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Ossining Town Reduces 2009 Budget

New Committee Formed to Assist Town Board on Financial Policy Matters

(April 17, 2009) The Ossining Town Council reduced the municipality's operating budget by \$227, 842.00 at last Tuesday's April 14, 2009 Town Council Meeting. This amount was cut from the budget through an extensive line-by-line review of the budget that had been passed by the then-sitting board in December 2008.

"When I took office in January, I asked each department head to cut 15% off their operating budgets," remarked Town Supervisor Catherine Borgia. "By working in collaboration with department heads and the Town Council, we were able to find significant savings in our operations budget in all departments. We also took this as an opportunity to review all of our processes and see if there were more efficient and cost effective ways of providing municipal services to Town residents."

In her first week in office, Borgia reduced the Supervisor's salary by 10% and made other reductions to the budget for that office. "I felt it was important to set a personal example in the Supervisors' office, to indicate that this was a serious effort. I was very pleased with the responsiveness to this challenge by all Town staff members. I know that by working together, we can continue to flourish as a community even during hard economic times."

Budget revisions are available for review on the Town's website:
www.townofossining.com.

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