



**TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OSSINING  
OSSINING MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
16 CROTON AVENUE  
FIRST FLOOR BOARD ROOM  
JANUARY 16, 2018  
SPECIAL MEETING  
8:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR  
Dana A. Levenberg**

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

**7:30 WORK SESSION**

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

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on January 17, 2018 at the Ossining Municipal Building, 16 Croton Avenue-1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room, Ossining, NY. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dana Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Kim Jeffrey, Northern Wilcher, Karen D'Attore, Elizabeth R. Feldman and Jackie G. Shaw. Also present were Christie Tom Addona and Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

On Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, the Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series will be hosting a screening of "Room to Breathe" at the Ossining Public Library. The film follows a classroom of troubled middle school students in San Francisco and examines how the age-old practice of mindfulness works when applied to the learning environment. This looks like it is going to be a fascinating film and panel discussion—I hope you can join us in the Budarz Theater on Thursday, the film begins at 6:30PM. On Saturday (1/20), the Ossining Arts Council will present the Forget-Me-Nots and David Ray in concert at the Steamer Fire House, 117 Main Street, at 8PM. The Forget-Me-Nots are a group of three singer-songwriters who perform original material along with Motown, Traditional Folk, and mainstream hits. Add in David Ray, and this makes for a night of live local music you will not want to miss. For just \$15, check out these two area favorites as they team up to make some beautiful music together. Tickets are available at the door, and all proceeds go to support the OAC's programming and community engagement goals.

Also on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, Green Ossining will be hosting a "two-fer": The Repair café and the E-Waste Drive will both take place at the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center between 11AM and 3PM. Bring your gently used items (like clothing, toys, electrical appliances, costume jewelry) to the Repair Café and have one of our experts breathe new life into them and save them from the junk drawer! Take the opportunity to responsibly recycle some e-waste hanging around the house, including ink cartridges, laptops, computers and more. Visit [www.greenossining.org](http://www.greenossining.org) for more information, as well as a list of what can and cannot be accepted.

Have you had a chance to check out the Winter 2018 Recreation brochure yet? There are some great new programs to try this season, many of which will be held in the Cedar Lane Arts Center. Our friend Yoshimi Arai of Magokoro NY, who you probably know as a vendor from our annual Earth Day festival, will be teaching a series of origami classes for kids and adults-- for four Tuesdays beginning on January 23rd-- adult classes are from 2-3PM, kids classes are from 3:30-4:30PM. For more information

or to sign up for either class, visit the Ossining Recreation website or call (914) 941-3189 before January 19th.

On Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7PM, St. Ann’s Church will be hosting a “Know Your Rights” community forum, including an immigration presentation and a free legal screening. Contact Neighbor’s Link at (914) 666-3410 x10 for more information.

Finally, I want to congratulate the Village of Ossining, specifically the Village Board and Assistant to the Village Manager Jaimie Hoffman, on the launch of their new website earlier today. Check out [www.villageofossining.org](http://www.villageofossining.org) to see some new content and a very user-friendly feel. I know this was a labor of love and a long time coming, and they did a fantastic job. Thank you for making it easier for Ossining residents to get the information they need.

### **III.PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

### **IV.BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A. Town Arborist- Appointment**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Craig A. Stevens, Peekskill, as the Town Arborist for 2018; and

Be it Further Resolved, that Mr. Stevens’ rate of \$50 per tree will be paid out of the applicant’s tree removal permit fee.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that as part of our Tree Protection law, the Town must appoint and contract with a certified arborist in order to make determinations about the health of trees. Mr. Stevens will review all tree removal permits applications and give recommendations on whether the application should be accepted, altered or rejected. The fee paid to Mr. Stevens will be absorbed in the cost of the permit application.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

#### **B.Board of Assessment Review- Appointment**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Larry Shactel to the Town of Ossining Board of Assessment Review to serve a four-year term, set to expire on 9/30/2021.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that as we re-appointed Mr. Shactel for a one year extension last year, his new term will be 4 years instead of the standard 5.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

#### **C.Board of Assessment Review- Appointment**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Teresa Duguet to the Town of Ossining Board of Assessment Review to serve a five-year term, set to expire on 9/30/2022.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**D.Board of Ethics- Appointment**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Susan Sarch as Chair to the Town of Ossining Board of Ethics to serve a five-year term, set to expire on 12/31/2022.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**E.Board of Ethics- Appointment**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Laura Houston-Whitlinger to the Town of Ossining Board of Ethics Committee to serve a four-year term, set to expire on 12/31/2021.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**F.Board of Ethics- Appointment**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Nadia Bernstein to the Town of Ossining Board of Ethics to serve the remainder of Mr. Stuart Kahan’s five-year term, set to expire on 12/31/2019.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**G.Recreation Advisory Board**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Mark Burstein, Ossining, as a Town of Ossining representative to the Ossining Recreation Advisory Board.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that after getting a look at Mark’s resume, we are very excited to welcome him onto the Recreation Advisory Board to represent the Unincorporated Town. We still have another vacancy on the RAB for an Unincorporated Area resident—please call us at 762-600 to learn more about this exciting volunteer role.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**H.Resolution of Support—Ossining Children’s Center, State Street Location**

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

WHEREAS, the Ossining Children’s Center (OCC) has been providing high quality child care and education to the community for more than 120 years;

WHEREAS, OCC provides children with a strong foundation for success in school and adult life;

WHEREAS, OCC empowers working parents in their roles as breadwinners and as their children’s most important teachers;

WHEREAS, OCC provides families with support and stability, and – in doing so – strengthens the entire community;

**WHEREAS, OCC seeks to build a new Center at 32 State Street, which will expand OCC’s model Infant and Toddler program, strengthen OCC’s partnership with the Ossining Public Schools, integrate all of its programs under one roof, provide working families with a more convenient and family-friendly location; and provide our community’s children with a wonderful preschool and after-school environment;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining endorses the Ossining Children’s Center’s goal to build a new child care and education center at 32 State Street, Ossining.**

**Supervisor Levenberg stated that as we discussed in our Work Session, we are excited to support the Ossining Children’s Center re-location to State Street, and we look forward to seeing the project come along in the months ahead.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**V.ADJOURNMENT –EXECUTIVE SESSION, PERSONNEL & ADVICE OF COUNSEL**

**At 8:08 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session.**

**At 9:59 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw to leave Executive Session.**

**At 10:00 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the meeting be adjourned.**

**Approved:**

**Mary Ann Roberts Town Clerk**