

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ONLY

NOVEMBER 4, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING
7:31 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Dana A. Levenberg

COUNCILMEMBERS
Elizabeth R. Feldman Gregory G. Meyer
Jackie G. Shaw Northern Wilcher, Jr.

I. CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-ROLL CALL

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on November 4, 2021 via video conference, pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 signed into law on September 2, 2021 by Governor Hochul. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Jackie G. Shaw, Elizabeth R. Feldman, and Gregory G. Meyer. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona and Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli. Councilmember Northern Wilcher, Jr. was absent.

A moment of silence was heard for Blanche Worthy.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Last week, we lost Blanche Worthy, who was an active and influential member of the Ossining community through her work with the First Baptist Church, The Cooperative Scholarship Fund of Ossining, Ossining NAACP and many other organizations. Blanche and her husband, Kadoza “Woody” Worthy, moved to Ossining in 1962 and actively worked to make this community a better place to live for all during their lives. Blanche was also a bit of a local Martha Stewart, using her creative talents to design clothes, reupholster furniture, and cook amazing meals. She will be missed.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

First of all, thank you to everyone who came out and voted during early voting and Election Day this week. I am honored to have been re-elected for another term in office as your Town Supervisor and I am very excited to continue the good work we have already been doing, plus some new projects on the horizon. With our Comprehensive Plan process wrapping up, we have a lot of work ahead to starting bringing the plan to life. We also have many important capital projects in the hopper to continue improvements to our parks and open spaces. And we continue to look for grant funding in every corner to help support these projects, and reduce the burden on local taxpayers. There is much much more to come in our efforts to make Ossining a more equitable and sustainable community. Congratulations to my new colleagues on the Town Board, Angelo Manicchio and Gabby Hamilton, I can’t wait to get to work! Also congratulations to Highway Superintendent Pete Connolly, Receiver of Taxes Holly Perlowitz, and Village of Ossining Trustees Bob Fritsche and Omar Lopez on their re-elections, as well as County Executive George Latimer, County Clerk Tim Idoni, and County Legislator Catherine Borgia for also winning another term in office.

Speaking of big projects on the horizon, the repaving project on Morningside Drive is now underway, starting with the curb replacement work, followed by milling and repaving in the coming weeks. Please note this project will also include the milling and repaving of Morningside Court. Residents in the area have been notified, but please exercise a little bit more caution if you are visiting Ryder Park or traveling in that neighborhood for the next few weeks. The beautiful road we will get in the end will be well worth the minor inconveniences now!

There has been a lot of good news on the vaccine front in recent weeks, with eligibility for COVID-19 boosters expanding and children ages 5-11 years old now being eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. This much be a huge relief to parents of young children, and the community as a whole. I encourage you to review the latest information on the vaccine and contact your healthcare provider, child's pediatrician, and/or pharmacist to inquire about getting your COVID-19 vaccine or booster. OVAC continues to provide vaccinations to the community, and you can schedule an appointment by calling 914-941-9196 or e-mailing Covidtest@ossiningvac.org. OVAC is also able to provide at home vaccinations for those who are homebound or would simply like to get the vaccine in the comfort of their own home.

The Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy is hosting a Gravestone Cleaning Workshop on Saturday, November 6th from 9am to 12noon at Sparta Cemetery. Come for community service, and an opportunity to learn about our community's history.

The Ossining Padres Hispanos is holding a Winter Coat Drive on Sunday, November 7th from 1pm to 6pm in the St. Ann's School Gym. If you have donations of new or gently used coats, scarves, boots, or hats, please call Ana at 845-216-2053.

Next Thursday, November 11 is Veterans Day and the Ossining Centralized Committee of Organized War Veterans will be holding their annual ceremony, starting with a mass at St. Augustine's Church at 10am, followed by a service at Nelson Park at 11am. Westchester County will also be holding a Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 10 at 1:30pm at the Lasdon Park Arboretum and Veterans Memorial in Katonah. The event will also be streamed live to Facebook on the Westchester County page. All you need to do is visit Facebook.com/Westchestergov to view the live stream, and you do not need a Facebook account to watch the live stream on the County's public page.

Today's chill in the air is reminding us that the holiday season is right around the corner! The Campwoods Holiday Craft Fair is coming up on Saturday, November 13 from 10am to 4pm. This highly anticipated annual event features one-stop, high-end seasonal shopping for unique handcrafted items featuring the work of talented local artists and craftspeople. There will be refreshments, a raffle and more! Masks will be required for all participants, vendors, visitors and volunteers, so come prepared. Visit www.campwoodsgrounds.com or email ocmamail@gmail.com for more information.

There are some great programs lined up at the Cedar Lane Arts Center this fall and winter, including two clay gift making workshops on November 18th and December 2nd for students from first to eleventh grades. Check out all the offerings at www.villageofossining.org – this sounds way better than Black Friday shopping!

III. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Appointment – Highway – Seasonal Laborer

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining appoints Brian Zhinin Sanchez, Ossining, to the seasonal position of Laborer in the Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$15, retroactive to November 1, 2021.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: The leaves are falling, so our highway department needs some extra hands on deck to help clear the leaves on the side of the road. Brian worked for us seasonally in the Parks Department this summer, and we are glad to have him back to finish up leaf season with us.

Motion: Carried

IV. ADJOURNMENT – WORK SESSION

At 7:40 P.M., Councilmember Shaw motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting to Work Session and Councilmember Meyer seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

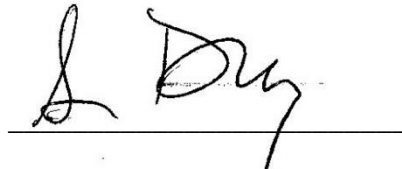
At 8:20 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for advice of counsel and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:51 P.M., Councilmember Shaw motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and Councilmember Feldman seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



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