



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

**JANUARY 11, 2022**  
**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR**  
**Dana A. Levenberg**

**COUNCILMEMBERS**  
**Elizabeth R. Feldman      Gabrielle Hamilton**  
**Angelo A. Manicchio      Gregory G. Meyer**

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

The Reorganizational and Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on January 11, 2022 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, Gregory G. Meyer, and Angelo A. Manicchio. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, and Deputy Town Clerk Martha C. Quituisaca.

Councilmember Gabrielle Hamilton was absent.

A moment of silence for the 17 victims as well a 15 still in critical condition from the tragic fire in the Bronx.

**II. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

We are still very much dealing with a COVID-19 surge in our community, but thankfully, the data seems to be indicating that cases are leveling off in our area. There are currently 2,406 active cases in the Town of Ossining, including both Villages, and there are currently 50,293 active cases in Westchester County, and although both of these numbers are higher than last week's totals, the daily number of positive cases has gone down. We encourage everyone to step up and take as many precautions as they can to reduce the spread of this virus. New York State updated their guidance last week regarding quarantine and isolation – NYS has now adopted the CDC guidance on isolation for positive cases among vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals shortening the isolation period to 5 days for asymptomatic cases or if symptoms are resolving. Additionally, individuals who are fully vaccinated and eligible for a booster but not yet boosted should quarantine for 5 days if exposed to a positive case. Essentially, the new definition of fully vaccinated when it comes to quarantining following an exposure is fully vaccinated plus the booster, if you are eligible for a booster. Masks and vaccines continue to be our best protection against serious illness; though breakthrough infections are happening, they almost always produce less serious symptoms than infections among the unvaccinated. Please get vaccinated, get boosted, and please get your children vaccinated if they are eligible. Vaccines are available at the Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps – visit their website [www.ossiningvac.org/covid19](http://www.ossiningvac.org/covid19) for more information, as well as many other local pharmacies. The Ossining School District is also hosting a vaccine clinic at Ossining High School this Thursday, January 13 for pediatric and booster vaccines. The link to register is shared on our website and social

media. Ossining may be able to host another mask/test kit distribution event this weekend, stay tuned for more information.

Do you have little ones turning four years old and ready to start Pre-K? Pre-K registration for the 2022-2023 school year started yesterday, Monday, January 10th, in Ossining. Review the registration requirements and get your child registered at [www.ossiningufsd.org](http://www.ossiningufsd.org).

More good news out of the Ossining Schools, congratulations to the latest group of Regeneron Science Talent Search scholars - Natalie Calman, Rose Cioffi, Nyasha Nyoni, Aaron Song, and Cameron Takmil, all from Ossining High School. Thank you to these amazing students for filling us with #OPride!

This Thursday, January 13 from noon - 1 PM, Teatown will be hosting a lunchtime chat about community composting. Learn more about our food scrap recycling program! We are so happy our neighbor in Yorktown Heights has also partnered with Teatown to help remove food waste from the traditional refuse stream and turn it back into gold—that's healthy soil to you! Register at [www.teatown.org/events](http://www.teatown.org/events).

### **III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT ON TOWN OPERATIONS**

Supervisor Levenberg said the following:

We are going to try something new for 2022, borrowing a tool from our friends in Village of Ossining government – administrative reports on our Town operations at every Legislative Session. This will be an opportunity for us to share any important updates on Town operations with the Board and the public to complement our quarterly Departmental Reports. We hope this will give everyone a better understanding of the great work our Town staff does on a day to day basis, most of it behind the scenes!

The past few weeks, COVID-19 related staffing shortages have impacted most of our departments. We have been able to keep most services up and running, occasionally with staff members working from home or taking NYS COVID sick leave if they need to quarantine or isolate. This week, NYS changed the quarantine protocols as mentioned, and as a result, we did have to close our Justice Court for two days. We anticipate being able to re-open the Justice Court tomorrow, Wednesday, January 12 and we hope this has not been an inconvenience for our constituents. Thank you for your patience as we navigate our latest new normal and please consider calling ahead before visiting our offices in person in case the employee or department you are looking to speak with may be working remotely.

We learned some exciting news on the grant front this week! The Westchester County Department of Planning has recommended that the Town receive \$272,500 in Community Development Block Grant funding for the relocation of the Louis Engel Park comfort station. This phased project will take place over two years, and we hope to have the project complete by 2023. We will still need to wait for the County to get their final blessing from HUD, but we are very confident the funding will come through. We were also approved to use \$40,000 in NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities funding for the installation of air source heat pumps at the Cedar Lane Arts Center, and we hope to get that project up and running soon.

And finally, the US Treasury released the Final Rule regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding. The Town was allocated \$568,203.42 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA, and the intent is for these funds to be used towards our community's recovery from COVID. We had discussed at a Town Hall meeting in September a few proposed projects that this funding could cover, including funding to OVAC for testing and improvements to sewer infrastructure. The Final Rule does include a provision that will make

the administrative burden easier on units of government (like us) that received less than \$10 million, so we will have more flexibility in how the funding can be used. As we untangle these new provisions, we will come back to the Board with recommendations on how we can move forward with some of the projects we have already discussed, and maybe a few others.

Councilmember Feldman asked if money for COVID-19 testing is coming from NYS or from FEMA.

Supervisor Levenberg said that FEMA is reimbursing money for OVAC testing.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**V. APPOINTMENTS**

**1. Supervisor's Liaison Appointments**

**Dana Levenberg**

**De-facto on all committees  
Historic Hudson River Towns  
Inter-Municipal Leadership Team  
Westchester Municipal Officials Association  
Ossining Communities That Care  
Westchester Municipal Planning Federation  
Sustainable Westchester  
Co-Liaison to Recreation Advisory Board  
Co-Liaison to Teatown Lake Reservation**

**Elizabeth Feldman**

**Deputy Supervisor  
Green Ossining Committee  
Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps.  
Ossining Historical Society  
Ossining Boat & Canoe Club  
Teatown Lake Reservation  
Liaison to Village of Ossining Water Department  
Liaison to Ossining Arts Project Summer Concert Series Sub-Committee  
Liaison to Ossining Climate-adaptive Design Studio Project  
Co-Liaison to Ossining CAP  
Co-Liaison to Ossining Chamber of Commerce  
Co-Liaison to Ossining & Briarcliff Manor Fire Departments  
Co-Liaison to Village of Briarcliff Manor**

**Gabrielle Hamilton**

**Village of Ossining  
IFCA  
Community Equity Task Force  
Ossining Police Reform and Reinvention Working Committee  
Ossining CAP**

**Angelo Manicchio**

**Ossining and Briarcliff Manor Fire Departments  
Recreation Advisory Board  
Liaison to Highway Department  
Village of Briarcliff Manor  
Ossining and Briarcliff Manor Chambers of Commerce  
Co-Liaison to Ossining and Briarcliff School Districts  
Co-Liaison to Village of Ossining Water Department  
Co-Liaison to Ossining Boat and Canoe Club**

**Gregory Meyer**

**Westchester County**

**IMA Committee  
New York State  
Business Development Committee  
Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy  
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee  
Ossining and Briarcliff School Districts  
Co-Liaison to Ossining Historical Society  
Co-Liaison to Briarcliff Chamber of Commerce  
Co-Liaison to Ossining Chamber of Commerce**

**2. Deputy Supervisor**

**Supervisor Levenberg appoints Elizabeth Feldman Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Ossining effective January 1, 2022.**

**3. Justice Court – Town Constables**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints the following to the position of Town Constable, at an hourly rate of \$50.00, to serve at the pleasure of the Board during calendar year 2022:**

**John Simkins- Ossining, NY**

**Motion: Carried**

**VI. ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Official Newspaper**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates The Gazette as the Official Newspaper and the Journal News as the Alternate Newspaper of the Town of Ossining for 2022.**

**Motion: Carried**

**B. Town Council Monthly Meeting Schedule**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts the following Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2022:**

**Regular Town Board Meetings – 2nd& 4th Tuesday – 7:30 p.m.**

**Via videoconferencing as permitted by State authority and upon such authorization terminating, at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street**

**Work Sessions – 1st& 3rd Tuesday – 7:30 p.m.**

**Via videoconferencing as permitted by State authority and upon such authorization terminating, at the 16 Croton Avenue Board Room**

**Town Hall Meetings-- Tuesday, 7:30p.m. on February 15, April 19, June 21, September 20, and December 20 via videoconferencing as permitted by State authority and upon such authorization terminating, at the Ossining Public Library.**

The Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, October 4 will be moved to Monday, October 3.

The Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, November 8 will be moved to Thursday, November 10 due to Election Day.

Motion: Carried

**C. Setting Town Office Hours**

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

Resolved, that the office hours of the Town Offices for 2022 will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Motion: Carried

**D. Town Historian**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Scott Craven Town Historian for 2022.

Motion: Carried

**E. Retaining Attorneys to Represent the Town – General Counsel**

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

Resolved, the Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement retaining Silverberg Zalantis LLP to provide general legal services to the Town of Ossining for 2022.

Motion: Carried

**F. Retaining Special Counsel to Represent the Town**

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

Resolved, the Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement retaining Stephen P. Dewey, Esq., PC to provide special legal services to the Town of Ossining for 2022.

Motion: Carried

**G. Town Planning Consultant – Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC.**

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

Resolved, the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement retaining Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC. as the Town's Planning Consultant for 2022.

Motion: Carried

**H. 2022 Mileage Allowance**

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

**Resolved, that wherever it shall be appropriate to compensate Town Officials and/or Town Employees for mileage, they shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.585 per mile to be paid upon claim voucher, after audit and approval, in accordance with IRS standards.**

**Motion: Carried**

**I. Membership in the Association of Towns**

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

**Resolved, that pursuant to Article 8 of the Town Law, the Town of Ossining shall pay the Annual Membership Dues for membership in the Association of Towns of the State of New York for 2022 in the amount of \$1,500.**

**Motion: Carried**

**J. Authorization for Attendance at Association of Towns Annual Meeting**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the following Town Personnel to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns to be held virtually, February 20-23, 2022 subject to approval of their Department Heads, Town Supervisor and Members of the Town Board; Town Assessor; Building Inspector; Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk; Receiver of Taxes and Deputy Receiver of Taxes; Superintendent of Highways; Town Justices; Town Court Clerks; Budget Officer; Assessment Personnel; Chairman and Members of the Zoning Board; Chairman and Members of the Planning Board and Chairman and Members of the Environmental Advisory Board; and**

**Be it further Resolved, that attendance is voluntary and no employees shall be eligible for overtime as a result of attending the Meeting.**

**Motion: Carried**

**K. Delegate to the Association of Towns**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates Dana Levenberg, Supervisor, as Delegate to the Association of Towns Annual Meeting for 2022.**

**Motion: Carried**

**L. Alternate Delegate to the Association of Towns**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates Victoria Cafarelli, Budget Officer, as Alternate Delegate to the Association of Towns Annual Meeting for 2022.**

Motion: Carried

**M. Animal Control-SPCA of Westchester**

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

Resolved, that the Supervisor be and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute an agreement with SPCA of Westchester for the period January 1, 2022- December 31, 2022, providing for humane procedures for homeless and stray dogs and cats seized by dog control officers, animal control officers, police and other agents of the municipality.

Motion: Carried

**N. Renewal-Delta Dental Insurance Program**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby acknowledges that the Town’s dental insurance program with Delta Dental of New York will continue for the period January 1, 2022- December 31, 2022 for Group # 1576-0001 at a rate of \$68.84 per month per employee with no dependents and \$163.75 per month, per employee with family coverage; and be it further

Resolved, that Group # 1576-0002 shall be at a rate of \$74.32 per month per employee with no dependents and \$174.04 per month, per employee with family coverage.

Motion: Carried

**O. 2022 Refuse/Recycle Collection**

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining entered into an agreement with Sani-Pro Disposal Services Corp, for the removal of refuse, garbage and commingled recyclables at residential properties within the Unincorporated Area of the Town of Ossining in November 2017 for years 2018 through 2022;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby exercises its option to renew with Sani-Pro Disposal of 566 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY for fiscal year 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$557,230.

Motion: Carried

**P. Approval of Compensation Plan for 2022**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the following Compensation Plan for the year 2022:

TITLE OF POSITION	ANNUAL SALARY
<b>EXEMPT</b>	
Assessor	\$ 158,887.00

Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 71,111.00
Court Clerk (2)	\$ 72,628.00
Deputy Receiver of Taxes	\$ 61,337.00
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	
Town Clerk	\$ 98,600.00
Council Member (4)	\$ 12,206.00
Town Justice (3)	\$ 50,793.00
Receiver of Taxes	\$ 93,600.00
Highway Superintendent	\$ 90,900.00
Town Supervisor	\$ 84,536.00
RUOK Weekend Rate	\$20/hr
RUOK Holiday Rate	\$30/hr
<b>NON-COMPETITIVE</b>	
MEO (2)	\$ 90,897.00
Auto Mechanic	\$ 90,897.00
Highway Foreman	\$ 98,365.00
Parks Foreman	\$ 98,365.00
Road Maintainer (3)	\$ 83,785.00
Senior Auto Mechanic	\$ 94,856.00
<b>LABOR</b>	
Bus Driver	\$ 55,722.00
Chauffeur	\$ 42,749.00
Community Service Worker	\$ 55,722.00
Food Svc. Helper	\$ 42,749.00
Laborer - after 3 years of service	\$ 75,435.00
Parks Groundskeeper - after 1 year of service (2)	\$ 66,180.00
Parks Groundskeeper - after 2 years of service	\$ 67,040.00
Parks Groundskeeper - after 3 years of service	\$ 75,435.00
<b>COMPETITIVE</b>	
Admin. Assistant to Supervisor	\$ 83,200.00
Assessment Assistant	\$ 61,121.00
Assessment Clerk	\$ 70,835.00
Assistant Court Clerk	\$ 57,951.00
Cemetery Superintendent	\$ 30,080.00
Deputy Assessor	\$ 87,255.00
Intermediate Clerk (Step 5)	\$ 54,775.00
Intermediate Clerk (Step 2)	\$ 49,768.00
Intermediate Clerk- Spanish Speaking	\$ 50,299.00
Nutrition Site Manager	\$ 64,629.00
Office Assistant Auto. Systems (Step 2)	\$ 53,659.00
Office Assistant Auto. Systems (Step 1)	\$ 52,052.00
Paralegal	\$ 42,311.00
Senior Office Assistant	\$ 78,653.00

<b>PART TIME EMPLOYEES</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE/DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>HOURLY RATE</b>
Hamilton, John	Building Inspector	\$ 75.92
Guinansaca, Jeaneth	PT, Town Clerk	\$ 15.60
Simkins, John	Court Attendant	\$ 25.00
Lilley, Sheila	Court Attendant	\$ 25.00
Fernandez, Rich	Court Attendant	\$ 25.00
Lee, Kenneth	Court Attendant	\$ 25.00





**T. 2022 Schedule of Fees**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the following Schedule of Fees for calendar year 2022:**

<b>Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Sale of Codebook</b>	Chapter 1 Publisher's price
<b>Access to Records</b>	Chapter 45
	Fees for copies of records not exceeding 8 ½ by 14 inches in size \$0.25 per page
	Fee for reproducing records in excess of 8 ½ by 14 inches in size Actual cost of reproduction
	Fee for PDF Copy of Tax Map on CD (Office of the Assessor) \$150
<b>Alarms</b>	Chapter 51
	Annual registration \$25
	Non Registration Fee \$250
	False alarms:
	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense Warning
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense \$50
	4 <sup>th</sup> offense \$100
	5 <sup>th</sup> offense \$200
	6 <sup>th</sup> offense \$500
	Subsequent Offenses \$500
<b>Building Construction</b>	Chapter 63
	Certificate of occupancy, where the total value of the building is:
	Less than \$10,000 \$100
	Greater than \$10,000 but less than \$20,000 \$100
	Greater than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000 \$100
	Greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000 \$100
	Greater than \$100,000 but less than \$150,000 \$100
	Greater than \$150,000 \$100
	Building permit issuance
	Where the total value of the work is up to \$1,000 \$100
	For each additional \$1,000 \$15 additional per \$1000 of work value
	Renewal of building permit ½ of Original B.P. Fee
	Electrical permits
	Per dwelling \$115
	Alteration to commercial building \$200
	New commercial construction \$350
	Plumbing permit
	House sewer and tie-in \$115
	Installation of 1 – 3 fixtures, appliances or standpipe connections \$115
	Installation of 4 – 9 fixtures \$165
	Installation of 10 or more fixtures \$215
	Backflow Device \$115
	Gas certification \$65

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference	Fee
Plumbing permit if not listed	\$115
HVAC Permit HVAC Residential HVAC Commercial	Same as Building Permit Fee Same as Building Permit Fee
Sign permit	Same as Building Permit Fee
Demolition permit	
For structure less than 1,000 square feet	\$100
For structure over 1,000 square feet	\$300
Title search (office assistance)	\$65 per property
Copies of certificates of occupancy and surveys	\$25 per copy
Inspection and letter in lieu of certificate of occupancy	\$100
Legalization of work performed without permits	All fees tripled
Failure to keep a scheduled appt. for an inspection	\$50
Same day inspection	\$50
Non-mandated inspection letter	\$50
Any type of Permit Not Listed necessary and requires inspections	Same fee structure as filing a Building Permit (based on estimated cost of project)
<b>Cabaret</b>	Chapter 68
Annual license fee	\$200
After July 1	\$100
Renewal application 30-day extension	\$5 per month
<b>Credit Card Fees</b>	Payment by Credit Card
	Maximum of 3% of Transaction
<b>Dale Cemetery</b>	Deed Change
	\$100 per change
<b>Dog Fees</b>	Chapter 74
	License Fees:
Spayed/ neutered:	\$15
Unspayed/ unneutered	\$23
Seniors over age 60 are exempt from local fee	
Redemption fees from impoundment of dogs	
First impoundment	\$20 first 24 hours; \$5 each additional 24 hours
Second impoundment	\$40 first 24 hours; \$10 each additional 24 hours
Third impoundment	\$60 first 24 hours; \$15 each additional 24 hours

<b>Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference</b>		<b>Fee</b>
	Non-Resident use of the Cedar Lane and Ryder Dog Parks	\$25, plus \$10 per each additional dog, up to three dogs
<b>Electric Car Charging</b>	Engel Park, Cedar Lane Park, Ryder Park	First 3 Hours Free; \$5 each additional hour
<b>Food Scraps Recycling Program</b>	Food Scraps Residential Kit	\$20.00 (if paying by check) \$21.00 (if paying by credit/debit card to cover convenience and per item fee)
	Food Scraps Compostable Bags (roll of 25 2-gallon bags)	\$2.00 (if paying by check) \$2.25 (if paying by credit/debit card to cover convenience and per item fee)
<b>SEQR</b>	Chapter 85	
	Environmental clearance form	No fee
	Application for preliminary environmental review	\$100
<b>Street Opening</b>	Chapter 87, Part 1	
	Simple Curb Cut	\$100
	Road opening less than 150 sq. ft	\$400
	Road opening 150 sq ft and greater	\$500
<b>Deposit for all Street Openings</b>	Deposit (in form of surety bond)	\$300 per square foot
<b>Excavation of Topsoil or Gravel</b>	Chapter 87, Part 2	
	For each 10 acres of property, or any portion thereof, proposed to be excavated	\$75
	Refund upon denial of application	\$25
	Permit renewal, for each 10 acres of property, or any portion thereof, proposed to be excavated	\$75
<b>Filling and Grading</b>	Chapter 92	
	Application for a filling and grading permit	
	For the first acre or part thereof	\$200
	For each additional acre or part thereof	\$40
	Application for a certificate of completion	
	For the first acre	\$50
	For each additional acre or part thereof	\$10
<b>Floodplain Development</b>	Chapter 102	
<b>Filming</b>	Per day	\$1400
	Permit application	\$200
<b>Freshwater Wetlands</b>	Chapter 105	
	Application review fee for permits issued by Building Inspector (see § 105-6)	Same fee structure as filing a Building Permit (based on estimated cost of project)
	Application review fee for permits issued by the Planning Board (see §105-7)	Included in site plan review fees

<b>Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference</b>		<b>Fee</b>
<b>Parks</b>	Chapter 138	
	Rental Fees	
	Pavilions (Ryder, Gerlach, Cedar Lane)	\$225 for 4 hours; \$25 for each additional hour
	Picnic Areas at Engel Park	\$75 for 4 hours; \$25 for each additional hour
	Fields/ Facilities (Ryder Park baseball fields or Football/ Soccer field; Cedar Lane Park Football/ Soccer Field; Engel Waterfront park Stage & Viewing/ Spectator Area)	Residents: \$50 for 2 hours, \$25 for each additional hour Non-Profits: \$50 for 2 hours, \$25 for each additional hour Non-Residents: \$150 for 2 hours, \$50 for each additional hour
	Fields/ Facilities with Lights (Gerlach Park Baseball or Soccer Field)	Residents: \$100 for 2 hours, \$50 for each additional hour Non-Profits: \$100 for 2 hours, \$50 for each additional hour Non-Residents: \$300 for 2 hours, \$100 for each additional hour
	Multi-Use Gaming Area (Gerlach Park)	\$25/hour
	Louis Engel Park Spray Park	\$75/hour
	Ryder Park Tennis/Pickleball	\$40 permit
<b>Boat Ramp</b>	Daily	
	Residents	\$40
	Nonresidents	\$50
	Seasonal	
	Residents	\$80
	Nonresidents	\$150
<b>Cedar Lane Arts Center</b>	Meeting in Theater Room for Art Activities, 3 Hours or Less	\$30
	Meeting in Theater Room for Art Activities, Up to 6 Hours	\$50
	Meeting in Theater Room for Non-Art Activities, 3 Hours or Less	\$50
	Meeting in Theater Room for Non-Art Activities, Up to 6 Hours	\$100
	Meeting in Theater Room by For-Profit Groups, 3 Hours or Less	\$100
	Meeting in Theater Room by For-Profit Groups, Each Hour over 3 Hours	\$25
	Art Activity Birthday Parties for Children, 3 Hours or Less	\$200 plus instructor's fee and materials expense
	Art fair events	\$50 per artist booth fee
	Ceramic Weekend Workshop (2 Day)	\$100/day plus instructor fees
	Artists Group Use of Theater Space, 3 Hours or Less	\$10/artist/ session
	Scout Ceramics Lesson (1 learning lesson, 1 firing session)	\$20/scout
	Firing Fees	\$0.05 per cubic inch for bisque \$0.07 per cubic inch for cone 6 glaze
<b>CLAC Clay Studio Membership</b>	<u>Rental Fees</u>	
	Studio Access with Shelf Space (all incomplete work must be taken home when leaving)*	\$300/ quarter
	Studio Access with ½ storage	\$375/ quarter

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference	Fee
unit*	
Studio Access with 1 full storage unit*	\$450/ quarter
*10% rental discount when you prepay six months or more in advance	
<u>Use Fees</u>	
Firing fee (includes both cone 05 bisque and cone 6 glaze)	\$0.05 per cubic inch
Clay (midrange stoneware)	\$15 per 25 pound bag
Reclaimed clay from bucket	\$10 per 25 pound bag
Mid-range Porcelain clay	\$20 per 25 pound bag
Deposit for Key to Access CLAC	\$200
Kayak Storage at Louis Engel Park	Year-round storage \$175
<b>Peddlers</b>	Chapter 144
	Annual license fee \$100
	One Day Peddler's Permit \$25
<b>Police Fees</b>	Vehicle Impound Release Fee \$25
<b>Special Events</b>	Chapter 166
	Special Event Permit Application Fee \$25.00 non-refundable fee
	Approved Special Event Fee: Event Level 1 (less than 300 people in attendance): \$200.00 per event Event Level 2 (between 300-499 people in attendance): \$500.00 per event Event Level 3 (more than 500 people in attendance): \$700.00 per event
	Security Deposit for Approved Special Event (unless otherwise specified in the permit) Event Level 1 (less than 300 people in attendance): \$200.00 per event Event Level 2 (between 300-499 people in attendance): \$500.00 per event Event Level 3 (more than 500 people in attendance): \$700.00 per event
	Banner Application Fee For events in the Town of Ossining – including the Village of Ossining and the portion of the Village of Briarcliff Manor located in the Town of Ossining: \$25.00 non-refundable fee For events outside of the Town of Ossining: \$50.00 non-refundable fee
<b>Steep Slopes</b>	Chapter 167
	Application and inspection fee, residential only \$100
	Application and inspection fee, nonresidential Included in site plan review fees
<b>Streams and Watercourses</b>	Chapter 169
	Permit application Same fee structure as filing a Building Permit (based on estimated cost of project)
<b>Taxicabs and Limousines</b>	Chapter 182
	Fare within Town, or Between Town and Village \$4.75
	For each taxicab or limousine owner's license, on initial application \$100
	For each taxicab or limousine owner's license, for each annual renewal thereof \$50
	For each taxicab or limousine owner's supplementary license \$25

<b>Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference</b>		<b>Fee</b>	
	For each vehicle licensed as a taxicab or limousine	\$25	
	For each taxicab or limousine driver's license	\$10	
	For each taxicab or limousine substituted	\$25	
	For replacement of a lost or destroyed taxicab or limousine license or sticker	\$20	
	For replacement of each driver's license or badge	\$5	
<b>Call-a-Cab Coupons</b>			
	Cost to qualifying senior citizen	\$3.00 per coupon	
	Redemption by Town to participating taxi company	\$4.75 per coupon	
<b>Senior Services</b>			
	Contribution from Qualifying Senior Citizen		
	Congregate Meals	\$3.00	
	Home Delivered Meals	\$3.50	
<b>Tax Foreclosure</b>			
	Title Search	\$250.00	
	Legal & Publication Fees	\$700.00	
<b>Tax Receiver</b>			
	Administrative Re-Levy Fee for Unpaid Village water rents	\$100	
	Memo Bill Fee-Per Bill	\$5.00	
	Bounced Check Fee-Per Item Returned	\$20.00	
	Annual Tax File Subscription Charge for Tax Service Agencies	\$600.00	
	Mailing Expense for Second Notice	\$2.00	
<b>Telecommunication</b>			
	Chapter 182A		
	New telecommunications tower	\$5,000	
	Co-location of an existing telecommunications tower or high structure where no increase in height of the tower or structure is required	\$2,000	
<b>Towing Services Agreement</b>			
	Chapter 182B		
	Fees and services	<b>Normal business hours Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sat/Sun/holidays and after 5:00 p.m. weekdays</b>
	Light-duty straight Town (3 tons DVW)	\$94.50	\$120.75
	Light-duty service call	\$78.75	\$105
	Gate/yard	----	\$47.25
	Mileage, per mile	\$4.20	\$4.20
	2 <sup>nd</sup> truck	\$94.50	\$120.75
	Light-duty winching	\$94.50	\$120.75
	Storage, per day	\$50	\$50
<b>Tree Removal</b>			
	Chapter 183		
	Tree removal permit, residential only	\$100	
	Tree removal permit, nonresidential	Included in site plan review fees	
	Tree Bank Fund	\$165 per caliper inch	
<b>Planning and Zoning Boards</b>			
	All appeals and applications made to the Board of Appeals	\$350	
	Special permit application	\$350	
	Site plan or conditional use permit	\$350	
	Application review fee	\$350, plus \$25 per parking space	

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference	Fee
Inspection fee	Same as application review fee
Request for rezoning or zoning amendment review fee	\$1,000 plus \$50 per acre of property owned or controlled by the applicant to which the rezoning or zoning amendment pertains
Environmental quality review. A full environmental assessment form review fee is required in all cases when this form is part of the application.	\$200
Performance and maintenance bonds	The amount of all performance and maintenance bonds shall be established by the Planning Board, based upon a recommended amount as specified by the Town Engineer
Each bond reduction request	\$100
<b>Escrow Accounts</b>	
For subdivisions, based on number of lots	
0 to 2	\$5,000
3 to 10	\$10,000
11 to 35	\$25,000
More than 35	\$60,000
For site plan, conditional use permits and special permits, based on square footage	
0 to 3,000	\$5,000
3,001 to 20,000	\$10,000
20,001 to 50,000	\$25,000
Greater than 50,000	\$60,000
For minor applications (includes wetland permits, filling and grading permits, etc.)	\$5,000 Escrow
Variances	\$350
Pre-application meetings to discuss conceptual proposals, per meeting	\$500
After the fact application (Planning & Zoning)	Application Fee Tripled
Beekeeping	\$75 initial application; \$0 renewal
Accessory Dwelling	
Initial application	\$300
Each renewal	\$150
<b>Subdivision of Land</b>	
Chapter 176	
Application review fee	
Major	
Preliminary plat	\$200, plus \$125 per lot
Final plat	\$200, plus \$125 per lot
Minor	\$200, plus \$125 per lot
Recreation fee. However, in the case of multifamily developments, the Planning Board may adjust the recreation fee in relation to the recreational facilities provided within the subject development. Recreation Fee-Affordable Housing	\$7,500 per lot or dwelling unit.  \$2,500 per lot or dwelling unit
Inspection fee	3% of the Town Engineer's estimated cost for all utility and roadway improvements, plus \$100 for an engineering estimate
Escrow account deposits	(See fees under "Escrow Accounts" above.)

**Motion: Carried**



## U. Dale Cemetery Fee Schedule 2022

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the following Schedule of Fees for Dale Cemetery for calendar year 2022:

### GRAVE PRICES

- Single Depth Grave: \$2,500
- Double Depth Grave: \$3,000
- Child's Grave (2 ½ ' x 5'): \$750
- Baby Grave (18" X 26"): \$550
- Cremation Grave Space (3' X 3') \$1,100

### COLUMBARIUM PRICES

- Somerset Columbarium Niche (Holds Two Urns): \$1,700\*
- Interment of Second Urn: \$200
- Bronze Name & Date Plate with Installation: \$650\*\*
- Bronze Name Plate with Installation: \$175\*\*
- Bronze Date Plate with Installation: \$85\*\*

\* Price Includes Original Interment

\*\* Must be ordered with Dale Cemetery

### SECTION 12 INTERMENT PRICES

- Opening/Saturday Fee: \$1,875/\$850
  - Cremation with Vault/Saturday Fee: \$1100/\$500
  - Use of two Graves for One Interment: Additional charge of \$1275.
- Total Fee \$3,150**

### INTERMENT PRICES

- Single Depth : \$1800
- Double Depth : \$2100
- Child's Grave(Up to 5' in Length): \$800
- Baby Grave (Up to 26" in Length): \$700
- Saturday Fee: \$650

### INTERMENT CREMATED REMAINS

- Cremated Remains: \$750
- Cremated Remains Burial – each additional container, Same Time & Grave: \$350
- Cremated Remains Placed in Casket – Each Additional Container: \$350
- Saturday Fee: \$300

### DISINTERMENT CHARGES

- Disinterment remaining here (with vault)
  - Single Depth: \$3100
  - Double Depth: \$3500
- Disinterment remaining here (casket only)
  - Single Depth: \$3225
  - Double Depth: \$3650
- Disinterment to another cemetery (with vault): \$2100\*\*\*\*\*
- Disinterment to another cemetery (casket only): \$2750\*\*\*\*\*
- Disinterment of Cremated Remains to be removed from cemetery: \$925
- Disinterment of Cremated Remains to another grave site in Dale Cemetery on the same day as the disinterment: \$1350\*
- Disinterment of Cremated Remains to Somerset Columbarium: \$850\*
- NO DISINTERMENT ON SATURDAY OR HOLIDAY – MONDAY THRU FRIDAY ONLY

\*New containers, urns, or caskets must be supplied by a licensed funeral director or family representative, if needed. They will not be supplied by the cemetery.

\*\*\*\*The above disinterment charges are for labor only. There will be additional charges if a new wood box or steel vault is necessary at the time of removal.

### WORK PERMIT FEES

- Includes Inscriptions, headstone cleaning, planting: \$75
- Use of cemetery water \$25

### INDIGENT BURIAL

- \$750

### ADDITIONAL CHARGES

- There are NO INTERMENTS on Sundays or Holidays
- Burials must arrive by 2PM Monday thru Friday; Saturday burials must arrive by 11:30AM. There will be a charge of \$175 per half hour for late arrivals.
- Dale Cemetery, must be notified by 11:00 AM on Friday if a burial is scheduled for the following Monday, otherwise there is a \$750 fee for weekend preparation.
- There will be a \$200 fee in winter if frost/ice/snow conditions exist.
- Saturday Interment Fee: \$650 – by 11:30AM
- Saturday Cremated remains Interment Fee: \$400
- Duplicate Deed Fee: \$100
- Temporary grave marker \$25
- Flower arrangement disposal over ten up to 25 pieces \$75

Motion: Carried

#### V. Records Management Officer

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

Resolved, that pursuant to Section 57.19 of the Local Government Records Law, the Town Board hereby appoints Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk Records Management Officer of the Town of Ossining.

Motion: Carried

#### W. Appointment of Marriage Officers

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Susanne Donnelly, Dana Levenberg, and Martha C. Quituisaca as Marriage Officers for the Town of Ossining for 2022.

Motion: Carried

#### X. Finance-Investment Policy

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts the Investment Policy as follows:

#### INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF OSSINING

**I. SCOPE**

**This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for investment on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity of individual.**

**II. OBJECTIVES**

**The primary objectives of the local government’s investment activities are, in priority order,**

- **to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legal);**
- **to adequately safeguard principal (safety);**
- **to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity); and**
- **to obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).**

**III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

**The governing board’s responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Town Supervisor who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a data base or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.**

**IV. PRUDENCE**

**All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the Town of Ossining to govern effectively.**

**Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.**

**All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.**

**V. DIVERSIFICATION**

**It is the policy of the Town of Ossining to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.**

**VI. INTERNAL CONTROLS**

**It is the policy of the Town of Ossining for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Finance Department and deposited in a designated Town of Ossining revenue account within one business day of receipt of the funds. The Town Supervisor’s office shall receive a copy of the transaction record. Employees will receive a written receipt for any cash amounts forwarded to the Finance Department**

and should maintain original receipt(s) in department records and copies of the receipt(s) in personal records.

The Town Supervisor is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

**VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

The banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of Town monies are:

<u>Depository Name</u>	<u>Officer</u>
J. P. Morgan Chase Bank	Betsy Davis
Wells Fargo Bank	Paul DeGrato
Sterling Bank	Michael McGuire
TD Bank	Ryan Fohl
Tompkins Community Bank	Maria G. Lopez
Connect One Bank	Rori Sagal
NYCLASS	Joel Friedman
Valley National Bank	Kelly Velasquez-Carcich

**VIII. COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS**

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law, §10, all deposits of the Town of Ossining, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

1. By a pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value," Or provided by General Municipal Law, §10, equal to the aggregate Amount of deposits from the categories designated in Appendix A to the policy.
2. By an eligible "irrevocable letter of credit" issued by a qualified bank (or federal home loan bank) other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% (100% if federal home loan bank) of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.
3. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims - paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

**IX. SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION**

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by (the depository and/or a third party) bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure local government deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events, which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the Town of Ossining or its custodial bank.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

#### **X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS**

As authorized by General Municipal Law, §11, the Town of Ossining authorizes the Town Supervisor to invest monies not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- Special time deposit accounts;
- Certificates of deposit;
- Obligations of the United States of America;
- Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;
- Obligations of the State of New York;
- Obligations issued pursuant to LFL §24.00 or 25.00 (with approval of the State Comptroller) by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the Town of Ossining;
- Obligations of this local government, but only with any moneys in a reserve fund established pursuant to GML, §6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-g, 6-h, 6-j, 6-k, 6-l, 6-m, or 6-n.

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Ossining within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Ossining within two years of the date of purchase.

#### **XI. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS**

The Town of Ossining shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments which can be made with each financial institutions or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit worthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition (Call Report) at the request of the Town of Ossining. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve

Bank, as primary dealers. The Town Supervisor is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositaries, trading partners and custodians. Such listing shall be evaluated at least annually.

## **XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS**

The Town Supervisor is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

- 1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an Authorized trading partner.**
- 2. By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Article 5G of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the governing board (for example, NYCLASS – New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System).**
- 3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized tracking partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board.**

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Town of Ossining by the bank or trust company. Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law, §10.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

## **XIII. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

- All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.**
- Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers.**
- Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America and obligations of agencies of the United State of America where principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America.**
- No substitution of securities will be allowed.**
- The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.**

Appendix A  
Schedule of Eligible Securities

(i) Obligations issued, or fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States of America, an agency thereof or a United States government sponsored corporation.

(ii) Obligations partially insured or guaranteed by any agency of the United States of America, at a proportion of the Market Value of the obligation that represents the amount of the insurance or guaranty.

(iii) Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the State of New York, obligations issued by a municipal corporation, school district or district corporation of such State or obligations of any public benefit corporation which under a specific State statute may be accepted as security for deposit of public moneys.

**Motion: Carried**

**Y. Finance-Debt Management Policy**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts the Debt Management Policy as follows:

The Comptroller will monitor the debt portfolio annually for refinancing opportunities through services of a financial advisor. This can be done in connection to the continuing disclosure process.

The minimum criteria for bond refunding are as follows:

1. Refunding should produce savings equal to 3% of bonds to be refinanced
2. Savings after insurance premium should be 2 ½ times underwriters discount and other costs of issuance.

**Motion: Carried**

**Z. Finance – Procurement Policy**

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

**WHEREAS**, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law requires the governing body of every municipality to adopt a procurement policy for all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid, and

**WHEREAS**, comments have been solicited from all officers in the Town of Ossining involved in the procurement process, now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Town of Ossining does hereby adopt the following procurement process which is intended to apply to all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid.

**Purchases up to \$1,999**

Town Department Managers may authorize purchase of not more than one-thousand nine-hundred and ninety nine dollars (\$1,999) per purchase contract for materials, services, supplies or repairs provided that such purchase is made in conformance with the following procedure:

A. A standard Claim Voucher is to be completed and submitted to the Supervisor's Office with the following information:

1. Name and address of Vendor
2. Date and vendor number
3. Budget Account Codes
4. Quantity, description and purpose of goods or services purchased
5. Signature of Department Head

**B. The Claim Voucher must be accompanied by an original invoice and packing slip, if applicable.**

**Purchases between \$2,000-\$20,000**

**Department Managers may make purchases between \$2,000 and \$20,000 for materials, supplies and repairs provided that such purchase is made in conformance with the following procedure:**

**A. A Purchase Order is to be completed in order to encumber the expenditure for all purchases over \$2,000, including purchases made under State or local government contracts. This form shall be submitted to the Budget Officer with the following information:**

- a. Name and address of recommended vendor**
- b. Date, Vendor Number, Budget Account Codes**
- c. Quantity, description and purpose of the purchase**
- d. Unit cost and total cost of proposed purchase**
- e. Purchase Order must be signed by the Department Manager**

**B. Two verbal quotations are required for purchases between \$2,000-\$4,999. A verbal quotation form available in the Supervisor's Office must be used to document the quotes. Attach verbal quotation form to Purchase Order and submit to Budget Officer for approval.**

**C. Three written quotations are required for purchases between \$5,000-\$20,000. A written quotation form available in the Supervisor's Office must be used to document the quotes. Attach written bid requests to the Purchase Order along with documentation from vendor indicating cost and submit to Budget Officer for approval.**

**D. Approved purchases will be acknowledged to the Department Manager by copy of the signed Purchase Order signed by the Town Supervisor with a Purchase Order number assigned to it by the Finance Department.**

**E. Upon satisfactory receipt of the material, supply or repair, the Department Manager will submit to the Budget Officer the following:**

**a. Purchase Order signed by the Department Manager to indicate approval for payment along with an invoice from the vendor attached to the Purchase Order.**

**Any public works contract over \$10,000 must follow above procedures and obtain three written quotes. A Public Works Contract over \$30,000 is subject to competitive bidding.**

**A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the purchaser will document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall failure to obtain the proposals be a bar to the procurement.**

**Purchases are subject to the availability of funds. Department Managers may not authorize purchases under this section when there are insufficient funds in the designated budget account. The Budget Officer distributes monthly budget expenditure reports showing the available funds in each department account.**

**Purchases of \$20,000 and over**

**All purchases of materials, supplies and repairs of equipment of \$20,000 or more and all public works contracts of \$30,000 or more requires competitive bidding subject to the laws of New York.**

**A. The Town Supervisor and Clerk's office shall be responsible for the issuance of required documents, notices and advertisements required under the competitive bidding laws and for the receipt of such bids from vendors.**



**B. Department Managers will be responsible for preparing information regarding the quantity, quality and specifications of the materials, supplies or work to be furnished.**

**C. Capital Projects are defined as improvements to the Town's operations in excess of \$12,000 per project. Please consult with the Budget Officer in order to establish a Capital Project number and processing of Purchase Order.**

**General Provisions**

**1. Where possible, purchases should be made from New York State and Westchester County purchasing contracts. These purchases are exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law Section 103. Information regarding these contracts is available online at [www.ogs.state.ny.us](http://www.ogs.state.ny.us). The NYS Contract number must be written on claim voucher or purchase order along with a print-out from the OGS website indicating the item is on NYS Contract.**

**In addition, purchases under any NYS county or local government contracts, or purchased through the Empire State Purchasing Group, Sourcewell (formally National Joint Powers Alliance, NJPA), Keystone Purchasing Network, or OMNIA Partners (formerly US Communities), are permissible, provided that the contract is let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with NYS law and made available for use by other governmental entities and subject to the approval of the Town Supervisor.**

**2. Documentation is required of each action taken in connection with each procurement.**

**3. Documentation and explanation are required whenever a contract is awarded to other than the lowest responsible offeror. This documentation will include an explanation of how the award will achieve savings or how the offeror was not responsible. A determination that the offeror is not responsible shall be made by the purchaser and may not be challenged under any circumstance.**

**4. As to the purchase of tires for Town-owned vehicles:**

**I. Any supplier and/or distributor of tires to the Town must be on New York State and/or Westchester County contract.**

**II. Any supplier and/or distributor of tires to the Town must be able to provide all tires required and selected for any vehicle in the Town of Ossining fleet.**

**III. Whenever possible, a supplier/ distributor with a facility within the Town that otherwise meets all other criteria and requirements will be selected to supply tires to the Town.**

**IV. Travel/ delivery time will be factors utilized in selecting a tire supplier/ distributor.**

**V. In selecting a tire supplier/ distributor, preference will be given, if and when possible, to purchase tires from American companies that manufacture tires within the United States.**

**5. As to the use of tow companies and vehicle inspections for Town-owned vehicles:**

**I. All tows of Town-owned vehicles are to be done by Town of Ossining businesses.**

**II. All automotive inspections of Town-owned vehicles are to be done by Town of Ossining businesses.**

**6. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 104-b(2)(f), the procurement policy may contain circumstances when, or types of procurement for which, in the sole discretion of the governing body, the solicitation of alternative proposals or quotations will not be in the best interest of the municipality. In the following circumstances, it may not be in the best interest of the Town of Ossining to solicit quotations to document the basis for not accepting the lowest bid:**

**a. Professional services or services requiring special or technical skill, training or expertise. The individual or company must be chosen based on accountability, reliability or responsibility, skill, education, and training, judgment, integrity and moral worth. These qualifications are not necessarily found in the individual or company that offers the lowest price and the nature of these services are such that they do not readily lend themselves to competitive procurement procedures.**

**In determining whether a service fits into this category, the Town of Ossining Town Board shall take into consideration the following guidelines: 1) whether the services are subject to state licensing or testing requirements; 2) whether substantial formal education or training is a necessary prerequisite to the performance of the services; and (3) whether the services require a personal relationship between the individual and municipal officials. Professional or technical services shall include but not be limited to the following: services of certified public accountant; investment management services; printing services involving extensive writing, editing, or art work; management of municipally owned property; and computer software or programming services for customized programs or services involved in substantial modification and customization of pre-packaged software.**

**7. A Request for Proposal must be prepared for Professional Services. This section is adopted from the Office of the State Comptroller's Financial Management Guide, Subsection 8.3020. Requests for proposals are traditionally used as a means of obtaining many types of professional services. RFPs are used to obtain the services of: architects, engineers, accountants, lawyers, underwriters, fiscal consultants, and other professionals. The purpose of a request for proposal is to have an effective way to award contracts for professional services. RFPs and evaluation of the proposals can consider price plus other factors such as experience, staffing and suitability for needs and may include negotiations on a fair and equal basis. The award should be the most advantageous to the Town.**

**The overall process involves making a request for proposals from various firms or professionals, and then evaluating the proposals received. Depending on the complexity of the situation, you may prepare the RFP in house or a consultant could be obtained to help you prepare it. The Town Attorney will review all RFPs, contracts to be executed with the firm selected and any other needed items.**

**There should be a well-planned solicitation effort in order to identify a sufficient number of qualified firms. This can be done by advertising in local trade journals, checking listings of professionals, talking to local officials, etc. A well-planned solicitation effort can result in reduced costs through increased competition.**

**8. Emergency purchases pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law. Due to the nature of this exception, these goods or services must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternative proposals may threaten the life, health, safety and welfare of the residents. This section does not preclude alternative proposals if time permits.**

9. **Sole Source.** Competitive bidding is not required under Section 103 of the General Municipal Law in those limited situations when goods or services are available from only one source. If a determination is made that a particular item is available only from one source so that no possibility of competition exists, competitive bidding may not be required for the procurement of the item. Department Managers must document the unique benefits of the item as compared to other items available in the marketplace; that no other item provides substantially equivalent or similar benefits; and that considering the benefits received, the cost of the item is reasonable, when compared to other products or services in the marketplace

10. **Purchases of surplus and second-hand goods from any source.** If alternate proposals are required, the Town of Ossining may purchase surplus and second-hand goods at auctions, through specific advertised sources, or from Town suppliers, if it can be determined that such purchase is at a fair market value, is in the best interests of the Town, and if approved by the Town Supervisor or Budget Officer. It is understood that it may be difficult to try and compare prices of used goods and that a lower price may indicate an older product.

11. **Goods or services under \$2,000.** The time and documentation required to purchase through this policy may be more costly than the item itself and would, therefore, not be in the best interests of the taxpayer. In addition, it is not likely that such de minimis contracts would be awarded based on favoritism.

12. **The Town Board must authorize and approve all change orders on capital construction projects by Town Board resolution.**

13. **The Town Supervisor and Budget Officer shall be the municipal officials responsible for providing guidance and making decisions as to application of this procurement policy.**

**Motion: Carried**

**AA. Reimbursement of Town Employee Business Expenses**

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

**WHEREAS, from time to time employees incur certain expense in connection with performing their duties, attending training, seminars and/or conferences; and**

**WHEREAS, The Town of Ossining has established guidelines which an employee may be legally reimbursed for expenses; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining does hereby adopt the Reimbursement of Town Employee Business Expense Policy as follows:**

**Purpose of this Policy**

**The purpose of this policy is to establish the guidelines under which an employee of the Town of Ossining may be legally reimbursed for expenses related to the travel to and from, and attendance at, any event which has been recognized and authorized as an event related to Town business. The policy is adopted from the Office of the State Comptroller's Financial Management Guide, Subsection 8.1025. In the event of any misunderstanding or dispute, the Town Supervisor will make the final determination as to whether an employee is entitled to reimbursement of any expense.**

### **Prior Written Authorization Required**

Authorization must be obtained in writing from the Town Supervisor prior to attending an event for which an employee expects reimbursement. In the event that such prior authorization was not obtained, the Town Supervisor, at his/her discretion may authorize reimbursement by written notice to the Budget Officer.

### **Claim Voucher Required**

In order to receive reimbursement of an expense, an employee must submit to the Budget Officer a properly completed and signed Town form, including as attachments, a copy of the Town Supervisor's written authorization, a copy of the brochure or other literature describing the event, and any required receipts. The claim form, available in the Supervisor's Office, must clearly state the title of the event, the sponsoring association, the location and date(s) of the event, and an itemized list of the expenditure categories to be reimbursed. In the event of a conference or training seminar where certificates of completion are issued, said certificates should be provided to the municipality.

### **Use of Petty Cash for Employee Reimbursements**

Petty cash should be used minimally for the reimbursements of employee expenses. It should be remembered that petty cash should require replenishment no more than once a month. Further, any reimbursement made of employee expenses through petty cash still requires appropriate receipts and authorization from the Town Supervisor. A monthly report of petty cash deposits and expenditures must be submitted to the finance departments and supervisor's office

### **Legal Authority**

General Municipal Law 77-b generally authorizes reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending a meeting, convention, conference or school conducted for the betterment of the Town. Written authorization must be obtained in advance from the Town Supervisor before such attendance can be considered a proper Town expense. "Actual and necessary" means that the expenses were:

1. Actually made
2. Necessarily incurred for an authorized purpose
3. An amount no greater than necessary (Opn. St. Comp. 69-563).

### **Tax Exempt Certificate**

The Town is exempt from federal, state and local taxes, including sales tax. As such, it is the responsibility of any employee authorized to attend an event to ascertain that they carry with them a copy the Town of Ossining Tax Exemption Certificate. Such certificates should be presented to places of lodging and dining, so that any amounts paid are exclusive of taxes. The Town retains the right to refuse reimbursement of sales and other taxes paid as part of an employee's expense.

Reimbursement will be made for the following business related expenses, but **MUST** be pre-approved by the Supervisor's Office:

- Transportation
- Meals
- Lodging
- Gratuities

### Transportation

Transportation will be reimbursed for actual travel to and from an authorized event. Transportation will not be reimbursed for any personal travel incurred while away, or for normal commuting to and from home and Town Offices. Reimbursement will be made for:

- The amount spent using public transportation (bus, train, etc.) receipts are required.
- The amount spent for re-fueling a Town owned vehicle. Receipts are required.
- The standard mileage rate, as determined by the Town Board, when using a personal vehicle.
- The amount spent for tolls. Receipts are required.
- The amount spent for parking. Receipts are required.
- The amount spent for plane fare at the regular rate charged for a single coach fare, unless otherwise authorized in writing.

### Meals

Meals will be reimbursed when the employee is attending an authorized event away from the regular work area for an extended period of time. If an employee is not attending an event which requires an overnight stay, breakfast and/or lunch will not be reimbursed. Expenditures for the purchase of alcoholic beverages or for guests will not be reimbursed. Receipts are required for all meal expenses.

### Lodging

Lodging will be reimbursed at the usual cost of the single occupancy room rate for those nights which fall between the days of an authorized event. "Single occupancy room rate" means the regular room rate charged for a single occupant by the hotel, or the nearest available hotel to, where the event is held. Lodging will not be reimbursed for nights prior or subsequent to the days of an authorized event, unless authorized in advance in writing by the Town Supervisor. Receipts are required for all lodging expenses.

### Registration, Tuition, Materials

Any other expenses required to participate in an authorized event, such as registration fees, tuition, books and supplies, will be reimbursed. Receipts are required for all such expenses.

### Gratuities

Gratuities that are reasonable and actual may be reimbursed. Gratuities for meals may not exceed the greater of (\$1.00) dollar or fifteen (15%) percent of the cost for each meal, unless a mandatory minimum greater than this amount is required under the terms of the event

### Periodic Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Budget Officer. Any questions concerning this policy may be directed to the Budget Officer. The references cited above may assist employees in understanding this policy, and the basis for its contents.

Motion: Carried

## **BB. Agreement-NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby continues its membership with the NYS Workers' Compensation Alliance for fiscal year 2022 to administer workers compensation claims at a cost not to exceed \$118,177, not including the NYS assessment fees.

Motion: Carried

**CC. Insurance Renewal-New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby continues its insurance policies and coverage with the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at an amount not to exceed \$152,667.14.

Motion: Carried

**VII. REGULAR MEETING - BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – December 14, 2021**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the December 14, 2021 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Carried

Aye: Levenberg, Meyer, & Feldman  
Abstain: Manicchio

**B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated January 11, 2022, in the amount of \$290,081.65 for 2021 and \$280,872.07 for 2022 for a grand total of \$570,953.72.

Motion: Carried

**C. Personnel – Promotion – Motor Equipment Operator**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby promotes John Orlando, Putnam Valley, NY to the position of Motor Equipment Operator at an annual salary of \$90,897, effective January 1, 2022.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: John and Mike have been effectively serving in these positions for a few years now, we are adopting this resolution tonight to clean up paperwork with Westchester County Civil Service. Thank you John and Mike for your service to the Town, it is much appreciated!

Motion: Carried

**D. Personnel – Promotion – Motor Equipment Operator**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby promotes Michael Blanco, Hopewell Junction, NY the position of Motor Equipment Operator at an annual salary of \$90,897, effective January 1, 2022.**

**Motion: Carried**

**E. Personnel – Promotion – Bus Driver**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby promotes Edmond Banta, Ossining, to the position of Bus Driver at an annual salary of \$55,722, effective January 1, 2022.**

**Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Eddie Banta has been working for our Senior Nutrition Program for many years, and we are happy to have the opportunity to promote him this year into the title of Bus Driver. When we receive our new fully electric bus for the program, Eddie will be the driver. We thank him for his dedicated service to the Town and our Seniors!**

**Motion: Carried**

**F. Personnel – Appointment – Chauffeur**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Luis Dutan, Ossining, to the part-time position (17.5 hours per week) of Chauffeur at an hourly rate of \$15, effective January 12, 2022.**

**Supervisor Levenberg said the following: We are so happy to be welcoming Luis Dutan on board – he is a member of the Ossining Fire Department and a long-time resident of Ossining. We are sure he will fit right in and be a great addition to the team!**

**Motion: Carried**

**G. Personnel – Appointment – Food Service Helper**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Marilu Pinto, Ossining, to the part-time position (17.5 hours per week) of Food Service Helper at an hourly rate of \$15, effective January 17, 2022.**

**Supervisor Levenberg said the following: We are also adding Marilu Pinto to Team Town, she has experience working with seniors at Kendal on Hudson and is an Ossining resident as well.**

**Motion: Carried**

**H. Town of Ossining Community Development Advisory Group Representative**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Jackie Shaw as the Town of Ossining representative to the Westchester County Urban County Consortium Community Development Advisory Group.**

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Jackie may be off the Town Board, but we couldn't let her go too far! When Richard Wishnie informed us that he wanted to step down from his role as the Town of Ossining CDAG Representative, we asked Jackie Shaw if she might be willing to continue to represent her community in this important way—luckily for us, she said YES!

Motion: Carried

**I. Re-Appointment - Board of Assessment Review**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby re-appoints Larry Shactel to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term to expire September 30, 2026.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Larry Shactel has served on the Board of Assessment Review for years, and when his term was up in September, he expressed interest in serving another term. Larry has been a dedicated volunteer and a sound voice on the BAR, so is sure to be an asset to the Town for another term.

Motion: Carried

**J. Call for Public Hearing – Maya Riviera Cabaret License 2022**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby calls for a Public Hearing to be held in the matter of the 2022 Cabaret License for Maya Riviera Bar & Restaurant, 518 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510, on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY, however if the State extends the authority to hold Town Board meetings remotely, the Public Hearing will be held via videoconferencing only with the log-in information available on the Town's website in advance of the meeting.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Annually, some of our eating and drinking establishments apply for a cabaret license, including Maya Riviera on North State Road. Their application has been reviewed by the Ossining Police Department and our Building Department, so the next step is to hold a public hearing before the Town Board considers the application.

Motion: Carried

**K. Call for Public Hearing – Local Law #1 of 2022**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby calls for a Public Hearing to be held in the matter of a Local Law to Amend Chapter 180 of the Town Code ("Taxation") Regarding Veterans' Real Property Tax Exemptions, on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY, however if the State extends the authority to hold Town Board meetings remotely, the Public Hearing will be held via videoconferencing only with the log-in information available on the Town's website in advance of the meeting.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: We discussed at our Work Session last week this proposed legislation to expand the exemptions for veterans in



the Town of Ossining. Our Counsel is preparing a draft local law for the Board's review and we will open the public hearing at our next legislative session to get the ball rolling.

Motion: Carried

**L. Memorandum of Understanding – Westchester County CAPI**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Ossining, County of Westchester, Cities of Peekskill and White Plains, Villages of Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington, Ossining, Pelham, and Tarrytown, and the Hudson Valley Regional Council for the purposes of receiving grant funds to advance the Westchester County Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) and establish the Town of Ossining as a Westchester County CAPI Participant.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: The Town signed on to this grant when it was applied for in 2019, and the County team is finally ready to get started. The Town now needs to agree to this MOU to fully participate in this exciting program, which will help the Town develop an updated greenhouse gas inventory and learn from our partners in local government.

Motion: Carried

**M. Amendment to License Agreement with Ossining Boat and Canoe Club**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign an amendment to the license agreement with the Ossining Boat and Canoe Club to extend the expiration date of the agreement to December 31, 2022 and set additional terms of the agreement for the 2022 calendar year, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: The Town's license agreement with OBCC was set to expire at the end of 2021, but we are hoping to enhance our relationship with OBCC for the next long term license agreement and we did not want to rush those conversations. We are extending the terms for another year to give us the opportunity to have those thoughtful conversations very soon in advance of next year.

Motion: Carried

**N. Memorandum of Agreement – Local Blue Solutions, LLC.**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign a memorandum of agreement with Local Blue Solutions, LLC., 100 Main Street #813, Ossining, NY 10562, for services relating to the Town's comprehensive communications strategy, community partnerships, and Community Equity Task Force for 2022.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: In 2022, we budgeted for another year with our communications consultant, Local Blue Solutions. Acacia Mauriello, the principal, has been a great addition to the team and greatly improved our reach on various communications platforms. We are hopeful that will only continue to grow in the coming year!

Motion: Carried

**O. Proposal – Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC.**

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

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining approves the proposal submitted by Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC. for professional services associated with a feasibility evaluation for the consolidation of parks and highway services, at a fee not to exceed \$13,800.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: We have known for some time that we need to plan for the future of our highway and parks operations, as our current facilities for both departments do not meet their current needs. Our Town Planner, Valerie Monastra from Nelson, Pope, Voorhis, has developed a proposal to help us with this initial analysis in addition to her regular work for the Town.

Motion: Carried

**P. Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining Authorizing the Adoption of the 2022 Westchester County, NY Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

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

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Westchester County have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

WHEREAS; pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS; a coalition of Westchester County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ossining:

1. Adopts in its entirety, the 2022 Westchester County Hazard Mitigation Plan (the “Plan”) as the jurisdiction’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
2. Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
3. Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
4. Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
5. Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.

6. Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
7. Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: We heard from our Town Planner Valerie Monastra in November about the Westchester County Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The Town participated in this planning process along with many other Westchester municipalities, and now each jurisdiction needs to adopt the plan in order to take full advantage of the grant benefits associated with having this plan in place.

Motion: Carried

**Q. Resolution – Authorizing Town Assessor to Grant Exemptions on the 2022 Town Assessment Roll**

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

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11, declaring a disaster emergency for the State of New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in reduced staff in Town offices and rendered senior citizens and individuals with disabilities particularly susceptible to the virus, making it difficult for many in these populations to file their real property tax exemption applications in person and many, further, lack the ability to file such applications online; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11.1 on December 26, 2021, extending Executive Order No. 11 and also modifying provisions of Real Property Tax Law to permit the Town Board to adopt a Resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll (i.e., senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income), thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file renewal applications to request such exemptions, and further dispensing with the requirement that the Assessor mail renewal applications to such persons; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby directs the Town Assessor to:

1. Grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemption on the 2021 assessment roll and all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that;
2. The Town Assessor may, in their sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with their office if they have reason to believe that any such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed for the relevant property, transferred such property to a new owner or died. If the Town Assessor requires such renewal application be filed, they shall notify the owner of the subject property of such requirement by regular mail, with such notice advising that said renewal application may be returned by mail or by making an appointment to drop same off at the Town Assessor's Office, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York 10562.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Hochul has authorized municipalities to allow these exemptions to essentially renew for the 2022 roll. We are hopeful this will make the situation a bit easier for these vulnerable populations and we are grateful to the Governor for offering this option again this year.

Motion: Carried

**VIII. MONTHLY REPORTS**

Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Meyer 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 December 2021:

- Tax Receiver
- Town Clerk
- Highway Department
- Supervisor’s Office

Motion: Carried

**IX. VISITOR RECOGNITION**

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:31 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for advice of counsel, and personnel and Councilmember Meyer seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:04 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Meyer seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:16 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Feldman seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



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Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk