



SPECIAL MEETING

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
16 CROTON AVENUE-1ST FLOOR BOARD ROOM
OSSINING, NEW YORK**

**DECEMBER 20, 2016
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 December 20, 2016 at the Ossining Municipal Building-1st Floor Conference Room, 16 Croton Avenue, 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 M. D'Attore and Elizabeth R. Feldman. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tom Addona and Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz.

II. PUBLIC HEARING- in the matter of the Petition for Extension of the Ossining Consolidated Sewer District

We are going to be starting this Special Meeting with a Public Hearing on the sewer extension at 12 Tavano Road—we called for this Public Hearing at our Special Meeting on December 6th, and we have been in contact with the residents about their specific circumstance. Ms. Kubica, would you like to address the Board as part of this Public Hearing?

Ms. Kubica of 12 Tavano Rd. requested that she be hooked up to the sewer line.

I also want to share that we have spoken with numerous department heads about this application, and I would like to read this statement into the record. Our Planning Engineer Dan Ciarcia wanted us to share the following information.

“This is a 8” line which has adequate capacity to serve the residence located at 12 Tavano. Was a special district established to construct this line? The applicant should be placed in the district if one exists. “

In response to the engineer’s query about a sewer district established, it is part of our consolidate sewer district.

Seeing no one else in the audience, do any of my Board colleagues have any questions about this application?

Since there does not seem to be any concern on the part of the Board or the public, I would like to ask the Board, considering the special circumstances that Ms. Kubica has shared with us, to break precedent of waiting two weeks, and adopt this application tonight. Does anyone object to that?

At 7:39 P.M., Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the Public Hearing be closed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Sewers - Approval of Ossining Consolidated Sewer District Extension – Birney Kubica and Akira Onoyama, 12 Tavano Road

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

Whereas, a Petition for the extension of Ossining Consolidated Sewer District located at 12 Tavano Road in the Town of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, dated December 5th, 2016 has been presented to the Town Board by Birney Kubica; and

Whereas, an Order was duly adopted by the Town Board on December 6th, 2016 reciting the filing of said Petition, the boundaries of the proposed sewer extension, the improvements proposed and the cost thereof, and specifying December 20th, 2016 at 7:30pm at Town/Village Hall, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York as the date, time and place where the said Board would hold a Public Hearing to consider the Petition and to hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof concerning the same; and

Whereas, such Order was duly posted and published as required by law; and

Whereas, a public hearing on the matter was duly held by the Town Board on December 20th, 2016, where discussion of the matter was had, and all persons interested were given the opportunity to be heard; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 194 (6) of the Town Law, the approval of the State Comptroller is not required since the entire burden of the financing of the proposed extension is to be borne by the Petitioner, and there is to be no financing borne by the Town of Ossining, the Ossining Consolidated Sewer District, or any prior extensions thereof;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved (a) that the petition is signed and acknowledged as required by law; (b) that all the property and property owners within the proposed extension are benefited thereby; (c) that all the property and property owners benefited thereby are included and (d) that it is in the public interest to grant the relief sought; and it is further

Resolved, that the extension of the Ossining Consolidated Sewer District in the Town of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, as proposed in the Petition, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the said sewer district extension include the property as described in the said Petition; and it is further

Resolved, that the Town Clerk shall, within ten (10) days after adoption of this Resolution, file certified copies thereof in duplicate in the Office of the State Department of Audit and Control at Albany, New York, and record a certified copy in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. Special Presentation:

- Malissia Williams in Honor of Bobby Williams: County Legislator Catherine Borgia

VI. Resolution

Unity Resolution

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

Whereas, an increase in hate crimes targeted towards minority groups, specifically immigrants, people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, and those who observe Islam and Judaism, have increased significantly in the wake of the national election; and

Whereas, administration changes at the Federal level have caused persons from minority groups, specifically immigrants, people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, and

those who observe Islam and Judaism, to feel genuine concern over possible challenges to their civil rights, such as forced registration, an increase in white supremacy sentiments being expressed outwardly, as well as the proposed reversal of the hard-fought battle to legalize gay marriage nationwide; and

Whereas, the United States of America was founded on the principal that all are created equal, and extending the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to ALL those who call this great nation home, regardless of who they love or what they believe; and

Whereas, the Town of Ossining is, and always has been, an inclusive community, unified around the belief that all strive for the same goals: to live in happiness, peace, prosperity and safety; and

Whereas, as elected representatives by and for all of the residents of the Town of Ossining, we have a special obligation to stand up for our constituents and speak out against hate, violence and discrimination against any persons;

Now Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining, hereby condemns all hateful speech and violent action directed at Jews, Muslims or those perceived to be Jews or Muslims, immigrants, people of color, or those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning; and

Be it further Resolved, that we hereby commit to pursuing a policy agenda that affirms all civil and human rights and ensures that those targeted on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or immigration status can turn to government without fear of recrimination; and

Be it further Resolved that we reaffirm the value of a pluralistic society, the beauty of a community composed of multiple cultures co-existing peacefully, and the inalienable right of every person to live and practice their faith without fear.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. ADJOURNMENT –WORK SESSION

At 8:07 P.M., Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the meeting be adjourned to Work Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts Town Clerk