



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

**MARCH 10, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR
Susanne Donnelly**

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

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 10, 2015 in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Susanne Donnelly. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Northern Wilcher, Eric Blaha and Kim Jeffrey. Councilmember Geoffrey Harter was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Donnelly read the following statement:

**Opening March 10, 2015
Town and County Taxes for 2015**

Tax Rates are complete and headed to the printer to produce the tax bills.... These are the final numbers of taxes **per thousand dollars of current assessed value**. You can see your current assessed value on one of your tax bills. It will also show what “special districts” you pay taxes for (if applicable for your property)

Tax	2014 Tax Rate	2015 Tax Rate	Percent +/-
Town wide	12.315124	12.497106	1.48%
Unincorporated Town	101.179222	101.330998	0.15%
Ambulance District	3.656482	3.665258	0.24%
Refuse / Light / Fire	24.727876	25.139208	1.66%
Town wide Water	0.472918	0.903663	91.08%
Town Wide Sewer	5.273785	5.358696	1.61%
No State Rd Sewer	7.128428	7.296573	2.36%
Westchester County	58.713265	59.238646	0.89%
Ossining Sewer - Oss	12.999148	13.500938	3.86%
Saw Mill Sewer - Oss	9.933672	9.762783	-1.72%
Ossining Sewer - BM	11.400629	11.555470	1.36%
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West Co Solid Waste	5.488979	5.573689	1.54%
Unit Charges	\$52	\$52	

That tax is only for capital projects. The people in the Unincorporated Area pays the Village for their water. This is for water main capital projects done in the Unincorporated Area. This particular project was for new water mains down Stormy Town Rd for better pressure for the area and more importantly will help us the keep the water running at Cedar Manor

Nursing when there is water main breaks. This year we have had many more water main breaks because of the cold snowy weather and the fact that many of the lines are over 60 years old

It went from .47 (cents) per \$1,000 assessed value to .90(cents) per thousand assessed so on a house that is assessed at \$10,000 the tax for this line went from around \$4.70 to \$9.00.

The Town of Ossining Reassessment

As we move forward with the reassessment many of you are receiving your data mailer which will ask if the information is correct. Please look over the form and return it to Tyler Technologies with or without corrections. You will be getting the form whether the inside of your house was inspected or not.

If you find errors please get them back to Tyler Technologies, Tyler may call you to set up an appointment to re-inspect or if the corrections are simple they will just make the corrections.

Ossining Boat and Canoe Club

2015 is the 100th year of the Club. It is a year of celebrations, evening lecture series, boating and good times on the waterfront. You can find much more information on their web page at OBCC.org. Please go to membership meetings and join. Louis Engel Park is your park it is a Town park so enjoy.

As you can see the Town has a great deal on its plate that we are working on. We will not be doing anything with the building except to make sure all safety concerns are complied to. Our hope is that everyone enjoys our parks and all of the amenities available.

There are assumptions out there that the Town was looking to displace the club – it was never about that just the opposite. We were looking to the future and with and only with generous grants we were looking to ensure the club continued for the next 100 years. Never were we intending to take out loans or spend tax payer money on a new building we were simply looking at different federal and state grant options as well as having options such as a restaurant to supplement our revenue to maintain the building.

Exciting things happening around:

Walking Team ~ Walk Your Way through Body Conditioning

Monday March 9, 2015 – 12:30 PM (We will leave promptly at 1:00 PM)

Guided Tour of the Historical Croton Aqueduct
conducted by Ossining Police Captain Scott Craven
Joseph G Caputo Community Center – Senior Center
914-762-1350 RSVP

Ossining Knitting Club

Mondays from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

To Register and/or RSVP please call between 9:00 AM -2:00 PM
914-762-1350 or 762- 4221

Solarize Ossining-Briarcliff!

Solar. Simple. Together.

Come to our Solarize Workshop!




Briarcliff Manor Public Library

1 Library Rd.,
Briarcliff Manor, NY
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Please join us to learn more
about this exciting time-limited
opportunity to install solar energy
on your home for less!



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Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy

presents
The 2015 Annual Kick Off Celebration

Thursday, March 26, 2015
7 pm
Ossining Community Center

Come join us for refreshments and the PBS video
"A Cemetery Special"

*Learn about the organization, see how you can get involved and become a
Friend of OHCC.*

*For more information Email us at OHCC10562@gmail.com or call
914-762-6136*

Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy is a 501c(3) Non-
Profit Organization. All or part of your donation may be tax
deductible as a charitable contribution.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Blaha 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 February 24, 2015, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Jeffrey 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 March 10, 2015 in the amount of \$ 16,448.53 for 2014 and \$396,410.02 for 2015. Grand total of \$412,858.55.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Taxes-In Rem Foreclosure-Re-appointment

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Mark S. Tulis, Esq. of Oxman, Tulis, Kirkpatrick, Whyatt & Geiger LLP, 120 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, New York as Special Counsel to conduct In Rem foreclosure proceedings upon its tax liens appearing in the 2014 list of delinquent taxes as to which payment has not been made. Compensation to Mr. Tulis shall be in accordance with his letter to the Town of Ossining dated February 17th, 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Stay of In Rem Proceedings- 54 Dale Avenue

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

Whereas, the owner properties located at 54 Dale Avenue, Tax ID #89.16-2-14, is in arrears with respect to property taxes due and owing for those properties and proceedings have been commenced to foreclose on those properties based upon unpaid taxes; and

Whereas, the attorney for the owner of the property has contacted the Town Supervisor to advise that the property located at 54 Dale Avenue, Ossining, NY is presently the subject of a contract of sale and that the proceeds from the sale will be sufficient to pay all tax arrears for 54 Dale Avenue and that all arrearages for the property will be paid from the proceeds at the closing and, based on the circumstances, the attorney for the owner of the property has requested that any further proceedings to foreclose the property for unpaid taxes be held in abeyance pending the closing of the sale of 54 Dale Avenue, Ossining, NY;

Therefore, be it resolved that, based upon the circumstances described above, any further proceedings to foreclose the above noted property for unpaid taxes be held in abeyance for 180 days from the date of this resolution; and

Be it further Resolved that this resolution will not act, in any way, as a waiver of any portion of the taxes, interest or penalties due for the property. Failure to pay all sums due for the property will result in the property being returned to the active foreclosure list.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Personnel- Parks Department, Promotion

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby promotes Emmanuel Toribio to the Permanent position of Park Groundskeeper, effective March 11th, 2015.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of February, 2015 from:

- Town Clerk’s Office
- Town Supervisor’s Office
- Town Building Department

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT –EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL ADVICE

At 7:47 P.M. Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk