

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF OSSINING**  
**HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ONLY**

**OCTOBER 26, 2021**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**7:30 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 Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on October 26, 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 7:30 PM by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Elizabeth R. Feldman, Jackie G. Shaw, Gregory G. Meyer, and Northern Wilcher, Jr. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, and Deputy Town Clerk Martha C. Quituisaca.

A moment of silence was held for Frank A. Vassallo III.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Frank Vassallo was a familiar face to many around Ossining, from the Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce, Ossining Rotary Club, Elks and Moose Lodges, Fire Department, Pace University Alumni Association, the list goes on and on. And this doesn't even get into his professional career as an accountant, with his private practice on Croton Avenue in Ossining which he formed in 1971. Frank also served on the Ossining Village Board as a Trustee and Deputy Mayor from 1994 to 1996. Frank will be sorely missed by the Ossining community, and our thoughts are with his daughters Francine and Dawn and their families during this very difficult time.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

First of all, thank you to our Highway and Police Departments for helping us all weather today's heavy rains. What has been termed the first nor'easter of the season will be continuing to move through our area for the rest of tonight into early tomorrow morning, primarily with heavy winds. Please exercise caution if you do need to travel tonight. Make sure you check to make sure your car is not in any standing water that accumulated while it was parked. Remember never touch downed wires, and do not attempt to drive through flooded roadways. Just remember the pictures of so many stranded cars in Hurricane Ida, and don't end up a storm statistic. If you do lose power or internet access, report outages to Con Edison at 1-800-75-CONED, to Optimum at 866-950-3278, or to Verizon at 800-VERIZON. Stay safe, and we will hopefully have some beautiful fall weather for the next few days.

It is election season! Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, but early voting has already started, and is happening now through Sunday, October 30. You can still vote tonight until 8pm, then tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27 and Friday, October 29 from 8am to 4pm; Thursday, October 28 from 12noon to

8pm; and Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31 from 12noon to 5pm. The closest early voting site for Ossining and Briarcliff residents is the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center at 95 Broadway, but there are many other locations throughout the County and Westchester County voters can vote at any of the available early voting locations during this period. On Election Day, November 2, you must vote at your designated polling place. In addition to local races – which are just as, if not more important than Federal races! – on the ballot this year, there are a number of propositions, concerning important topics like redistricting, absentee voting, and more. You can learn more about these propositions and verify your polling place, and find convenient early voting locations by visiting the Westchester County Board of Elections site at [citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com](http://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com).

We are still hoping to get critical feedback from you, our community, on the Town's new Comprehensive Plan entitled Sustainable Ossining. The Comp Plan is organized into specific themes with draft goals, objectives, and strategies. We are interested in understanding our public's planning priorities, so all you have to do is visit the project website at [www.sustainableossining.com](http://www.sustainableossining.com) and complete a survey that shares themes, goals and draft objectives. You can read each objective, then prioritize those you would like to see the Town focus on in the near term. The survey will close at the end of this week. We look forward to sharing the full draft of the Plan with the public in the near future.

There will be a test of the Indian Point sirens in Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Orange Counties tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at approximately 10:30 AM. This sounding is only a test. If there were an emergency at the nuclear power plants, the sirens would be sounded continuously at full volume for 4 minutes, followed by an activation of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on radio and television stations to broadcast important information and instructions. The sirens are not a signal to evacuate. Rather, they are intended to alert the public to tune to this or another EAS radio or TV station for important information. So tomorrow, keep calm and carry on, no action by the public is necessary!

This weekend it's Halloween! There are a lot of fun events happening in Ossining and Briarcliff to celebrate. The Ossining Police Department is partnering with the Village of Ossining Recreation Department for a Pumpkin Patch at Nelson Park next Friday, October 29 from 4pm to 8:45pm. Pick a pumpkin, enjoy some donuts and cider, get a goody bag, and it's all for free! Register for both of these fun events at [www.villageofossining.org](http://www.villageofossining.org). The Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce and the North State Road Business District will be holding a Spooktacular and Drive in Movie this Friday, October 29 from 5pm to 9pm with a showing of Hocus Pocus starting at 7pm at Club Fit. Continue the Halloween fun with Risko Music's "Rocktober Halloween Trick or Treat from Six Feet" on Saturday, October 30 from 2pm to 4pm at Mike Risko Music. Masks are required, and there will be prizes for best costumes! There will also be a little bit of reverse trick or treating going on – you can bring a new hat or gloves to this event to donate to the "Keep Warm" drive to help a neighbor in need. The Village of Briarcliff Manor will also be holding their annual Halloween Parade, co-sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Fire Department on Saturday, October 30 beginning at 9:30 AM at the Operating Engineer's Building on Pleasantville Road, and proceeding down to the Fire House for a special children's show with the ever-popular Ned Gelfars! No pre-registration is required, and refreshments and goody bags will be provided for all attendees!

Councilmember Feldman announced that the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Drive-in-Movie showing on October 29, 2021.

### III. LIAISON REPORTS

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

**V. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – October 12, 2021**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the October 12, 2021 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Carried

**B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report**

Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated October 26, 2021 in the amount of \$232,362.32

Motion: Carried

**C. Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant – Open Space Preservation Plan**

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled

Open Space Preservation Plan to be located in the Unincorporated Town of Ossining,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the Town of Ossining hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program, for a project known as Open Space Preservation Plan and located within this community.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: This resolution authorizes an application to be submitted to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for funding to complete an Open Space Preservation Plan for the Unincorporated Town of Ossining. We know, and as well as have been hearing throughout the Comp Plan process and from our EAC, that preservation of open space is an important priority for our residents, so we are excited to take this next step, hopefully with some financial support from the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

Motion: Carried

**D. Master Agreement – Kimley-Horn Engineering and Landscape Architecture of New York, PC**

Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign a Master Agreement for Continuing Professional Services with Kimley-Horn Engineering and Landscape Architecture of

New York, PC, White Plains, NY 10601 for traffic review of projects before the Town of Ossining Planning Board, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: At the request of the Town Planning Board, we are happy to be bringing Kimley-Horn, PC on board to assist with traffic review on applications before the Planning Board.

Motion: Carried

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

Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following correspondence:

- Resolution - Kasinathan, 540 North State Road Site Plan Approval
- Resolution - 39 Stormytown Road, Chocolate Sky LLC (Rinaldi Subdivision)
- Town Planning Board Minutes – August 18, 2021 and September 1, 2021

Motion: Carried

**VII. VISITOR RECOGNITION**

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

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:44 P.M., Councilmember Wilcher motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for advice of counsel, personnel, and contracts, and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

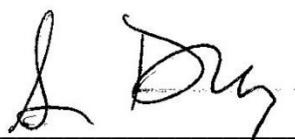
At 8:25 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:25 P.M., Councilmember Shaw motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Feldman seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

  
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Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk