

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF OSSINING**  
**IN PERSON AT**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**16 CROTON AVE – OSSINING, NEW YORK**  
**AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

**June 13, 2023**  
**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 June 13 2023 at the Municipal Building, 16 Croton Ave, Ossining, NY 10562 AND via video conference. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Supervisor Elizabeth R. Feldman. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Gregory G. Meyer, Angelo A. Manicchio, Jennifer Fields-Tawil, and Matthew J. Weiss. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, and Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca.

**II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

Assessor Michael Fouassier provide the Town Board with an update on the Assessor's Office.

[Assessor Presentation 06-13-23](#)

**III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As we near summer one of our most looked for event is coming back the ultimate summer celebration at St. Ann's Festival 2023! Indulge in delicious food, thrilling rides, fun games, and an exciting raffle from June 20 to June 25 at St. Ann's School grounds.

Join the Ossining Micro Fund on the Summer Solstice on June 21st 6:30 to 9:30 pm at 300 Riverside Drive, Sleepy Hollow, NY Honoring Debra Jacoby and Barry Jaffess: Empowering Youth for Financial Stability. Join us on the enchanting occasion of the Summer Solstice as we pay tribute to two dedicated teachers.

There will be a siren test tomorrow June 13, 2023 at 10 AM lasting for 4 minutes.

Additionally, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in the Protect Our Parks event that took place last Sunday at Ryder Park, this event was aimed at addressing the issue of invasive species. Volunteers came together to cut vines and detangle them, remove invasive species and plant native pollinators in their place. Also bringing attention to the importance of preserving our parks and protecting them from harmful species. Thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to make this event a

success. I hope everyone will make time to see the beautiful garden behind the middle field at Ryder Park

**Now some upcoming Juneteenth events to share with you for this week.**

**Don't miss the Juneteenth Trivia Night on June 14 at 7 PM, hosted by the Sing Sing Kill Brewery. Test your knowledge and join in the fun as we celebrate Juneteenth with an engaging trivia competition. Gather your friends and enjoy a night of friendly competition, great drinks, and a celebration of African American history. See you there at the Sing Sing Kill Brewery!**

**On Thursday, June 15, at 7pm, the Ossining Public Library will be hosting a special Juneteenth event where we will dive into the struggles of a family grappling with the aftermath of emancipation and the lasting effects of slavery. Our narrator will be Ossining village historian Joyce Sharrock-Cole narrating captivating stories related to Juneteenth. So, mark your calendars and join us for this event.**

**Join us for the 4th Annual Juneteenth Festival Celebration on June 18 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Louis Engel waterfront. This event will commemorate Juneteenth, the historic day that represents freedom and liberation for African Americans. Come and enjoy a day filled with music, performances, food, and activities for all ages. Let's celebrate together at the Louis Engel waterfront!**

**On Monday, June 19, from 5-7pm, at the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, a special event will take place. It will be led by Telling Author A.W. Hampton from Montgomery, Alabama, and Historian Joyce Sharrock Cole from Ossining. This event aims to guide attendees through the journey of African Americans, from their challenges to their triumphs. The program will include inspired readings, music, scripture, symbols, and soul food for a truly enriching experience.**

**Other upcoming Events**

**The Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy will be organizing a gravestone cleaning workshop on June 17 at Sparta Cemetery. From 9 am to noon, volunteers will gather to clean and preserve the gravestones, ensuring that our local history is maintained. We encourage you to join us for this workshop. Together, we can preserve our heritage**

**Join the New York Historical Society virtually on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 PM as they present "Safe/Haven," an exploration of the vibrant gay life in 1950s Cherry Grove through captivating photographs and unique holdings from the Cherry Grove Archives Collection.**

**Additionally, The Town of Ossining's Environmental Advisory Committee is looking for new middle school and high school members. The EAC meets monthly, and student participation is encouraged. M.S. and H.S. members are given opportunities to create impactful, self-driven projects to help the environment. All volunteer work counts towards community service hours.**

**Mark your calendars for the highly anticipated July fireworks display on July 3, 2023, at the Louis Engel Waterfront. Get ready for a spectacular show. In case of inclement weather, the rain date for the event is set for July 7, 2023. Don't miss this exciting evening of fireworks and celebration!**

**That concludes our announcements for now. Thank you for your attention, and I hope to see many of you at these upcoming events!**

**IV. LIAISON REPORTS**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**VI. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – May 23, 2023**

Councilmember Meyer 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 May 23, 2023 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

**Motion: Carried**

**B. Approval of Minutes—Special Meeting – June 6, 2023**

Councilmember Meyer 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 June 6, 2023 minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

**Motion: Carried**

**C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report**

Councilmember Meyer 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 June 13, 2023 in the amount of \$1,208,173.03.

**Motion: Carried**

**D. Agreement – Ossining Public Library**

Councilmember Meyer 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 hold harmless and indemnification agreement with the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562 for use of the library’s auditorium on October 5, 2023 for annual staff training.

**Motion: Carried**

**E. Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining/30042 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
Jennifer Fields-Tawil	6017	R11319628	Councilmember	2/16/22-12/31/25	7	1.86	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Motion: Carried**

**F. Temporary Beer/Wine/Cider Permit for Facilities Rental – July 30, 2023**

Councilmember Meyer 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 authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Landlord Authorization Form for the New York State Liquor Authority for a Temporary Beer/Wine/Cider license for Mr. Robert DeCrenza who has filed an application for the rental of the Ryder Park Pavilion in the Town of Ossining on Sunday, July 30, 2023; and

Be it further Resolved, that the applicant will provide proof of insurance and the letter of indemnity to the Town in a form acceptable to Counsel to the Town.

Motion: Carried

**G. Temporary Beer/Wine/Cider Permit for Facilities Rental – September 30, 2023**

Councilmember Meyer 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 authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Landlord Authorization Form for the New York State Liquor Authority for a Temporary Beer/Wine/Cider license for Mrs. Eileen Gilroy who has filed an application for the rental of the Ryder Park Pavilion in the Town of Ossining on Saturday, September 30, 2023; and

Be it further Resolved, that the applicant will provide proof of insurance and the letter of indemnity to the Town in a form acceptable to Counsel to the Town.

Motion: Carried

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED**

**VIII. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Councilmember Meyer 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 accepts the following monthly reports for the month of May 2023.

- Dale Cemetery
- Supervisor's Office
- Tax Receiver
- Town Building Department
- Town Highway Department

Motion: Carried

**IX. VISITOR RECOGNITION**

*Visitors shall be accorded one (1) four (4) minute opportunity to speak*

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:09 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

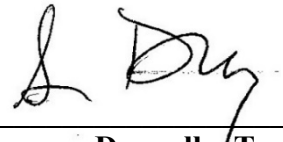
**At 8:42 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for personnel, contracts, and advice of counsel, and Councilmember Weiss seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**At 9:26 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**Approved:**



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**Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk**