



**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET
OSSINING, NEW YORK**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR
Susanne Donnelly**

**COUNCILMEMBERS
Geoffrey Harter Eric P. Blaha
Peter Tripodi Northern Wilcher**

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

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on September 24, 2012 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 Northern Wilcher and Geoffrey Harter. Councilmembers Eric Blaha and Peter Tripodi were absent. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Donnelly read the following statement into the record:
Good evening.

Welcome to the September 24, 2012 meeting of the Town Board of Ossining. We have moved our meeting to Monday to respect the holiday tomorrow... Tonight we are handling some of our everyday business such as paying the bills and approving that the courts can apply for a grant which allows them buy court items such as computers and furniture such as the witness stand for example.

We are appointing a representative to WESTCOP which is the county wide organization that our Community Action Program is a member of...

We have a new policy that we need to look in our own community when hiring at the municipal level. Ossining has a high unemployment rate as well as an exceptional pool of potential employees. We need to make sure that no matter the job, part time or full with experience or not we make every effort to hire within our community.

We are also going out for bid for two important contracts for 2013 and beyond. Our tree removal contract is just that to remove trees only. No longer will one company have the authority to determine if a tree is diseased or dead and then cut the tree down. Last week a work session we spoke to John Hamilton about the entire tree law and how it works since it was put into law in 1995. Please come to the Town Hall Meeting next Tuesday to review this with us and ask any questions you might have.... We apologize that last weeks work session was not televised because the camera man could not get to 16 Croton Ave due to the stormlooking at the weather this evening it is hard to imagine how crazy the weather was last Tuesday.

Speaking of crazy weather we want to thank our Highway personnel for their work they did during the storm. NY DOT could not get to the fallen tree on Rt 9A so we authorized the Highway personnel to go out and assist the County Police to get that

road open again. After that was completed they continued to work on storm drains and assist with fallen trees and limbs.

The second bid we are going out for is for the sanitation contract. We are asking the bidders to give two options one for two day pickup of household garbage and one for one day pickup...in this day we are recycling so much that many people do not have enough household garbage to fill their trash cans twice per week. As we stated at the last meeting we are only looking to see what the price difference is so that we can ask you the residents for your opinion on the situation. While we will not have the bids back we want to know your opinion please tell us at the Town Hall meeting next Tuesday Oct 2nd at the Ossining Public Library or write me at sdonnelly@townofossinng.com

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting

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 approves the September 11, 2012, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes-Special Meeting

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the September 18, 2012, Minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: TABLED
Ayes: Harter, Wilcher and
Supervisor Donnelly

C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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 approves the Voucher Detail Report dated September 24, 2012 in the amount of \$328,878.10

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Authorizing Town Justices and Town Supervisor to submit a grant application to New York State Office of Court Administration

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 authorizes the Town Justices and Town Supervisor to submit a 2013 Justice Court Assistance Program application to the New York State Office of Court Administration with a request not to exceed \$30,000.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Town of Ossining New Hire Residency Policy

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining has always expressed a preference of hiring Town residents whenever possible;

Therefore be it Resolved that the Town Board hereby states that it is the policy of Town that, to the extent the Town has discretion, employment applications for full and/or part time/seasonal positions from qualified Town of Ossining residents must first be exhausted before a similarly qualified non-Town of Ossining resident may be hired for an open position.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Stipulation of Agreement between Town of Ossining and Local 456

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Town Supervisor, the Town Board hereby ratifies and approves the Stipulation of Agreement between the Town and Local 456, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, AFL-CIO, effective October 1, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the Stipulation on the Town's behalf.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Appointment of Ossining Representative to WestCOP Board of Directors

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 re-appoints Joan E. Whittaker to the position of the Town of Ossining representative to the Board of Directors of the Westchester Community Opportunities Program, (WESTCOP) for a term beginning November 9th 2012 and ending on November 8th, 2013.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Advertise for Bids-Tree Removal Services

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 authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for bids to furnish Tree Removal Services, to be returnable no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 22nd, 2012 in the office of the Town Clerk, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Highway – Request for Bids – 2013 Refuse/ Recycle Collection

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 authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise a Request for Bids for the Collection of Residential Refuse and Recyclables in accordance with specifications available in the office of the Town

Clerk. Sealed bids shall be received no later than 10:00 am on Friday, October 19th, 2012 in the Town Clerk's Office, 16 Croton Avenue, in said Town.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS

VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Donnelly wished all a peaceful holiday.

At 7:40 P.M. Councilmember Harter moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk