



**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-1ST FLOOR BOARD ROOM
16 CROTON AVENUE – OSSINING, NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 6, 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.**

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

Supervisor Levenberg asked that everyone remain standing. We lost a dear friend this past week. David Swope was a champion of all things Ossining, and he was a generous supporter of many of our organizations, specifically those related to education, open space and the environment. David was an inspiration to so many of us, and he will be dearly missed. Please join me in a moment of silence to remember our good friend David Swope.

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on February 6, 2018 in the Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 8:48 p.m. by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Karen M. D’Attore, Elizabeth R. Feldman, Northern Wilcher Jr. and Jackie G. Shaw. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm Adonna and Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

I had a very informative day last Saturday at Bedford 2020’s Climate Action Summit where I learned, among other things, about the Meatless Monday initiative and the great impact beef consumption (including dairy) has on greenhouse gas emissions. Even if we were to reduce carbon emissions from all other causes to zero (which communities like East and South Hampton have set as a goal in the next 10-15 years), we would still not be able to reduce global warming significantly. Beef and ruminant animals’ impact on the environment is increasing at such a rapid rate. We must slow down and turn that growth rate around. The Meatless Monday pledge is something we can all do to pledge to decrease our beef consumption and Monday’s are the proven best days of the week to start a new “habit.” So hopefully we can all participate to help save our planet for the next generation. Mayor Gearity and I also have plans to meet Supervisor Nancy Seligson from Mamaroneck this Friday to take a look at their Food Waste program and compare and contrast to Scarsdale’s as well as consider what we may be able to do in the Town going forward.

Saturday is going to be a big day in our community. Teatown’s Eaglefest 2018 starts off at 9AM at Croton Point Park—bring your family down to watch an eagle show, take a bird walk, participate in children’s activities, and this year, or listen to a musical performance by the always fabulous Lilith Fair all-star, singer-songwriter (and author!) [Dar Williams](#). Not to be missed: A history-only tour guided by our very own Town Historian Scott Craven, which kicks off at 2:30PM (happens to be the last tour of the day). Get more information on this wonderful annual event by visiting www.teatown.org/events.

Later that day, the Ossining Public Library will be celebrating a very special birthday—its 125th! The OPL will hold the kickoff celebration for a year of special programs and activities on Saturday, February 10th at 2PM. I hope you will join us for

the opening reception, and also bring your kids and teens for a big party on Sunday, February 11th at 5:30PM.

On Saturday night you have two options, the Ray Blue Trio will be performing as part of Westchester Collaborative Theater's Jazz Masters Series beginning at 7:30PM. Doors open at 7PM. Come enjoy a night of smooth jazz at 23 Water Street for just \$20 at the door.

Or you could Zumba the night away at Studio 95, at 95 Main St, Ossining, to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, from 6-8 PM the 10th.

On the evening of Thursday, February 15th, join the Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series at the Ossining Public Library for a screening of "Soundtrack for a Revolution," which explores the civil rights struggle through the music of some of the most notable musicians of the time. The film begins at 6:30PM, and will be followed by a panel discussion featuring our very own local legend and folk vocalist KJ Denhart. See you at the Budarz Theater next Thursday for this special event.

That same evening, the Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy will be hosting a Mid Winter Meet Up at the Jug Tavern in Sparta. Come learn what the OHCC has been up to and what they have planned for the warmer weather coming up—you will even hear some local lore from Village of Ossining Historian Dana White and Town of Ossining Historian Scott Craven. The event begins at 7PM—RSVP by emailing OHCC10562@gmail.com. Light refreshment will be served.

Saturday, February 17th will be another big day in Ossining, as Gullotta House will hold their first "Escape from Sing Sing Polar Plunge" at our very own Louis Engel Park. At 12 Noon, folks who wish to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will rush into the Hudson for a quick dip and be greeted with hot cocoa and coffee immediately afterwards. Register yourself or your team by emailing gullottahouse@gmail.com. Remember—you must bring your own towel and water shoes to participate.

If you're ready to warm up later that night, Westchester Collaborative Theater will be hosting the KJ Denhart Trio for a night of jazz at 23 Water Street, also part of the Jazz Masters Series. \$20 at the door will buy you a night of great tunes and probably a story or two.

Finally, I want to remind folks that our Summer Concert Series will be here before you know it, and there is still time to throw your hat in the ring to be a performer! Visit the Town of Ossining website before March 1st and find the Summer Concert Series Band Application on the left hand side of the page. Fill out a few quick details about your act and hit submit, you will be hearing from us!

Councilmember Shaw announced that the Ossining School District will be hosting an equity conference on March 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at AMD. Please visit the www.townofossining.com for more information.

Supervisor Levenberg announced that on February 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Park school there will be an update on the expansion of Park School.

Councilmember D'Attore announced that on February 22nd, IFCA and STAR of Bethlehem Church will be hosting a wellness seminar at 7:00 p.m. at STAR of Bethlehem church.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Town Arborist- Appointment REVISION

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

Whereas, during the Special Meeting of the Town of Ossining Town Board on January 16th, 2018, the Town Board appointed Craig A. Stevens, Peekskill, as the Town Arborist for 2018, with a rate set at \$50 per tree; and

Whereas, upon further investigation and discussion with the Town Building Inspector, the rate should instead read “\$50 per visit”;

Therefore Be it Resolved, that Mr. Stevens’ appointment shall be revised thusly and fee scheduled interpreted accordingly.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that we spoke with our Building Inspector shortly after this resolution was passed and he informed us that it needed to be tweaked. Residents and contractors applying for permits will be informed accordingly.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B.Appointment- Acting Working Foreman, Town Highway Department

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Matteo Velardo, MEO, to the position of Acting Working Foreman in the Town of Ossining Highway Department effective January 31st, 2018 and until further notice, with an hourly compensation based on an annualized salary of \$89,989.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that while we were very sad to say goodbye to our Town Highway Foreman John Martin and Senior Man Rick Planamenta last Tuesday, we know that the department is in capable hands. Michael G. O’Connor has a very strong team, and we know that Matteo will rise to the occasion and ensure that our residents continue to get the incredible service that they have come to expect. Matteo will be manning his first big snowstorm tomorrow, so we are wishing him the very best!

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C.Contract- Gullotta House Polar Plunge 2018

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Gullotta House, Inc., Briarcliff Manor, NY, pertaining to the “Escape from Sing Sing Polar Plunge” scheduled to take place at 12 Noon at Louis Engel Park on Saturday, February 17th, and outlining the operational expectations, insurance requirements and obligations on the part of Gullotta House, as well as rules and regulations for participants, as required by the Town of Ossining.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that we discussed this proposed event at a special Work Session two weeks ago—after some back and forth between insurance agents and attorneys, we have come to an agreement and are excited for the Escape From Sing Sing Polar Plunge to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society via Gullotta House, which will take place at our very own Louis Engel Park on Saturday, February 17th.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V.VISITOR RECOGNITION

VI.ADJOURNMENT –EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the Regular Meeting be adjourned into Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 10:39 PM, Councilmember Feldman motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 10:40 PM, Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts Village Clerk