



**SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OSSINING  
16 CROTON AVENUE  
OSSINING MUNICIPAL BUILDING –1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR BOARD ROOM  
OSSINING, NEW YORK  
MAY 2, 2017  
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**

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on May 2, 2016 at the Ossining Municipal Building, 16 Croton Avenue-1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room, Ossining, NY. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dana Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Kim Jeffrey, Northern Wilcher, Karen D’Attore and Elizabeth R. Feldman. Also present were Christie Tom Addona and Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

As the weather warms up, we have all sorts of exciting events going on here in Ossining. Just this past weekend, I attended several excellent events, starting with the hike that joined Ossining School Superintendent Ray Sanchez on at Teatown on Saturday morning. The hike was well attended by many who were not even aware of this excellent place to get in touch with our natural surroundings. We were joined by Teatown Executive Director Kevin Carter, Naturalist Maddy, and teachers and friends. I was nice to spend time with our families and some of our youngest community members outdoors with water snakes, swans, frogs, baby turtles, delectable mushrooms and so much more I also was fortunate enough to attend the Jug Tavern’s Annual Meeting last night, where Village Historian Dana White gave a fantastic presentation about Sing Sing and its ties to Sparta. As usual, Ms. White, the Village Historian, offered her great story-telling abilities to bring history to life.

Yesterday, I attended a meeting in New Paltz where the Department of State discussed with us the plan passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor as part of the State Budget bill to have counties take the lead on coordinating more sharing of services between municipalities. The good news is there is some matching money if we are able to figure out how to proceed, and we have some plans brewing locally. The bad news is that the State has not made it easier for municipalities to benefit from State services for sharing. As you probably know, the Town of Ossining is truly ahead of the curve in this regard and has, for many years, made an earnest effort to share services and find efficiencies wherever possible, as have many of our neighboring municipalities. Whether or not the State mandates that we do so, we will continue to seek out opportunities for savings whenever it is sensible and feasible, and I will be sure to fill you in when I hear more information about how this program will unfold.

On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, I hope you will join me at “I Love My Park” Day on the Old Croton Aqueduct between 9:30AM and 3:30PM. Help restore our historic stone walls and rid the trails of invasive plant species with some like-minded friends. You can register and get more information at [www.ptny.org/ilovemypark](http://www.ptny.org/ilovemypark). That very

day, Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, Green Ossining will host their semi-annual community tag sale between 10AM and 4PM. Check out [www.greenossining.org](http://www.greenossining.org) tomorrow to see a map of which homes will have treasures to explore.

This Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, IFCA will be hosting a concert at Trinity Episcopal Church at 7 South Highland Avenue beginning at 4PM. While admission is free, all donations will benefit IFCA Housing Network. Come out for an evening of sacred and secular music, gospel and poetry.

Next Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Ossining Public Library will host their second annual “Senior Law Day”, which will begin at 9AM with a light breakfast and then will conduct sessions on two topics, the first about how to avoid the potential pitfalls of retiring in a different state, and the other about how to plan properly for healthcare in retirement. Be sure not to miss this helpful program-- to register please call Linda Levine at (914) 941-2416 x317.

Next weekend, Teatown will be holding one of their most popular events: the Teatown Plant Fest. First pick will be held on the evening of Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.- for the bargain price of \$20 per person, you can get first dibs on the beautiful plants on offer, as well as small plates catered by Rivermarket Bar and Kitchen, along with wine and local craft beer. If you can’t make Friday night work, not to worry- the sale continues on Saturday between 9AM and 2PM with free admission. Check out [www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org) for more information.

Finally, I want to share with everyone that yesterday, we received notification that the Consolidated Funding Application is ready for the next cycle. My office will be ready to submit something for this new round of grant funding, and we will keep you posted as the deadline gets closer on what we plan to propose for the Town in 2018.

Councilmember Feldman announced the following:

- Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Shattemuc Yaht Club Ferry Sloops will do a presentation on the importance of the Hudson River from 7:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m. admission is free.
- Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. there will be a clean-up at Richard Wishnie Park.

Councilmember Jeffrey announced that Relay for Life will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. through midnight. [www.relayforlifeossining](http://www.relayforlifeossining)

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

### IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

#### A. Resolution- Consulting Agreement

Councilmember Jeffrey 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 a Consulting Agreement with Gloria Fried for the period covering July 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that as many of you probably know, the Town Board accepted the resignation of our Receiver of Taxes at our last meeting, and her last day serving in this role will be June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. However, as Gloria has been serving as our Receiver of Taxes since January of 2002, you can bet she has a lot of knowledge to impart, and she has agreed to stay on through year’s end as a consultant. We have no doubt that she will leave the Town in excellent shape when

she retires, and I want to thank her for her commitment to our residents. I also want to remind everyone that we are still accepting applications for a candidate to complete Gloria's unexpired term of office. The posting can be found on the Town's website, as well as in the Gazette, and all applications must be submitted by close of business on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**B. Stipulation of Agreement between Town of Ossining and Local 456**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon recommendation of the Town Supervisor, the Town hereby ratifies and approves the Stipulation of Agreement regarding the extension of an additional personal day for the named Teamsters who worked on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, between the Town and Local 456, effective May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017; and

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

Supervisor Levenberg stated that On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Hudson Valley saw some of the heaviest snow conditions we have in some time, and a state of emergency was declared for our area. As it was unsafe for our administrative staff and our drivers to report to work, but our Teamsters continued to plow, we felt that since they were at work when no one else was and were paid for a regular day between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., that we would opt, on a one time basis, to offer an additional personal day to everyone who worked. The Teamsters have agreed that this will not be precedent setting for the remainder of this contract, and they wanted to express their appreciation to this Board for extending them this accommodation.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**C. Calling for a Public Hearing in the Matter of Local Law #5 of 2017- Extending A Moratorium on Construction within the Town of Ossining**

Councilmember Jeffrey 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, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring, Ossining NY, 10562, in the matter of Local Law #5 of 2017, regarding the extension of the imposition of a temporary moratorium on development within the Town of Ossining to allow for a planning and zoning analysis consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that we have been hard at work on our Zoning law since June of 2016, and we are very nearly ready to make a decision on how to proceed, something we will be discussing in the Work Session later this evening. However, since the moratorium is due to expire shortly, we need to pass another local law to extend it as we cross the final T's and dot those last I's.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**V. ADJOURNMENT –WORK SESSION**

**At 7:44 P.M., Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that they enter into Work Session**

**At 9:36 P.M., Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that they enter into Executive Session**

**At 10:44 P.M., Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that they leave Executive Session.**

**At 10:45 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember D’Attore that they adjourn Executive Session**

**Approved:**

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**Mary Ann Roberts Town Clerk**