

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

DECEMBER 9, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING
7:30 PM

INTERIM SUPERVISOR

Martha Dodge

COUNCILMEMBERS

Geoffrey Harter Northern Wilcher
David Krieger Kimberlie Jacobs

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on December 9, 2008 in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Martha Dodge. Members of the Board present were: Geoffrey Harter, Northern Wilcher, David Krieger and Kimberlie Jacobs. Also present were: Tom Beirne, Town Attorney, Connie Cerny, Budget Officer and Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk.

II. PUBLIC HEARING – 2009 Budget - Continuation

Supervisor Martha Dodge opened the public hearing and introduced Budget Officer Connie Cerny to provide a quick recap of the proposed 2009 Budget. The Town of Ossining prepares two different budgets; Town General and the other the Unincorporated Area. The Town General which includes the Villages of Briarcliff Manor and Ossining has an increase of 19.9% which equates to \$1.56 per thousand. The Unincorporated Area will increase 10.79% which equates to \$9.76 per thousand. The Town General includes fees for the Senior Center, Parks & Receptions, Supervisor and Town Clerk. The proposed increase for the average assesses home in the Village of Briarcliff Manor will increase \$52.50; a home in the Village of Ossining will increase \$19.17; and the unincorporated area will be \$31.45. The proposed tax increase in the Unincorporated area of the Town of Ossining will be \$211 which equates to 20.79%. These rate increases take into consideration the contractual increases, appraisal, litigation as well as refunds. There is a reduction in revenue namely mortgage tax which dropped 23% as well as interest and earnings.

Supervisor Dodge stated that the Board had reviewed the Budget line by line. The next step to bring the increase down would be to remove personnel; drop the number of days that the offices would be open. The Town Board has recommended that the department head salaries be frozen at the 2008 rate. The Board will examine the mortgage tax in June and see where the budget is at that time. Senior Services has increased in order to provide additional serves for Senior. The “Are You Okay” Program will forgo the 7 a.m. call. Conferences have been cut as well as. There will be a Special Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room at 16 Croton Avenue. The Supervisor also announced that the Town Board will hold a Work Session this evening to discuss further budget cuts.

Peter Tripodi, Quail Hollow Road, applauded the Town Board for their efforts. He suggested that each department slash an additional 5% from their budgets. The Town would impose a 4 day work week; replace all of the light bulbs with fluorescent light bulbs and erect solar panels at each Town owned building. The elimination of private vehicles as well as no longer purchasing water from the Village of Ossining was also a suggestion presented to the Board.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Krieger announced that on December 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. "Mrs. Astor Regrets" author will be present to discuss the book as well as a book signing.

Matt Glottal, Emwilton Place, announced a huge fundraiser which will help send Ossining children to the Summer Camp Program. It will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at Isabella's Brick Oven Pizza & Restorante at 107 Main Street, Ossining, New York. Santa will be there with gifts for the children.

Town Clerk Roberts announced that a Toys for Tots donation box was located in the Clerk's office and requested that anyone who would like to contribute to please drop your unwrapped gifts at 16 Croton Avenue on the first floor. The Ossining Boat and Canoe will be hosting a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14, 2008.

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – November 25, 2008

Councilmember Jacobs 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 Minutes of the November 25, 2008 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Jacobs 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 December 9, 2008 in the amount of \$645,213.52.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Awarding of Bid – Delivery of Meals and Supplies for Nutrition Program

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

Whereas, on November 11, 2008, the Town Board authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the delivery of meals and supplies for the nutrition program for 2009, and

Whereas, a public notice was advertised in the Journal News on November 22, 2008, and

Whereas, at 10:00 am on December 1, 2008, all bids were opened and upon reviewing the bids it was determined that Horizon Food Service Corp., New Rochelle, New York, was the lowest responsible bidder, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the bid for the delivery of meals and supplies for the nutrition program is hereby awarded to Horizon Food Service Corp., from January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009 for a total bid price of \$4.09 per meal.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Alarm Review Board

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby denies the request to waive false alarm fines for permit no. 14 pursuant to Local Law 2 of 2002.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Appointment – Part -Time Court Clerk

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Arnestia B. Valentine, Sabrina Lane, Ossining, to the position of Part-Time Intermediate Clerk effective December 10, 2008 at \$15.00 /hr. The probationary period shall be for a minimum of twelve (12) weeks to a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Temporary Appointment – Court Clerk

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Mary Da Rosa, Harrington Place, Mamaroneck, to the temporary position of Court Clerk at an hourly rate of \$20.00/hr effective December 10, 2008 pursuant to Sec. 63 of the Civil Service Law and Rule 14 of the Westchester County Civil Service Rules. Such an appointment shall not extend beyond the current incumbent's maternity leave.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Finance-Amending Capital Project # 2008-2159 & 2008-2160 (Highway Department)

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining passed a resolution on September 9, 2008 authorizing the establishment of two capital projects, capital project # 2008-2159, entitled Highway Department Dump Truck in the amount of \$85,000 and capital project # 2008-2160, entitled Highway Department pick-up truck in the amount of \$45,000; and

Whereas, the Highway Superintendent has now recommended that instead of the above, the pick-up truck be eliminated and two dump trucks purchased for a total cost of \$130,000; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby amends Capital Project # 2008-2159 to two (2) Highway Department Dump Trucks in the amount of \$130,000 to be financed by a Bond Anticipation Note and that the purchase of a pick-up truck, Capital Project # 2008-2160, be eliminated.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Authorizing the Town Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Two Dump Body Assemblies for Highway Department

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for Bids for Two ' Dump Body Assemblies' for use by the Town of Ossining Highway Department, to be returnable no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 in the Office of the Town Clerk, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. MONTHLY REPORTS – November, 2008

Councilmember Jacobs moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the Monthly Reports for November, 2008 from Town Clerk, Building Department and Tax Receiver be received and filed.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS

Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Krieger that the following items be received and filed:

1. October 15 and 29, 2008 Minutes of the Town Planning Board.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Harter motioned to close the meeting in memory of those who lost their lives December 7, 1941 a Day of Infamy.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk

Approved: