion in the Code book. We process and maintain a record of all Notice of Claims received in this office for both the Town & Village. Marriage Licenses are issued as well as Cabaret Licenses, Peddlers, and all conservation licenses. Death records and dog licenses are also issued through the Town. The Clerk's office also conducts elections which this year will contain three elections one on June 26th; Primary on September 13th and November 6th for the general election. Any bond resolutions for either Town or Village are also processed in this office. As far as the Village is concerned we issue Taxi Company and Driver's licenses; laundromat, coin controlled, alarm permits, sidewalk café permits and refreshment licenses. As Village Clerk we issue Municipal Lot Parking Permits and Commuter Parking Permits. FOIL requests are processed for both Town and

Village of Ossining. At the present time we are compiling the list of fire department members to provide this information for the Assessor's Office for an exemption of a portion of Village taxes.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

VI. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting

Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the March 27, 2018 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes-Special Meeting

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the April 3, 2018 minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated April 10, 2018 in the amount of \$326,519.35.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that this week, we have our April 2018 IMA with the Village of Ossining, as well as our second of six payments to OVAC for ambulance service to the Mid Hudson Ambulance District and our Town/County tax bills for all Town owned property.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. New York State Workplace Violence Prevention

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

Whereas, Governor Pataki signed the Workplace Violence Prevention Act into law on June 7, 2006, which requires all state and local governments in New York State to conduct a risk assessment of their worksites, and to identify and address any existing risk factors that may increase the likelihood of workplace violence; and

Whereas, the Act also requires annual training for all employees and Boards, as well as the annual re-adoption of the Injury and Illness Prevention Program for Workplace Violence, which was first adopted in 2007;

Now therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby re-adopts this Program for Calendar Year 2018, and hereby commits to working to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all Town employees.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of the 2018 Cabaret License Renewal for The Briarcliff Manor Restaurant & Catering Corp.

Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman 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, April 24th, 2018 the at 7:30 p.m. at the Birdsall/Fagan Police Court Facility 86-88 Spring Street Ossining NY 10562, in the matter of the 2018 Cabaret License for The Briarcliff Manor Restaurant & Catering Corp. located at 25 Studio Hill Road, Road Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. 10510.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Auctions International- Acceptance of High Bids

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining declared, by resolution on February 27th, 2018, the below items Surplus and authorized them to be posted on Auctions International; and

Whereas, the auctions have closed and the Town Board is in receipt of the high bids for each item;

Now, therefore be it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining does hereby accept these high bids and permit the sales of these items to the high bidders.

Ex Mark, Serial #LHP23KA505 (Parks): \$1,725.00
2003 Ford Taurus, VIN #1FAFP58363A279516 (Parks): \$310.00
2005 Kubota, Serial #R4205-10461 (Parks): \$18,800.00
2003 Ford Explorer, VIN #1FMZU73W33ZA76750 (Parks): \$520.00
2004 Ford F-250, VIN #1FTNX21L64EC87150 (Parks): \$1,525.00
Leaf Vacuum Machine, Serial #691551 (Cemetery): \$300.00
2003 Jeep Liberty, VIN #1J4GL48K93W638696 (Cemetery): \$260.00
2002 Gem Electric Car, VIN #5ASAG474X2FO30294 (Cemetery): \$1,050.00
IDE Generator (Highway): \$2,550.00
1991 FMC, Serial #A322510 (Highway): \$3,950.00
1996 Monroe Spreader, Serial #96 11 7152 (Highway): \$280.00
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1996 Chevrolet 3500, VIN #1GBJK34R6TE190133 (Highway): \$2,425.00

Supervisor Levenberg stated that we are so excited to have this resolution come up tonight—once the Board approves the high bids, we can contact the good folks at Auctions International and let them know the winners can come pick up their treasures. We did better than expected on several items, and we are looking forward to clearing up some extra space at our Highway yard and in our parks.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Contract with Sustainable Westchester- Alternative Fuel IMA

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Sustainable Westchester for the purpose of identifying and qualifying auto dealers and manufacturers interested in EV Discounts for Municipal Fleets and in comarketing programs and aggregation

discounts for municipal, institutional & private citizen purchases of plug in electric passenger vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, electric vehicle charging systems, electric landscaping equipment, and such other related Alternative Fuel equipment and services that advance Participants' sustainability goals and facilitate the deployment of AF Equipment within Westchester County.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Title Change- Highway Department

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining appointed Fern Quezada to the position of part-time Office Assistant Automated Systems for the Town Highway Department in December of 2017; and

Whereas, correspondence with the Westchester County Department of Civil Service has since suggested that a different title would be more appropriate;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby converts the appointment of Fern Quezada to the title of Part-Time Intermediate Clerk in the Town Highway Department.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Agreement: Risk Management Associated

Councilmember Shaw moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the retention of Risk Management Associated of Fort Montgomery, New York for the purpose of performing mandatory health and safety training for the Town of Ossining, at a price not to exceed \$4,100 for training conducted on April 11th, 2018.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that tomorrow morning, Lisa Hanssen from RMA will be conducting an extensive training for our Highway and Parks staff on PESH mandated annual material such as hearing protection, fire extinguisher safety, and personal protective equipment. Lisa started with us last year and really got us into shape—lots of thanks to Linda McMahon from the Village of Ossining for the recommendation. As the Board may notice, we are also getting a significant discount for being “clients in good standing,” which makes us even more excited to work with Lisa and her team to keep all of our staff safe at work.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

VIII. MONTHLY REPORTS

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of March 2018:

- Town Clerk's Office
- G.E. Helicopter Report
- Town Supervisor's Office
- Town Building Department
- Town Tax Receiver's Office
- Dale Cemetery

IX. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Jerry Smith of Spring Valley Road commented on members of the Community who have made social contributions to the Community such as Bobby Williams. He would like to suggest to both the Town and Village that a Memorial Park should be established to recognize these individuals so that future generations will see what these individuals contributed to the Community. He also announced the re-vamping of the NAACP with a meeting on April 12, 2018 at the Ossining Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT –EXECUTIVE SESSION-ADVICE OF COUNSEL & REAL ESTATE

At 8:06 P.M., Councilmember D’Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:49 P.M., Councilmember D’Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcherto leave Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:50 P.M., Councilmember D’Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

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Mary Ann Roberts Town Clerk**