

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
IN PERSON AT THE
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK
AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

March 26, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Elizabeth R. Feldman

COUNCILMEMBERS
Gregory G. Meyer Angelo A. Manicchio
Jennifer Fields-Tawil Matthew J. Weiss

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 26, 2024 at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility 86-88 Spring Street – Ossining, New York, 10562 and via video conference. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Elizabeth R. Feldman. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Jennifer Fields-Tawil, Matthew J. Weiss and Angelo A. Manicchio. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca and Town/Village Clerk Susanne Donnelly.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- Lieutenant Andrew Maiorana
Departmental Report was given by Lieutenant Andrew Maiorana
- Highway Superintendent/Cemetery Superintendent Pete Connolly
Departmental Report was given Pete Connolly, Highway Superintendent/Cemetery Superintendent.
- Town Building Inspector Jon Turnquist
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III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Feldman said the following:

- The presidential primary election is Tuesday, April 2nd. You may participate in early voting at the Joseph G. Caputo Recreation Center at the following days and times:
 - Wednesday the 27th – 8am-5pm
 - Thursday the 28th – 11am-8pm
 - Friday the 29th – 8am-5pm
 - Saturday the 30th – 9am-6pm
- As we continue the month of Ramadan, to all of you who observe, Ramadan Kareem.
- We are accepting applications for seasonal jobs in the Highway & Parks Department. If you are interested, please submit an employment application to mquituisaca@townofossining.com by 4:30pm on April 5th.
- March is Women’s History Month and to honor our local women, Bethany Arts Community will have an exhibit curated by Caroline Curvan entitled

“Remarkable Women in and Around Ossining” which runs from March 15th – April 5th.

- **If you need help with your taxes, free assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant program is available. For more information, check out my Supervisor’s Update or call the United Way 211 Helpline at 1.800.899.1479.**
- **Hudson Valley Books for Humanity is accepting origami birds, animals, peace signs and flowers as they re-decorate their store for the season. If you’d like to contribute, drop off your pieces at HVBH no later than Saturday, March 30th.**
- **Tomorrow evening, Ossining Public Library is hosting a virtual event, “Barbie – American Icon” which looks at the history of Barbie. You can register for the event and Zoom link on the OPL website.**
- **Teatown is hosting “Empowering Municipalities: Unlocking Energy Efficiency Opportunities & Resources for Building Upgrades” on March 28th at 6:30pm.**
- **Ossining Public Library is hosting an Adult Financial Empowerment Forum led by the Ossining Micro Fund on Thursday a 6:30pm.**
- **Out and About at Teatown is Teatown’s third queer hike through Hidden Valley and up to the Overlook Trail. It is Saturday at 1:00pm. Check their website for details.**
- **Also at the Ossining Public Library, a special event for teens, “Foodie Fun: Pokeball Cookie Decorating” will be next Tuesday April 2nd at 4:30pm.**
- **Green Ossining’s 14th Annual Earth Day Festival is coming – Saturday April 20th at Louis Engel Waterfront Park.**
- **As always, our Ossining Public Library will be hosting a bevy of events including Pokemon Club, Chess with Chavez, Mahjong, sewing workshops and more. Please see their website at ossininglibrary.org.**
- **Need help with your winter utility bills? Go to the New York State Department of Public Services at www.dps/ny.gov/winter .**

There are many fun and interesting events being held locally, and you can look at my weekly Supervisor’s Update on the Supervisor’s webpage to see them.

IV. LIAISON REPORTS

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Visitors shall be accorded one (1) four (4) minute opportunity to address the Board on any of the resolutions on the agenda.

VI. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2024

Councilmember Manicchio moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the March 12, 2024 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Carried

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Manicchio moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated March 26, 2024 in the amount of \$176,745.99.

Motion: Carried

C. Justice Court – Town Constable

Councilmember Manicchio moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints the following to the position of Town Constable, at an hourly rate of \$50.00, to serve at the pleasure of the Board during calendar year 2024:

Raymond Mena – Yonkers, NY

Motion: Carried

D. Resolution – Metro North Earth Day Agreement

Councilmember Manicchio moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into a Short-Term Parking Permit with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company to allow the Town to utilize 112 parking spaces in the Metro-North Ossining Parking Facility for the Earth Day Festival to be held on April 20, 2024.

Motion: Carried

E. Permission to Sell Alcohol at Town of Ossining Earth Day

Councilmember Manicchio moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Captain Lawrence Brewing Company, 6 Degrees or Less Brewery, and Sing Sing Kill Brewery are each authorized to operate a concession stand during the Earth Day Event held on April 20, 2024 at the Louis Engel Waterfront Park in the Town of Ossining and to sell, for consumption by persons over 21 years of age, at the event the companies' beer products. Captain Lawrence Brewing Company, Six Degrees or Less Brewery, and Sing Sing Kill Brewery will obtain, with consent from the Town, all necessary permits including an event permit from the New York State Liquor Authority and will provide proof of insurance and the letter of indemnity to the Town in a form acceptable to Counsel to the Town.

Motion: Carried

F. Agreement – Planet Technologies

Councilmember Fields-Tawil moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Planet Technologies, 9801 Washingtonian Blvd, Suite 360, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 for Azure Consumption Based License.

Motion: Carried

G. Memorandum of Understanding – Hudson River Valley Greenway – Extension on Grant

Councilmember Fields-Tawil moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Hudson River Valley Greenway for the purposes of an extension on the \$10,000 Greenway Compact Grant funding for an Open Space Preservation Plan for the Town of Ossining for another two-year period.

Motion: Carried

H. Lease Agreement – De Lage Landen Financial Services, INC.

Councilmember Fields-Tawil moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Budget Officer to sign a 60-month lease agreement with De Lage Landen Financial Services, INC., 134 W. 26th ST, New York, NY 1001 for a copier for the Clerk’s Office.

Motion: Carried

I. Memorandum of Agreement for 2024-2028 – Town of Ossining Local 456 International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL-CIO Unit

Councilmember Fields-Tawil moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

BE IT SO RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Town Supervisor, the Town Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Ossining and Local 456 International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL-CIO, covering the period January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028 and authorizes the expenditure of funds consistent therewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute a collective bargaining agreement covering the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 that is consistent with the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Motion: Carried

J. 2023 Year End Budget Adjustment

Councilmember Fields-Tawil moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining approves the following budget adjustment for year end 2023:

Town of Ossining Budget Adjustments YE 12/31/2023					
General Fund		Transfer In		Transfer Out	
Tax Receiver					
100-1330-201000-0000-20	EQUIPMENT	100.00	100.00	100-1330-405000-0000-40	PRINTING AND POSTAGE
		100.00	100.00		

Motion: Carried

VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Visitors shall be accorded one (1) four (4) minute opportunity to address the Board on issues not relating to the Agenda, but of relevance to the common good of the Town.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:05 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for legal advice of counsel and Pending Litigation, and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

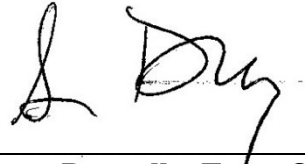
At 9:11 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:11 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk