

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

November 14, 2023 REGULAR MEETING 7:30 P.M.

AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

#### SUPERVISOR Elizabeth R. Feldman

#### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Gregory G. Meyer Jennifer Fields-Tawil Angelo A. Manicchio 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 November 14, 2023 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 7:35 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, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca and Town Clerk Susanne Donnelly.

## II. PUBLIC HEARING

• 2024 Preliminary Town Budget

Public Hearing Open at 7:35 pm No public comments. At 7:36 PM Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the Public Hearing be closed.

#### III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- Town Building Inspector Jon Turnquist.

  Town Building Inspector Jon Turnquist gave a presentation on his department.
  - 214 permits issued at the building department between tree permits, plumbing, electric, tank removal, solar, GO installations, etc.
  - \$131,297.00 fees collected.
  - Inspection done and answering complains.

## IV. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note that our weekly Town Board Meetings are scheduled to take place at the Ossining Town Court until further notice.
- Tomorrow, November 15th, there is a special board of education meeting focusing on facilities expansion for the Ossining School District. The meeting is in the AMD Cafeteria and begins at 7:30pm.
- This Thursday, November 16th, there is an important public meeting regarding the Briarcliff-Peekskill Parkway and Route 9A. The meeting is at the Todd Elementary School in Briarcliff Manor and will begin at 7:30pm
- As always, our Ossining Public Library will be hosting a bevy of events including laser tag, book groups, and films. Please see their website at ossininglibrary.org.

- Bethany Arts is holding "Drink & Draw" with Peter Leeds on November 16th. This is an adult only event for those 21 and over. It begins at 7:00pm.
- Lisa Gutkin will be performing as part of the Music in the Box series at Westchester Collaborative Theater. This is on Saturday, November 16th at 7:30pm.
- You can meet the author of "The House We Live In: Virtue, Wisdom, and Pluralism" on November 19th at 4:00pm. The event is at Hudson Valley Books for Humanity
- On November 29th and 30th, take the kids to Mike Risko Music here in Ossining to see a performance of the music and orchestration of "Finding Nemo Kids." The shows begin at 7:00pm.
- The annual Market Square Tree Lighting is scheduled for Friday December 1st at 6:00pm.
- Bethany Arts Center is hosting a "Hudson Holes" workshop session on December 2nd at 3:00pm to discuss this fascinating community mini golf project.
- Westchester Women's Chorus is performing "Making Spirits Bright" on December 1st and 2nd at 7:30pm each evening. This will be held at The Cortlandt School of Performing Arts.
- "Holiday Beats with Treats" will be performed by the Old Mill Singers at the Julie Harris Theater Clearview School. December 2nd the show starts at 7:00pm and December 3rd at 3:00pm.
- The Menorah Lighting will be Thursday December 7th at 6:00pm down in Market Square.
- Sing Sing Kill Brewery hosts NFL Sundays every Sunday throughout the season. The fun starts at 1:00pm each week.

#### V. LIAISON REPORTS

#### VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

## VII. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

#### A. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – October 24, 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 October 24, 2023 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### B. 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 November 14, 2023 in the amount of \$553,029.52

**Motion: Carried** 

# C. <u>Personnel – Resignation – Highway Department – Intermediate Clerk (Part Time)</u>

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 accepts the resignation of Eileen Tacuri from the position of Intermediate Clerk (Part Time) in the Town Highway Department effective November 6, 2023.

**Motion: Carried** 

# D. <u>Personnel – Resignation – Highway Department – Office Assistant</u> (Automated Systems)

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 accepts the resignation of Alicia Santucci from the position of Office Assistant (Automated Systems) in the Highway Department effective end of business day on November 16, 2023.

**Motion: Carried** 

# E. <u>Personnel – Temporary Appointment – Office Assistant (Automated Systems)</u>

Councilmember Meyer 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 Board hereby retroactively appoints Ms. Diane Didomenico to the position of Office Assistant (Automated Systems) on a temporary basis commencing November 6, 2023 for a period of no more than 90 calendar days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the period of her employment, Ms. Didomenico's terms and conditions of employment shall be as set forth in the attached employment letter dated November 3, 2023.

**Motion: Carried** 

## F. Resolution – Public Hearing for 40 Croton Dam Road Zone Change Application (Amended)

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby calls for a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY 10562 and via Zoom videoconferencing to consider a petition by Stony Lodge Hospital, Inc. and Glenco Group LLC to change the Town of Ossining zoning map with respect to the property known as 40 Croton Dam Road (Section 1, Block 13, Lot 2 and Section 1, Block 30, Lot 1) in the unincorporated Town of Ossining from the R-15 (one family residence) zoning district to the MF (multifamily) zoning district.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### VIII. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

#### IX. MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following reports be accepted.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of October 2023:

- GE Helicopter
- Supervisor's Office
- Tax Receiver
- Town Building Department
- Town Clerk's Office

**Motion: Carried** 

## X. VISITOR RECOGNITION

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

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel and legal advice of counsel, and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously** 

At 8:48 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously** 

At 8:48 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously** 

Approved:

Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk