



**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY-BUDARZ THEATER
53 CROTON AVENUE – OSSINING, NEW YORK
MAY 1, 2018
SPECIAL 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 Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on May 1, 2018 at the Ossining Public Library –Budarz Theater, 53 Croton Avenue 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 Karen M. D’Attore, Elizabeth R. Feldman and Jackie G. Shaw Councilmember Norther Wilcher was absent. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm Adonna and Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz.

II. PUBLIC HEARING IN THE MATTER OF

- **Local Law #3 -2018 Establishing Electric Car Charging Regulations in the Town of Ossining**

The public hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that we are holding the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2018, which will regulate the use of our electric vehicle charging stations in Engel, Cedar Lane and Ryder Parks. These stations, which were mostly funded by grants from New York State, were unveiled at Earth Day and will be valuable assets in our Town Parks for years to come. However, at the advice of Sustainable Westchester and our counsel, it became clear that we needed to pass legislation to create rules for their use. We are hopeful that, finding nothing controversial, the Board will agree to adopt this local law later this evening.

No one came to speak at this public hearing.

At 7:35 p.m. Councilmember D’Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the Public Hearing be closed.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

I had the opportunity to attend the Pocantico River Watershed Alliance forum on reducing the use of lawn and landscape chemicals to help mitigate our negative impact on our watersheds, which directly impact our health and the environment. I was pleased to relate, in partnership with our Parks Foreman Mario Velardo, that the Town is making efforts in our parks to avoid at all costs the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides. We do not use them right now. Additionally, in the last few years our Parks department has utilized the mulching in place option for dealing with leaves in our parks, which is more efficient, less costly, and better for the grass. We learned a lot about how best to support nature in our midst and protect public health, and I look forward in the near future to bringing forth

additional initiatives to help educate and incentivize healthier, more eco-friendly practices throughout the Town.

Thursday evening, I was so excited to join the Ossining Lions for their 90th anniversary celebration. They put on a small skit with some of the very talent in their midst, as well as a few ringers from Westchester Collaborative Theater, to highlight how Helen Keller put her stamp on the organization and gave them their focus of supporting help for those with challenges with eye sight. Congratulations to the Lions, Maureen Morgan, and Stephen Hersh for writing a brilliant skit which truly shed light on this interesting history.

On Friday, just before our Arbor Day celebration in the Town, I participated in a policy forum with key stakeholders from state and county government and the industry “to discuss electric vehicles so we could uncover and understand the current status and trends of EVS, discuss mutual goals, identify obstacles, and create a framework for coordinated action that saves money for consumers and taxpayers while electrifying Westchester’s transportation system.” Our good friend Ron Kamen, clean transportation program director for Sustainable Westchester, moderated the highly engaging forum. I think we left with some specific, actionable next steps, and look forward to participating in shared goal setting.

Our Arbor Day celebration was blessed with very cold rain, which I understand, was considered good luck! I was joined by my colleagues on the board, Jackie Shaw and Liz Feldman, as well as Green Ossining’s Suzie Ross and Donna Sharrett, as well as our EAC Chair Mitzi Elkes, and Gareth Hougham from our Planning Board. Our Parks guys helped dig a trench and we all learned from Donna Sharrett about choosing trees wisely—this one was a Red Oak which thrives in slightly salty water conditions, good for the Hudson, what size is most likely to thrive (about 4 feet tall with bare roots), not to build a mound, but rather create a well and do not bury the roots very deep, and make sure any natural mulch is not too close to the trunk. Make sure the tree gets about 1” of water a week. Look for the orange fencing around our new tree. Thanks to Victoria Cafarelli from my office for coordinating.

Friday night I joined the Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series for their screening of Al Gore’s *An Inconvenient Sequel*, which further underscored the need for us to take action locally to address the serious threat of climate change to our livelihoods.

We have lots coming up in town this weekend, including several ways to pitch in and help clean up Ossining and help preserve some of the beautiful natural resources in our area. Saturday, May 5th is I Love My Park Day, a statewide initiative with a local event at the Old Croton Aqueduct. You can register in advance online at www.ptny.org, but pre-registration is not required. Join me and other volunteers along the Old Croton Aqueduct trail on Quaker Bridge Road in Croton at 9:30 am, and get all the supplies you need to help clean up the trail by throwing out trash, nipping invasive plants in the bud, and restore some of the historic features of the Old Croton Aqueduct. Goodies from the Black Cow and Baked by Susan will be provided to volunteers, but be sure to bring a water bottle and lunch if you plan to stay for the whole day.

You can also join Riverkeeper at one of their two sweeps at the Ossining waterfront between 8am and 10am—learn more at www.riverkeeper.org. You can also help out Riverkeeper and join in their “Stencil a Storm Drain,” project, making a permanent impact on keeping our waterways clean.

Finally, Saturday May 5th is also Stash the Trash day in Ossining. Stop by the Recreation Center at 95 Broadway to pick up your gloves and bags and register your location on May 4th and/or 5th from 8:30-noon. We can give you some ideas if you don’t have any spots you are targeting. We are all in this together. Hope to see you out there! You can also visit greenossining.org to see the locations for the Town-Wide tag sale on Saturday—come find some new and gently-used treasures to add to your stash.

You could also jog with your dog at the SPCA of Westchester’s annual Dog Walk and Pet Fair on Saturday between 10am to 2pm at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights. Sign-up to be a walker and you can create a fundraising page to gather pledges to support your walk. It will be a great day for the whole family to support the animals at the SPCA—learn more by giving them a call at 941-2896, or visiting www.spca914.org. On the website, you can also see which animals are up for adoption and might make the perfect addition to your family.

Finally for this weekend, on Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th, the Ossining Arts Council will host their Spring Pottery Show and Sale at the Bethany Arts Community at 40 Somerstown Road. Come check out some great designs available to admire or to purchase—admission is free.

On Sunday, May 6th, the Christopher Columbus Lodge #692 will host their annual car show, co-sponsored by the Ossining PBA. Come check out some trucks, motorcycles and (of course) awesome classic cars at the Ossining Train Station between 10AM-4PM. DJ Johnny will be there spinning tunes, there will be food available for purchase.

Also on Sunday the 6th, the Briarcliff Manor Scarborough Historical Society will present “Crossing the Croton Part III” at the Briarcliff Library at 2PM. Not to worry if you missed “one” and “two”—there is still plenty more to learn about the bridges across one of our local Rivers!

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Finance- Capital Project #2018-5209 – Reuben House Restoration

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes opening a 2018 Capital Project #2018-5203, entitled “Reuben House Restoration”, with a project budget of \$15,000 for mitigation funded by a fund balance transfer from the General Fund.

Increase:	3707110.5209	\$15,000 – Reuben House Restoration (Expense)
Increase:	370050.5031.5209	\$15,000 – Reuben House Restoration (Revenue)
Increase:	100060.4795	\$15,000 – Fund Balance (Revenue)
Increase:	1009550.905	\$15,000 – Transfer to Capital (Expense)

Supervisor Levenberg stated that the Reuben House is part of the original Kress estate at Cedar Lane Park, and unfortunately, it has deteriorated to the point that there is very little to salvage. We have discussed what options we have for the site, and all of those options include fairly major remediation before we can progress. It seems that the first step is to remove the asbestos. Once the structure has secured a clean bill of health, we will discuss how to proceed further.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of 2018 Cabaret License- The Briarcliff Manor Restaurant & Catering Corp., 25 Studio Hill Road, Briarcliff Manor, Town of Ossining

Councilmember D’Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:

Whereas, The Briarcliff Manor Restaurant & Catering Corp. has filed an application for a Cabaret License for the calendar year 2018; and

Whereas, the Town Board has reviewed the application and attachments thereto, as well as reports from involved departments, including the Police Department and Building Department; and

Whereas, on April 24th, 2018, the Town Board opened a Public Hearing on the subject cabaret application, at which time all persons interested were given an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the cabaret application, and the public hearing was closed on April 24th, 2018; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the application of The Briarcliff Manor, 25 Studio Hill Road, Briarcliff Manor, in the Unincorporated Area of the Town of Ossining, for a Cabaret License, subject to the following limitations and conditions: Bands/DJs with no more than 6 performers to be allowed on Sunday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 12:00 p.m. -12:00 a.m.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Fee Waiver for Ossining Basics

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

Whereas, the Ossining Basics campaign was introduced by the Ossining Union Free School District in 2017 to educate the community about early childhood literacy and school readiness; and

Whereas, the Ossining School District has requested to hold an end of the school year Ossining Basics celebration for families and community members on Friday, June 1st, 2018 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the Louis Engel Park Stage Area (the “Event”); now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Ossining School District to hold the Event and waives the field and facility use fee for use of the Louis Engel Park Stage Area with the use of lights.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Adoption of Local Law #3-2018 – Establishing Electric Car Charging Regulations in the Town of Ossining

Councilmember D’Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining has been considering the adoption of a proposed local law entitled “Establishing Electric Car Charging Regulations in the Town of Ossining,” which establish parking regulations for parking stalls intended for the use of charging electric cars at electric car charging stations in Town parks; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Law, and after having provided all requisite notice thereunder, the Town Board conducted a Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 3-2018 entitled “Establishing Electric Car Charging Regulations in the Town of Ossining” on May 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York during which the public had the opportunity to be heard on such proposed local law; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law is a Type II action and does not require environmental review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts Local Law #3-2018, entitled “Establishing Electric Car

Charging Regulations in the Town of Ossining” with such adoption to take effect as set forth in said Local Law and as otherwise required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs said Local Law #3 of 2018 to be filed and/or distributed in accordance with applicable law.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0

Ayes: Feldman, Shaw, D’Attore & Levenberg

E. Contract- National Standby Generator Maintenance Agreement for 2018

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 accepts the quote for monthly maintenance of the Town’s seven sewer lift station generators with National Standby Repair Inc., for a cost of \$1275 per generator for the year 2018.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that this is an annual agreement for our sewer lift station generators that took a while to materialize—stay tuned for more resolutions about sewer lift station maintenance coming up at next week’s meeting—we have a few projects in mind for this summer to give our sewer infrastructure some much-needed support.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Authorization- Ossining Fire Department, Engel Park

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 Supervisor to sign the Landlord Authorization Form as part of the New York State Liquor Authority’s Special Event Permit Application for the Ossining Fire Department’s event at Engel Park, scheduled for the evening of August 3rd, 2018.

Supervisor Levenberg hopes everyone has marked their calendars for one of Ossining’s most exciting annual events. On Friday, August 3rd, the Ossining Fire Department will parade through Town and wind down to the Ossining Waterfront, where they will hold their annual celebration at Louis Engel Park. As the landlord of the park, we are asked by the NYS Liquor Authority to acknowledge this event, and we join the OFD in looking forward to their parade this summer.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. ADJOURNMENT- TOWN HALL MEETING

At 7:54 P.M., Councilmember Shaw motioned to adjourn and Councilmember Feldman seconded that the meeting be adjourned to Town Hall Meeting.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. ADJOURNMENT–EXECUTIVE SESSION- ADVICE OF COUNSEL, PERSONNEL & CONTRACTS

At 8:34 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned and Councilmember Shaw seconded that the meeting be adjourned into Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:25 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

At 9:26 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts Village Clerk