

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

November 28, 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 November 28, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 16 Croton Ave – Ossining, New York 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 Gregory G. Meyer, Angelo A. Manicchio, Jennifer Fields-Tawil, and Matthew J. Weiss. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, and Town Clerk Susanne Donnelly.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- **40 Croton Dam RD Zone Change Application**

Public Hearing Open at 7:30 pm

The following residents spoke at the Public Hearing for 40 Croton Dam Rd. Zone Change Application.

- **Marisa Caruso. 2 Redway Rd. Ossining, NY 10562**
- **Michael A. Starvaggi. Bleakler Platt. 1 Blue Hill Plaza, Pearl Rives, NY 10919.**
- **Laura Gwin. 4 Cherry Hill Circle. Ossining, NY 10562**
- **Tom Boland. 12 Quail Hollow Rd. Ossining, NY 10562**
- **Pat Yost. 20 Overton Rd. Ossining, NY 10562**
- **James Picciano. 70 Hawkes Ave. Ossining, NY 10562**
- **Katie Alberte.**
- **Natalie Farina. 2 Downey Rd. Ossining, NY 10562.**

At 7:31 PM Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the Public Hearing be adjourned to December 12, 2023.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- **Ossining Police Chief Kevin Sylvester.**

Ossining Police Chief Kevin Sylvester gave his Departmental Report.

- **Superintendent of Water/Sewer Andrew Tiess**

Superintendent of Water/Sewer Andrew Tiess gave his Departmental Report.

- P.E. Town/Village Engineer Paul Fraioli

P.E. Town/Village Engineer Paul Fraioli gave his Departmental Report.

IV. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Feldman said the following:

- There is a Winter Coat Drive going on now with collection points at the OPH Family Resource Center (located at 109 Croton Avenue) and Bethany Arts Center. They are collecting coats, jackets, hoodies, hats, mittens and gloves.
- 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.
- 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 this 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.
- Eden’s Echo: An AI Suspense Thriller is being performed at the Westchester Collaborative Theater December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, and 10th.
- “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 at Market Square.
- The Village of Ossining Breakfast with Santa is December 9th and registration is now open.
- Sing Sing Kill Brewery hosts NFL Sundays every Sunday throughout the season. The fun starts at 1:00pm each week.
- The Mobile Food Pantry at the Ossining Police Station is open one more time this year, December 12th.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

VII. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes—Special Meeting – November 06, 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 November 06, 2023 minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion: Carried

B. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – November 14, 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 November 14, 2023 minutes of the Regular 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 November 28, 2023 in the amount of \$275,705.72.

Motion: Carried

D. Adoption of 2024 Budget

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 2024 Budget for the Town of Ossining. Total appropriations for the 2024 entire Town (100) Fund are \$6,338,382. Total appropriations for the Unincorporated (200) Area Fund are \$4,559,349 and total appropriations for the Highway (310) Fund are \$3,122,458. Total appropriations for the Water and Sewer Funds are \$495,503. Total appropriations for the Fire/Light/Refuse Funds are \$1,650,370. Total appropriations for the Ambulance District are \$1,080,411. Total appropriations for the Cemetery Fund are \$501,261.

Motion: Carried

E. Contract – Sustainable Westchester

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 an agreement with Sustainable Westchester, 40 Green ST, Mount Kisco , NY 10549, for amending the original Service Agreement between Sustainable Westchester and the Town of Ossining, dated October 2, 2019, for a Waste & Recycling Communications Platform.

Motion: Carried

F. Finance- 2023 Louis Engel Park WIFI Capital Project #2023-5249 – Parks

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 establishing 2023 Capital Project #2023-5249, entitled “2023 Louis Engel Park WIFI” for the Town Parks Department, with a project budget of \$57,644. The capital project will be funded from a Community Development Block Grant.

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5249	2023 Louis Engel Park WIFI	<u>\$57,644.00</u>
Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$57,644.00
<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0400.498900.5249	Federal CDBG Grant	<u>\$57,644.00</u>
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$57,644.00

Motion: Carried

G. Quote – Aspire Technology Systems, LLC

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute a quote with Aspire Technology Systems, LLC to provide WIFI capability, equipment and services in Louis Engel Waterfront Park for public use and benefit in an amount not to exceed \$57,644, which amount will be reimbursed through the Community Development Block Grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor and all applicable officers, staff, contractors and consultants to prepare and execute any and all documentation necessary to facilitate the objectives of this resolution.

Motion: Carried

H. Authorization to Proceed – Davey Resource Group, INC

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Davey Resource Group, 67 West St Suite 401, Unit C10, Brooklyn, NY 11222, for a one-year subscription for a tree keeper software.

Motion: Carried

I. Contract – Planet Technologies

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 an agreement with Planet Technologies, 9801 Washingtonian Blvd, Suite 360, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 for a yearly subscription of O365 SLG, a Microsoft email licensing subscription.

Motion: Carried

J. Resolution – Declaration of Surplus

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining Highway Department has a 2002 International Dump Truck (VIN No. 1HTSEAR22H513688), known as Truck #52, that had to be taken out of service due to the motor being severely damaged; and

WHEREAS, it would be cost-prohibitive and impractical to replace the motor on Truck #52 given its age; and

WHEREAS, Truck #52 has exceeded its useful life and there are no other Town departments or staff that can practically utilize Truck #52 in its current condition; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby declares the Truck #52 as surplus Town property for which the Town has no use.

Motion: Carried

K. Personnel – Appointment – Town Court - Intermediate Clerk

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 appoints Miguel Marra, Ossining, to the part-time position of Intermediate Clerk in the Town Court, 17.5 hours per week, \$18 per hour, effective November 27, 2023.

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 monthly 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:

- Dale Cemetery

Motion: Carried

X. VISITOR RECOGNITION

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for Legal advice of Counsel, and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

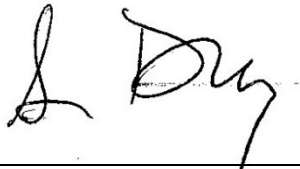
At 9:48 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:48 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Donnelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and "D".

Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk