



**SPECIAL MEETING**

**TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OSSINING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
16 CROTON AVE. 1ST FLOOR  
OSSINING, NY 10562**

**MARCH 18, 2014  
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR  
Susanne Donnelly**

**COUNCILMEMBERS  
Geoffrey Harter    Eric P. Blaha  
Kim L. Jeffrey    Northern Wilcher**

**6:30 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION- PERSONNEL & LEGAL ADVICE  
Municipal Building- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562**

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

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on March 18, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 16 Croton Avenue in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 p.m. by Supervisor Susanne Donnelly. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Northern Wilcher, Kim L. Jeffrey, Geoffrey Harter and Eric P. Blaha. Also present were and Town Attorney Wayne Spector and Deputy Town Clerk Ann Marie Rocco. Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz was absent.

**II.     PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Town Assessor Fernando Gonzalez stated that he would like the Town, Villages and communities to unite in this project.

**III.    RESOLUTIONS**

**A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES TO CONDUCT A TOWN-WIDE REASSESSMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,257,000.00 AND TO COMMENCE UPON THE APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT**

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

WHEREAS, property tax revenues are the primary source of funding for the County, local, school, special districts; and

WHEREAS, property taxes are comprised of two components, the municipal budget and the total taxable assessed values within the taxing jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining has not completed a town wide reassessment of its approximate 10,000 properties since the mid 1970's resulting in current assessment inconsistencies and widespread lack of public confidence in the system resulting in an inordinate number of assessment appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining is committed to updating assessments through a Town wide reassessment; and

**WHEREAS, a Contractor (Tyler Technologies) has been selected to complete the Town Wide reassessment commencing upon the approval of the Town Board in March of 2014 with an anticipated completion date of June 2016; and**

**WHEREAS, it is hereby agreed that the Contractor shall provide the professional services in accordance with the Contractor's Proposal as subsequently modified, for and in consideration of the foregoing promises and the mutual covenants herein contained, it is agreed by and between the parties; and**

**WHEREAS Tyler Technologies, Inc. has been selected to conduct all aspects of the reassessment project starting with the public relations and ending with the final valuations including but not limited to maintaining compliance with New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services to ensure the current amount of \$5.00/parcel of reimbursement from New York State; and**

**WHEREAS, the consideration to be paid for the entire reassessment project, will not exceed \$1,257,110 to be paid in monthly installments as the portions of the project are complete and approved by the Monitor and Assessor;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of Ossining approves the contract between the Town of Ossining and Tyler Technologies to commence upon the approval of this resolution.**

**Councilperson Jeffrey stated that she feels that The Town should have had meetings with the community prior to passing this resolution. She is not voting in favor of this resolution.**

**Supervisor Donnelly explained that project is about obtaining a fair and equitable tax assessment.**

**Motion Carried: 4-0-1**

**Ayes: Blaha, Harter, Wilcher & Donnelly**

**Nayes: Jeffrey**

#### **IV. ADJOURMENT**

**At 9:30 P.M. Councilmember Blaha moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the meeting be adjourned.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**Approved:**

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**Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk**