



**SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
16 CROTON AVENUE
OSSINING MUNICIPAL BUILDING –1ST FLOOR BOARD ROOM
OSSINING, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 17, 2017
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 Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on October 17, 2017 at the Ossining Municipal Building, 53 Croton Avenue-Budarz Theater, Ossining, NY. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dana Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Kim Jeffrey, Northern Wilcher, Elizabeth R. Feldman and Karen D’Attore. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tom Addona, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Town Clerk Mary Ann Roberts.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Firstly, I want to congratulate the Ossining PBA on their first of hopefully many 5K races this past weekend—they raised money for the Hope for Heroes program which helps disabled police, fire, and veterans. The race started and finished in our very own Cedar Lane Park—the weather held out, the race was run or walked by about 70 participants and their family members came to cheer us on. I want to give a big shout out to our Parks and Highway staff for busting their behinds to get the path around the pond cleaned up and ready so everyone could run safely.

Also at Cedar Lane Park that day, the Cedar Lane Arts Center hosted several artists as part of the Ossining Arts Council’s Open Studio Tour. I’d like to share this quick report from Art Center manager Keith Gordon:

“The five artists at Cedar Lane Arts Center greatly enjoyed participating in the OAC’s First Annual Open Studio Tour. Visitors came steadily throughout the day remarked on what a beautiful job was done in restoring and repurposing the CLAC building, as well as Cedar Lane Park in general. Over 50 people signed our guest list, and at least 20 more visited w/o signing in. \$820 in sales occurred, raising funds for OAC and a good number of people indicated interest in taking CLAC classes in the near future. In addition to our current and former Town Supervisors and Town Board members, we were visited by 3 of the teachers at the New Castle Art Center and the adult ed ceramics teacher at Croton High School, along with some of her students. We forged strong bonds with these two neighboring ceramics programs which I hope will produce cooperative efforts in the future.”

On behalf of all five of the CLAC artists, we recommend that OAC repeat the effort in the future. Somehow, we need to find a way for participating artists to get to see the studios of other participants. One option might be to get a video of each tour site (perhaps by GOTv).”

I also want to remind everyone that Route 134 at Route 9A is back open and looking fine. The State did a great job, as did the Village and Town Crews. We are **THRILLED** to have these projects completed, which have unfortunately been stalled for many years. It is a real win for our community to finally get this done, and I want to thank our Highway Superintendent Michael G. O'Connor and his crew, our Water Superintendent Andy Tiess and the Village staff, and our friends at the DOT for their attention to detail and their quick work.

While that work is complete, the work a bit farther down 9A has just begun. As you may recall, this is a Village of Briarcliff project that is being partially funded by the Town of Ossining and New York State, with in kind support from Westchester County. The project at the North State Road and 9A intersection is well underway, and you can see the right hand turning lane from the North-bound lane already taking shape. We will continue to update you as this work progresses.

This Thursday, October 19th, the Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series will host a screening of *Swim Team*, a film that chronicles the formation of a competitive swim team comprised of students along the autism spectrum. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring, among others, Alison McIntyre, OHS graduate and Behavior Analyst for the Ossining School District. This free event begins at 6:30PM in the Ossining Public Library's Budarz Theater.

The Ossining Historical Society Museum's 86th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction, which will take place on Friday night, October 20th, at The Briarcliff Manor on Studio Hill Road at 6PM. Tickets may still be available-- call (914) 941-0001 to secure your spot for this event.

Ready to kick off the Halloween season a little early? At 9:30AM on Saturday the 21st, the Village of Briarcliff Manor, along with their Recreation Department and Fire Department, will host the annual Ragamuffin Parade. The parade marches from in front of the Engineering building at 1360 Pleasantville Road-- costumed marchers will process through the Village to the Fire Department parking lot, where goody bags, refreshments and entertainment will be waiting!

Saturday, October 21st is going to be a very busy day around Ossining. Beginning at 9AM, the Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy will be hold their last gravestone cleaning for the season at Sparta Cemetery. As always, no experience is required—just a willingness to learn and maybe get a little soggy.

That same afternoon and evening, you can also experience “The Roots of American Folk Music” at the Jug Tavern. Tim Rowell on banjo and Ambrose Verdibello on fiddle will be performing at 3PM and 7PM—seats will be limited for both time slots, so be sure to email events@jugtavern.org for reservations. If you have seen Tim and Ambrose perform before, which I have, you know this is an Ossining event not to be missed.

Also on Saturday, October 21st, the Ossining Arts Council will host "Off the Wall" and a "Souper Supper" at the Steamer Fire House on Main Street. There will be art for sale in all price ranges-- what better holiday gift could you give than a piece of original artwork? You can also come for the Opening Reception "Souper Supper," which will feature a variety of homemade dishes served in handmade ceramic bowls that you can take home with you! The bowls are limited, so be sure to arrive right at 6:30PM to make sure to get yours. \$25 will buy you two plentiful and delicious servings of food, plus salad, bread and dessert! A variety of beverages will be on sale at the bar. \$15 for those of you who arrive too late to get a handmade bowl.

Visit www.ossiningartscouncil.org for more information.

The Mike Risko Music School will be joining other local musicians at the "Rock 2 Rebuild" event on Sunday, October 22nd. A group of Westchester Musicians will be playing the music of The Band, The Grateful Dead and the Allman Brothers Band between 1PM and 5PM at the Shenorock Shore Club in Rye to raise money for hurricane relief. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$10 if you're a student—visit www.rock2rebuild.org for more information on this fun afternoon out for a great cause.

Another great event at month's end? The 3rd Annual Howloween Parade for Pets and Kids, presented by the Ossining Uptown Alliance, is a chance for your kids and the family pooch to strut their stuff and show off their Halloween spirit. Kids and pets in costume will gather at 11AM on Saturday, October 28th at the Ossining Elks Club at 118 Croton Avenue, and will march up the hill to the Mike Risko Music School, where there will be activities, snacks and prizes for all. This fun event is sponsored by The Elks Club, the Mike Risko Music School, Dragonfly Yoga, Posh Pets, Greg Perry Photography and Family Veterinary Care.

I want to take another opportunity to plug Forest O' Fears, the haunted hayride coming to Cedar Lane Park on Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th. Our ghoulish gang has been hard at work turning our peaceful park into a Halloween hangout, and you're invited to join us. Visit www.forestofears.org to snag your tickets for this annual event—tickets *will* sell out and no hayride tickets will be available for purchase at the event itself. If the spooky stuff isn't for you, not to worry—our Halloween Village will have plenty of crafts, games and activities for our youngest party animals, and we will also have Gyro Uno and Abeetz Pizza food trucks on site to sell you some tasty treats.

Finally, I bet our Board is excited that October 31st is a 5th Tuesday, because that means everyone can attend the 2nd Annual Halloween Spooktacular! All are welcome between 6PM and 8PM to join the party on Main Street, for the Ossining Police Department and Ossining Recreation & Parks Department "Trunk or Treat." You can dance to some great music, strut your stuff in the costume parade, and, oh yeah, grab a few handfuls of candy! We encourage everyone to check out this safe, family-friendly Halloween event on Tuesday the 31st.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the September 26, 2017, Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Stipulation of Agreement between Town of Ossining and Local 456

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Town Supervisor, the Town Board hereby ratifies and approves the Stipulation of Agreement regarding John

Orlando, between the Town and Local 456, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, AFL-CIO, effective October 18th, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the Stipulation on the Town's behalf.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Amended Resolution: Acceptance of High Bid- 15 Meadowbrook Drive

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining passed a resolution on August 22nd, 2017, accepting the high bid for the auctioned property at 15 Meadowbrook Drive; and

Whereas, the Receiver of Taxes has informed the Board that an additional buyer's name must be added to the title and deed;

Be it Resolved, that the Resolution from August 22nd regarding the above be replaced by the following:

“Whereas, pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure for unpaid taxes, entered by the Supreme Court of The State of New York, Westchester County, the Town of Ossining conducted an auction of foreclosed properties at 16 Croton Avenue at 1PM on July 25th, 2017, in order to sell off properties with delinquent taxes owed to the Town of Ossining, one of which was 15 Meadowbrook Drive, Tax ID# 89.7-1-60; and

Whereas, all present had the opportunity to register and become “Qualified Bidders” to bid on the two properties for sale, under the condition that the party offering the highest purchase price would be awarded the property, subject to a resolution approving such sale by the Town Board of the Town of Ossining; and,

Whereas, the top two highest bidders declined moving forward with the purchase, and the Town instituted a sealed bid auction for the top three bidders with a minimum bid of \$300,000, as authorized by Town Board resolution on August 8th, 2017, accompanied by a document outlining the terms and conditions of said bid solicitation; and

Whereas, Mr. Luis Arevalo and Ms. Blanca Nambel were the successful bidders at a bid price of \$300,100.50; and

Now therefore, be it Resolved that the Town accepts the high bid of \$300,100.50 for the property at 15 Meadowbrook Drive, submitted by Mr. Luis Arevalo and Ms. Blanca Nambel, and the Town is authorized to accept a deed for the property from the Receiver of Taxes in a form approved by Counsel to the Town and The Town Supervisor is authorized to execute a deed as well as all required transfer documents in forms acceptable to Counsel to the Town, effectuating the sale of the premises to the high bidder upon receipt by the Town of the bid price; and

Be it Further Resolved, that upon conveyance of the property to the high bidder, the bidder will pay all real property taxes for the property, as adjusted from the date of conveyance, with all additional accrued interest and/or penalties that may have accrued against the property for unpaid taxes through the day of conveyance being hereby waived.”

Motion Carried: Unanimously

V. ADJOURNMENT –WORK SESSION

At 7:44 P.M., Councilmember Jeffrey moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the Special Meeting be adjourned to Work Session

At 9:34 P.M., Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the Board adjourn to Executive Session.

At 10:14 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember D'Attore that the Board leave Executive Session.

At 10:15 P.M., Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the Board adjourn.