

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

**August 23, 2022**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**8:30 A.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 August 23, 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 11.9. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Elizabeth R. Feldman, Jennifer Fields-Tawil, and Angelo A. Manicchio. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, and Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli.

Councilmember Greg Meyer was absent from the meeting.

A moment of silence was held for Mary See.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Please remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Mary See, one of our long time employees in the Town Clerk's office who retired just a few years ago. She was a lifelong Ossining resident, graduate of Ossining High School, and also worked with the Ossining School District before joining the Town. She will be missed. May her memory be a blessing.

**II. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

Only a couple meetings left where I get to start my announcements with Ossining RiverJam! But good news: it is back this Friday, August 26 with The Track! The Track is a Westchester based band featuring some familiar faces including Drew Bordeaux, Rich Kelly, Chris Burke, and Tito Wilson. As per usual, we will post the food truck line up later this week, so you know what you can start dreaming about for Friday night dinner! Head down to Engel Park at 5pm hungry... then the music will start at 7pm. Thank you to our crack planning team- the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce, Mike and Miriam Risko, Sing Sing Kill Brewery, Ossining Parks and Rec, and Victoria Cafarelli from the Supervisor's office. We couldn't do this all without you! We are winding down to our last two concerts of the summer, so don't miss out!

Ossining voters – remember today is election day for Democratic, Republican, and Conservative party primary voters for the 17th Congressional District in Ossining-- if you didn't vote early, you can vote today until 9pm at your regular polling place. If you need to find your polling place, you can do so by visiting the County Board of Elections website at [citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com](http://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com).

If your polling place happens to be the Ossining Community Center, you can also donate blood after casting your vote. This blood drive, from 11:30am to

4:30pm at the Community Center is sponsored by Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick. You can make an appointment at [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org), sponsor code "Ossining."

The Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy will be holding a Gravestone Cleaning Workshop this Saturday, August 27 from 9am to 12noon at Sparta Cemetery. Get more information online at [www.ossininghistoriccemeteries.org](http://www.ossininghistoriccemeteries.org).

The Ossining School District with lots of partners including the Ossining Police Department, will be holding one more Summer Block Party this Monday, August 29th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm on Broad Avenue. Get ready for Back to School with lots of fun, giveaways, resources, and a DJ.

The Ossining Public Library is also getting in on the back to school fun with a Goodbye Summer Party featuring a very special guest, Peppa Pig, on Wednesday, August 31 at 4pm outside the lower level entrance to the library. How could you miss this celebrity sighting right here in Ossining??

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

Supervisor Levenberg said the following:

As we work to reduce our carbon footprint, we also recognize the need to become more resilient in the face of climate change, which is already well underway, unfortunately. To that end, we are continuing our public engagement around the Shoreline Revitalization Project as part of the Climate-adaptive Design Studio Phase 2. We need your input as we design a climate adaptive shoreline. Get the latest on this project and provide your input by visiting the Green Ossining website, [www.greenossining.org](http://www.greenossining.org). The survey will close this Sunday, August 28. Thank you to Green Ossining for playing virtual host to this shared, Town/Village effort!

A quick reminder about our summer Town Board meeting schedule – today's meeting is being held in the morning to accommodate the primary election happening today which our Clerk's office helps to administer. Next Tuesday is a 5th Tuesday, so there will be no meeting. We will return to our regularly scheduled Town Board meetings the following Tuesday, September 6 for the fall. We plan on continuing our meetings in a virtual format, as is currently allowed via the Governor's executive order. Should that change in the coming weeks, we will keep the community updated via our Town website and e-mail blast.

### **IV. LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

### **VI. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – August 9, 2022**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the August 9, 2022 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Carried Unanimously

#### **B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated August 23, 2022 in the amount of \$904,635.59

Motion: Carried Unanimously

**C. Finance- Capital Project #2022-5242 – 2022 Street Paving-Highway**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes opening a 2022 Capital Project #2022-5242, entitled “2022 Street Paving” for the Town Highway Department, with a project budget of \$187,458.97. The project will be funded from closing out the 2021 Morningside Drive and Court Paving, project number 5232, and transferring the balance to fund additional street paving.

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 5110.200.5242	2022 Street Paving	<u>\$187,458.97</u>
Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$187,458.97
<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0500.5050.5242	Interfund Transfer-Capital	<u>\$187,458.97</u>
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$187,458.97
<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 9901.200.5232	Interfund Transfer-Capital	<u>\$187,458.97</u>
Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$187,458.97
<u>Decrease Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 5110.200.5232	2021 Morningside Drive/Crt Street Paving	<u>\$187,458.97</u>
Total Decrease to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$187,458.97

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: As discussed at our last Town Board meeting, we thankfully came in under budget for the Morningside Drive and Morningside Court paving project. Those funds are being re-allocated to another capital project to fund the paving of Ridgeview Drive in the coming weeks. Thank you to our Highway Superintendent Pete Connolly, Town/Village Engineer Paul Fraioli, and Comptroller Dale Brennan for keeping a close eye on our capital projects so Town resources can be maximized when it comes to improving our infrastructure.

Motion: Carried Unanimously

**D. Personnel – Retirement**

Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining accepts, with regret, the resignation for purposes of retirement of Lonnie Walker from the position of Bus Driver, effective August 31, 2022.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: With great regret, we accept the retirement of longtime chauffeur for our Town Senior Nutrition program, Lonnie Walker. Lonnie was an integral part of the seniors’ program and could always be found with a smile on his face, making everyone feel good. We will miss him greatly, but we wish him well in his retirement.

Motion: Carried Unanimously

**E. Contract Amendment – Hubbard’s Cupboard, LLC.**

Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining approves an amendment to the agreement between the Town and Hubbard’s Cupboard, LLC, Port Chester, NY 10573 to increase the price per meal for the Senior Nutrition Program from \$5.45 per meal to \$7.00 per meal, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Thank you to the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services for bringing to our attention an increase in grant funding to reimburse the Town for our meals expenses to our caterer. Money is tight for everyone right now, and we are appreciative to the County for recognizing that fact during these difficult times.

Motion: Carried Unanimously

**F. Stipulation of Agreement – Teamsters**

Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

BE IT SO RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Town Supervisor, the Stipulation of Agreement between the Town and IBT Local 456 to amend the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, is hereby ratified and approved.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: In light of the legalization of recreational cannabis use in New York State, we have reached an agreement with our Teamsters unit to relax drug testing protocols for employees who do not have commercial drivers licenses and are therefore not subject to the regulations of federal DOT drug testing protocols. This does not change that employees cannot be under the influence while on the job, but since off duty cannabis consumption can often yield positive drug tests, this will allow employees to exercise their legal right to engage in recreational cannabis use off the job. Thank you to our labor partners at Teamsters 456 for recognizing the importance of amending our drug testing protocols to keep up with changing laws.

Motion: Carried Unanimously

**G. Intermunicipal Agreement – Westchester County Positive Youth Development**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Westchester County for the purposes of receiving \$28,000 in grant funds for the administration of a Positive Youth Development Zumba Program.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: One of the Youth Bureau programs, Youth Zumba, is funded by a grant to the Town. In order to receive the grant funds, we must first enter into an agreement with the County.

Motion: Carried Unanimously

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

Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Manicchio 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 – July 20, 2022

Motion: Carried Unanimously

**VIII. VISITOR RECOGNITION**

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:44 A.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for advice of counsel and personnel, and Councilmember Manicchio seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Councilmember Feldman left Executive Session at 8:58 A.M.

Councilmember Meyer entered Executive Session at 9:05 A.M.

Councilmember Meyer left Executive Session at 9:38 A.M.

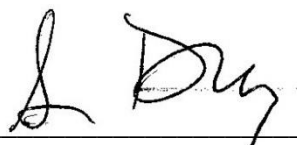
At 9:53 A.M., Councilmember Fields-Tawil motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Manicchio seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:53 A.M., Councilmember Fields-Tawil motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Manicchio seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

  
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Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk