



MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ONLY

JUNE 29, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Dana A. Levenberg

COUNCILMEMBERS
Elizabeth R. Feldman Gregory G. Meyer
Angelo A. Manicchio Jennifer Fields-Tawil

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

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on June 29, 2022 via video conference, pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 signed into law on September 2, 2021 by Governor Hochul and Executive Order 11.7. 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 (entered Zoom at 7:31 PM), Greg Meyer, Angelo A. Manicchio, and Jennifer Fields-Tawil. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, and Deputy Town Clerk Martha C. Quituisaca.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Local law to allow members of all public bodies of the Town of Ossining to participate in meetings via videoconferencing**

At 7:31 PM, the Public Hearing opened.

Town Counsel Tomm-Addona explained the local law.

At 7:33 PM, Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Meyer to close the public hearing.

- **Local law regulating bicycles, bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters in the Town of Ossining**

At 7:34 PM, the Public Hearing opened.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: This legislation closely mirrors legislation drafted by the Village of Ossining, as the Town Board discussed at a Work Session a few weeks ago. This is our first public hearing on the draft legislation, but we know it needs some work. Since we cancelled our Work Session for Tuesday, July 5, we will revisit this at the following Work Session, which is scheduled for July 19. We'll take public comment tonight, but please note that I will be asking for a motion tonight to adjourn this public hearing to July 26.

At 7:36 PM, Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Meyer to adjourn the public hearing July 26, 2022.

III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

First of all, I just wanted to take a minute and thank the voters in the 95th Assembly District, I am humbled to have won the Democratic primary last night to hopefully represent our district in Albany starting in January. I do not plan on stepping down from my Town Supervisor role prior to January, and whatever the outcome may be in November, I look forward to continue to work hard on behalf of the Ossining community in the future. Participating in the democratic process is so important, especially on the local level, so make sure to always get out on election days to make your voices heard!

Join the Community Equity Task Force for a 21 day Racial Equity Challenge, which started on June 18. Join us as we read *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee and engage in a series of activities intended to deepen our understanding of and commitment to racial equity. Follow along on Facebook, chat with other participants in the Challenge Facebook group, and receive weekly email recaps by joining our Google Group, ossining-equity-task-force@googlegroups.com.

Today's the week people! Friday is the official kick off of RiverJam (formerly known as the Summer Concert Series) on Friday, July 1 with Fireworks for Independence Day. We have taken a 2 year hiatus from fireworks due to COVID-19 restrictions, and we can't wait to get back to it! Food Trucks start serving at 5pm, music starts at 7pm with Pablito y su Latin Show, and fireworks will start at 9pm. There will be great food trucks, craft beverages, and lots of fun for the whole family! We'll see you there.

A couple of reminders about Town office hours – starting Friday, July 1, summer hours will start, with Town offices (except for the Town Clerk) closing at 3:15pm on Fridays through Friday, September 2. We are also going to be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Councilmember Feldman spoke about how to become a member of the Ossining Boat & Canoe Club and the programs that the OBCC is offering.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT ON TOWN OPERATIONS

Supervisor Levenberg said the following:

Last week, I had the opportunity to take State Senator Pete Harckham on a tour of our North State Road businesses. Because of redistricting, Ossining will become part of the State Senate district Senator Harckham currently represents and seeks to continue to represent. He listened attentively to the concerns of local business owners and nonprofits, and to me as I explained our infrastructure needs on North State Road.

Speaking of infrastructure, the Morningside Drive repaving project was completed last week. We also had the opportunity to visit the site with Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, as a portion of that project was funded with Multi-Modal money allocated by our Assemblywoman. The McCarthy Drive project is also starting the paving phase this week. A notice was conveyed to all of the impacted residents via their mailboxes today, and our Town/Village Engineer Paul Fraioli is working closely with the contractor to make sure the project is completed successfully.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of joining Mayor Rika Levin and many Town and Village of Ossining elected officials and staff to unveil the official Mary Ann Roberts Entrance Hall at 16 Croton. Mary Ann retired as clerk in 2019 after close to 30 years of service to the Town and Village of Ossining. She was also the Village's first female mayor, paving the way for so many inspirational women in our community. It was a great way to honor Mary Ann!

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

VII. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Amended Minutes—Regular Meetings – May 10th and 24th, 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 May 10th and May 24th, 2022 minutes of the Regular Meetings as amended.

Motion: Carried

B. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – June 14, 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 June 14, 2022 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Carried

C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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 Voucher Detail Report dated June 28, 2022 in the amount of \$308,582.98

Motion: Carried

D. Call for Public Hearing – Local law to amend Chapter 73 of the Town Code (Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) 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 calls for a Public Hearing to be held in the matter of a Local law to amend Chapter 73 of the Town Code (Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program), on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. held via videoconferencing only in accordance with State authority, with the log-in information available on the Town's website in advance of the meeting.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: At last week's Town Hall meeting, we heard from Sustainable Westchester about a local law we would need to adopt to participate in their opt out Community Solar program. We are excited to get this started.

Motion: Carried

E. Contract – Memorandum of Understanding with Sustainable Westchester

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 with Sustainable

Westchester, Inc. for the Town of Ossining to participate in the Westchester Power contract for communities in the Con Edison Service territory.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: At our meeting last week too, we heard from Sustainable Westchester on the pause in the Westchester Power program. Sustainable Westchester requested that participating municipalities adopt this MOU to get the program back up and running ASAP.

Motion: Carried

F. Approval of Contract – Village of Croton on Hudson EMS

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 agreement between the Mid-Hudson EMS District and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson for the provision of Emergency Medical Technicians to supplement Croton EMS, 24 hours per day at an hourly rate of \$26, effective June 1, 2022 through May 30, 2023, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: The MHAD provides ambulance coverage to Croton, requiring an annual contract.

Motion: Carried

G. Contract – Al Gori Enterprises, 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 an agreement with Al Gori Enterprises, LLC, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 for entertainment at the Town of Ossining Independence Day Fireworks Celebration, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: We are excited to welcome back Homespun Merry Go Round to the kick off of River Jam this Friday, July 1!

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 May 2022:

- Town Building Department

Motion: Carried

IX. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

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 correspondence:

- **Town Planning Board Minutes – March 16th, April 6th, and April 20th, 2022**

Motion: Carried

X. VISITOR RECOGNITION

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Meyer seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk