



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

**JANUARY 28, 2014
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 January 28, 2014 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 Geoffrey Harter, Northern Wilcher and Eric Blaha. Councilperson Kim L. Jeffrey arrived at 7:50 p.m. Also present were Town Attorney Wayne Spector, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. Public Hearing In The Matter Of The Salary Of The Elected Highway Superintendent

At 7:31 P.M., the Public Hearing was opened.

Town Attorney Wayne Spector stated that New York State Town Law states that if a salary has changed after the initial budget proposal goes above the published salary a public hearing must take place and adoption of a local law. The public hearing has been adjourned to the February 11, 2014 Legislative Meeting.

At 7:34 P.M., Trustee Blaha moved and it was seconded by Trustee Wilcher that the Public Hearing be adjourned until February 11, 2014.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Donnelly announced that everyone should keep warm and if you are in a rental unit the heat must be kept at 68 degrees 24 hours per day from September 15 – May 31. A Heating Center has been set up at the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center until 10 p.m. If you require heat later than 10 p.m. please call the police department. The Town Hall Meeting will take place on February 4, 2014 at the Ossining Public Library beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Town Hall Meeting will discuss 17/20 Annexation to Briarcliff Manor which has a power point presentation on the Town website. Now that the public hearing is over, the next step will be a vote if one municipality says yes and the other says no. It will then be decided by the Appellate Court. Obviously if both municipalities say no, it's over. An update on the Feasibility Study will also be discussed at the Town Hall Meeting. There will also be an update on 507 North State Road with a closing date soon. All of the \$1.475 million will be applied the bond which will be paid off in 2017. The state at the waterfront which was destroyed by Sandy has been completed. A Special Meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2014 at the Ann M. Dorner Middle School at 7 p.m. regarding Policy & Procedures of the Planning Board.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

V. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the January 14, 2014, Minutes of the Re-Organizational Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Harter 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 January 28, 2014 in the amount of \$65,389.35 for 2013 and \$174,065.33 for 2014. Grand total of \$239,454.68

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Tax Payment Plan

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining is required to collect Town, County and School taxes for the municipality, with the onus on the Town to make whole the County and the School District for any uncollected taxes; and

Whereas, the Receiver of Taxes has been approached by a property owner requesting a short-term payment plan for the owner-occupied residence at 18 Knoll View; and

Whereas, the Town Board occasionally grants such a plan and has the discretion to accept or reject any proposal by a resident or commercial property owner;

Now, therefore be it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby grants the aforementioned payment plan to this property owner, with the understanding that this sets no precedent going forward for this or any other property in the future.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Appointment- Business Development Committee

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints the following residents to the Business Development Committee, to serve two-year terms set to expire on 12/31/15.

- Holly Perlowitz, Ossining
- Robert Melstein, Ossining
- Howard Fleischer, Ossining

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Office of the Assessor- Promotion

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the promotion of Albert Ciosi from Appraisal Technician to the probationary position of Deputy Town Assessor, Step 1 at a salary of \$70,000 effective February 1st, 2014 as per the Stipulation of Agreement between the Town and CSEA Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Westchester County Unit 860 signed January 17th, 2014, with the understanding that this pay shall not be retroactive.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Councilperson Jeffrey arrived at 7:50 p.m.

F. Authorizing the Town Clerk to Advertise for Bids for One Tool Carrier Wheel Loader for Highway Department

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 authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for Bids for One ‘ Tool Carrier Wheel Loader ’ for use by the Town of Ossining Highway Department.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS

VIII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

Mary Ann Roberts, Town Clerk