



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

**MARCH 22, 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 Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on March 22, 2016 at the Birdsall-Fagan Police Court/Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dana Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Elizabeth R. Feldman, Kim L. Jeffrey and Northern Wilcher, Jr. Also present were Town Counsels Steven Silverberg and Christie Tom Addona, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg read the following statements:

Good evening, and welcome to the March 22nd Town Board Meeting of the Town of Ossining. Please stand for the pledge.

We have just a few items on our agenda this evening, but I'd like to start with some reminders for the coming week.

Friday, March 25th, is the last day to register if you plan to vote in the New York State primaries. Whoever you decide to cast your vote in favor of this year in the many elections at the local, state and federal level, please avail yourself of the opportunity to do just that. So many people have fought to give us this right, and the least we can do is exercise it.

This Thursday evening, the Ossining Lions will be hosting an exciting dinner meeting at the Elks Lodge, where the topic will be "The Business of Art". Some of our local experts will be on hand to guide the conversation, including Ossining Arts Council President Mark Sarazen, Theater O Artistic Director Jessica Irons, and jazz musician Ted Daniels. Seats may still be available- call Sandy McKee at 762-6500 to RSVP.

As many of our residents observe Good Friday this week, we want to give a heads up about the traffic around the Village of Ossining on Friday evening. The procession begins and ends at St. Ann's Church on Eastern Avenue, but will be going down Wolden Road to Maurice, across Route 9 and down Edward to Washington, up Spring Street to Main Street, and finally to Ellis Place. The procession kicks off at 5:30PM and will last for several hours, so please plan accordingly as you head home for the evening.

Another public service announcement- at the end of April 2016, we will be disconnecting the number for the former Town police station, and you will no longer be able to reach the police using the 762-6007 number. The Ossining Police Department has volunteered to help us get the word out, but please let your friends and

neighbors know that they now must call 941-4099 for non-emergencies and, of course, 911 for emergency situations.

We continue to hear from many of you about your “impact notices” that you’ve received in the mail about your new home values, and we want to encourage everyone with questions to contact Tyler Technologies to set up an appointment- they can be reached Monday through Friday at 800-273-8605 between the hours of 9AM and 5PM. Appointments are available on weekdays, and also some evenings and Saturdays are available as well. You can also take a look at some of the comparables on your property by visiting the Consortium’s website at mmrc.tylertech.com.

To end on a cheerful note, the Board is so very proud of the Ossining Girls Basketball team for winning the state Federation AA championship this past weekend against Long Island Lutheran. All of these girls and their coaches have worked so hard to reach this point, and we are so impressed by their ability, drive and determination.

As for tonight’s agenda, we will be adopting the Veteran’s Exemption local law, as well as referring to the Town Planning Board another local law pertaining to a new Type 1 List to append to New York State’s SEQRA regulations. We also have the last batch of budget adjustments to clean up 2015, and a vote on our auction results for our surplus vehicles.

I want to wish all who celebrate a very happy Easter, and also remind you that the Town Board will not be meeting next week. Our next meeting will be a Work Session at 16 Croton Avenue on Tuesday, April 5th.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes

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 approves the March 8, 2016, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes

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 approves the March 15, 2016, Minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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 approves the Voucher Detail Report dated March 22, 2016 in the amount of \$10,924.03 for 2015 and \$246,438.68 for 2016. Grand total of \$257,362.71.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Auctions International- Acceptance of High Bids

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining declared, by resolution on February 23rd, 2016, the below items Surplus and authorized them to be posted on Auctions International; and

Whereas, the auctions have closed and the Town Board is in receipt of the high bids for each item;

Now, therefore be it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining does hereby accept these high bids and permit the sales of these items to the high bidders.

1998 Chevy 3500 Dump Truck, VIN# 1GBJK34R7WF028848 (Highway Truck #63): \$1,913.00
1995 WLK 15 Loader, VIN# 257001 (Highway #81): \$10,099.99
1998 Chevy 2500 Pick-Up, VIN#1GCGK24R4WE208116 (Parks Truck #19): \$1,085.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Adoption of Local Law #3 of 2016- Veteran's Exemption Adjustment

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining has been considering the adoption of a proposed local law entitled "Veteran's Exemption Adjustment", which shall cause an adjustment of current Veteran's Exemptions levels in connection with the new values following the Town-wide revaluation"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Law, and after having provided all requisite notice thereunder, the Town Board conducted a Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 3-2016 entitled "Veteran's Exemption Adjustment" on March 8th at 7:40 p.m.at the Birdsell/Fagan Police Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, New York during which the public had the opportunity to be heard on such proposed local law; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law is a Type II action and does not require environmental review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts Local Law No. 3-2016, entitled "Veteran's Exemption Adjustment" with such adoption to take effect as set forth in said Local Law and as otherwise required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs said Local Law #3 of 2016 to be filed and/or distributed in accordance with applicable law.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0

Ayes: Jeffrey, Wilcher, Feldman & Levenberg

F. Local Law #5 of 2016- Creating a New Type I List for Actions Under SEQRA: Referral to Town Planning Board

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining is considering a local law to repeal Chapter 85 of the Town Code in favor of the State regulations for SEQRA processes, but wishes to create a list of Type I Actions to append to the New York State Law as it applies in Ossining so as to maintain the current level of environmental protection; and

Whereas, Town Counsel has recommended such changes, and has recommended that the Town Board also seek input from various agencies on this change;

Therefore be it Resolved that the Town Board hereby refers the draft Local Law #5 of 2016 to the Town Planning Board for review and comment.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Finance -Budget Modifications

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

Resolved that the 2015 year end budget is modified as described below:

TRANSFER TO G/L ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	TRANSFER FROM G/L ACCOUNT
TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT SERVICE			
010.6772.0406 Telephone	80.00	80.00	010.6772.0416 Uniforms
PARKS			
010.7110.0406 Telephone	147.00	147.00	001.7110.0409 Electric
RECREATION IMA			
010.7310.0475 Contractual with VOS	894.00	894.00	001.7110.0409 Electric
TOTALS	1121.00	1121.00	
 CEMETERIES			
032.8810.0203	2.00	2.00	032.0032.4795 Fund Balance
Ambulance District			
066.4540.0475 Ambulance District Contractual	561.74	561.74	066.0066.2351 Ambulance District

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILE

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 accepts the following:

- Planning Board Meeting Minutes dated February 17, 2016

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS

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 accepts the following monthly report for the month of February 2016:

- **G. E. Helicopter Report**

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT –EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL ADVICE

At 7:50 P.M., Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:24 PM, Councilmember Wilcher made a motion to leave Executive Session and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman.

At 9:26, Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by made Councilmember Feldman that the meeting be adjourned.