



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF OSSINING**  
**IN PERSON AT**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**16 CROTON AVE – OSSINING, NEW YORK**  
**AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

**April 25, 2023**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR**  
**Elizabeth R. Feldman**

**COUNCILMEMBERS**  
**Gregory G. Meyer                      Angelo A. Manicchio**  
**Jennifer Fields-Tawil                Matthew J. Weiss**

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

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on April 23, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 16 Croton Ave, Ossining, NY 10562 AND via video conference. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Elizabeth R. Feldman. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Gregory G. Meyer, Angelo A. Manicchio, Jennifer Fields-Tawil, Matthew J. Weiss also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca, and Deputy Town Clerk Jeaneth V. Guinansaca.

**II. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulation to Suzie Ross for an amazing Earth Day festival and a good turnout

Congratulations to the Ossining School district for once again being voted the best community for music education

We Congratulate the Ossining High School Robotics on their excellent performance in the first ever International Robotics Competition in Houston, TX this weekend.

A message from our Receiver of Taxes:

The 2023 Town and County tax bills have been mailed and are available online for payment

Bills are only mailed to those that pay their taxes directly vs. through an escrow account with a lender. The bills being mailed directly should arrive at your homes in the next few days. Please look out for the bill and call us if you do not receive it by the end of this week. Consistent with NYS Real property tax law/Westchester County Tax Act, taxes are due by April 30, 2023 BUT because April 30th is on a Sunday, you can pay without penalty through May 1st, 2023 Seniors, people eligible for disability exemption and volunteer First Responders should reach out to the Assessor's Office for more information on eligibility for expanded tax exemptions. Deadline to apply is May 1st

This spring we are celebrating Ossining-based Riverkeeper's 12th annual day of service for the Hudson River on Saturday, May 6th, 2023. Riverkeeper has over 100+ service projects planned across New York City and the Hudson Valley. And we have four locations in Ossining! Registration is required, so please use this link to find your location/project preference [www.riverkeeper.org/sweep](http://www.riverkeeper.org/sweep)

**Join the Rally to Save The River on Saturday May 6 starting at 2PM at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park. Join your fellow Hudson River Community Members, Organizations and Legislators in Speaking up against the dumping of 1 million Gallons of Radioactive wastewater into Our Hudson River.**

**The I love my park day will be Saturday May 6 starting at 10 AM on the old Croton Aqueduct in Croton & Ossining. Learn how to identify invasive plants, help remove them, plant native species and so much more. Rain Date Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**The AMD PTA is holding their spring fundraiser a life in motion, photography mini family photo sessions, the dates available are April 20- May 13**

**On Friday, April 28, at 10:30 am, the Town and Village of Ossining will be hosting an Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration at the bus station on Spring Street between Waller Avenue & St. Paul's Place. Arbor Day 2023 marks the third year that the Village and Town of Ossining will celebrate the Tree City distinction together. The Village received this designation for the first time in 2020, while the Town will mark its 23rd year. This event will be held rain or shine. We will welcome a number of guests from the community, including the coral group from Ossining High School and partners from Green Ossining, IFCA, and Neighbors Link.**

**The Ossining Public Library will be presenting author Jeannie Zusi, author of “The Fredrick Sisters are Living the Dream” on Thursday April 27th at 7P.M. the book will be available for purchase and signing provided by Hudson Valley Books for Humanity of Ossining**

**The Ossining Public Library will be holding a meet the authors event on Saturday April 29 from 10A.M. - 1 P.M. the authors included are Sarah Bracey White, James Darren Hicks, Iain Haley Pollock and Kendall Glaspie**

**It's the Ossining MATTERS Flower Fundraiser! The finest, best-quality bulbs and plants available for all your flower and vegetable garden needs - 100% replacement guarantee! Best part, 50% of your purchase will go directly to funding the Ossining student grant program. To learn more about the program and see what grants have been funded, please visit our website.**

**The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today adopted a policy that allows the transport of personal electric vehicles (PEV) on MTA property and on-board transit, with the exception of MTA express buses, and outlined the rules for safe transport. This policy supports New York State’s and New York City’s micro mobility programs encouraging the use of personal vehicles such as bikes and scooters, particularly for first and last mile transportation, enhancing the transit experience by supporting multi-modal journeys and providing seamless integration. The policy is intended to increase access to MTA transit by for people who do not live within walking distance from a transit station and fulfills one of the short-term goals established by the Extending Transit’s Reach, the MTA’s landmark Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Micro mobility Strategic Action Plan issued in January.**

**III. LIAISON REPORTS**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**V. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – April 11, 2023**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the April 11, 2023 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.**

**Motion: Carried**

**B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated April 25, 2023 in the amount of \$467,213.65**

**Motion: Carried**

**C. Call for Public Hearing – Maya Riviera Cabaret License 2023**

**Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the First Floor Boardroom at the Ossining Municipal Building, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562 and via Zoom videoconferencing (which information will be available at [www.townofossining.com](http://www.townofossining.com)), in the matter of the 2023 Cabaret License for Maya Riviera Bar & Restaurant, 518 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.**

**Motion: Carried**

**D. Resolution – 63 River Parkway**

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

**WHEREAS, the Town received an in-rem foreclosure judgment from Westchester County Supreme Court (Index No. 2336/2017) authorizing the Town to acquire and convey the property know as 63 River Parkway (90.15-2-61); and**

**WHEREAS, 63 River Parkway is a vacant, undersized, undevelopable lot; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town desires to convey 63 River Parkway to the neighboring property owner, the only party with a potential interest in the property, in order to put the property back on the tax roll; and**

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the conveyance of 63 River Parkway to Richard Snedaker, 1 River Parkway for the sum of \$800 and costs associated with recording the deed; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor, the Town Receiver of Taxes and any other applicable Town officers, employees and/or agents, are hereby authorized to execute a deed and all other documentation necessary to facilitate this conveyance.**

**Motion: Carried**

**E. New York State Liquor Authority Special Event Permit Application—  
Ossining Fire Department Inspection**

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Landlord Authorization Form for the New York State Liquor Authority Special Event Permit Application made by the Ossining Fire Department for the Ossining Fire Department Inspection on June 24, 2023 at Louis Engel Park; and

Be it further Resolved, that the applicant will provide proof of insurance and the letter of indemnity to the Town in a form acceptable to Counsel to the Town.

Motion: Carried

**F. Personnel—Appointment—Seasonal Laborer**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining appoints Brent Gamble, Ossining, to the seasonal position of Laborer in the Town Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$15, effective May 1, 2023.

**G. Contract – Cellco Partnership, DBA Verizon Wireless**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorized the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Cellco Partnership, DBA Verizon Wireless, 3140 State Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119 for wireless, data, voice, and accessories.

Motion: Carried

**H. Awarding of Bid – Replacement of Highway Department’s Mechanic Shop Roof**

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining duly noticed a request for sealed bids pursuant to General Municipal Law § 103 for replacement of the Highway Department’s Mechanic Shop roof; and

Whereas, the Town held an optional pre-bid meeting at the site; and

Whereas, the Town Clerk opened the three bids received on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 10:00am as per the notice; and

Whereas, the lowest bid was provided by MCAS Roofing & Contracting, Inc., who also attended the optional pre-bid meeting; and

Now therefore,

Be it Resolved, the Town Board hereby adopts a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act determining that the proposed action does not have the potential for any significant adverse environmental impacts as replacing the existing roof will improve the safety

and welfare of the Town employees who work in the Mechanic Shop and also the safety and welfare of members of the public who rely upon the Highway Department to provide essential services; and

Be it further Resolved, the Town Board finds MCAS Roofing & Contracting, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and hereby awards the contract for the replacement of the Highway Department's Mechanic Shop roof to MCAS Roofing & Contracting, Inc. at an amount not to exceed \$48,500; and

Be it further Resolved, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with MCAS Roofing & Contracting, Inc. for this work and execute any other documents reasonably necessary to facilitate this work.

**Motion: Carried**

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

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following correspondence be received and filed.

- Zoning Board Transcripts - Juan Illisaca, 21 Hillcrest Ave (Crotonville) – March 20, 2023 & April 17, 2023
- Planning Board Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2023

**Motion: Carried**

**VII. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following monthly reports be received.

- Dale Cemetery
- Town Building Department

**Motion: Carried**

**VIII. VISITOR RECOGNITION**

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for personnel contract and advice of counsel, and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

At 9:28 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

At 9:28 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

Approved:

  
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Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk