



# TOWN OF OSSINING

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## **Mid-Hudson Ambulance District Q1-2023 Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2023**

7:35 PM, held via Zoom videoconferencing

### Video Recording of Meeting

MHAD Chair Dr. Robert Seebacher (entered meeting at 7:50 PM), MHAD Vice Chair Richard Wishnie, OVAC Chief Nick Franzoso, OVAC Chairman William Hanauer, Ossining Town Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman, Village of Croton EMS President Bill McCabe, OVAC Board Member Dave Levitt, Village of Ossining Manager Karen D'Attore, Dr. Barry Geller of Phelps Northwell, Village of Ossining Citizen Representative Susanne Donnelly, and Assistant to Town Administrator of the Town of New Castle Tiffany White were present.

Village of Ossining Trustee Liaison Robert Fritsche, OVAC Medical Director Dr. Emil Nigro, Dr. Shalom Sokolow of Phelps Northwell, New Castle Town Administrator Jill Shapiro, OVAC Treasurer Alex Beck, Village of Croton Manager Bryan Healy, Croton Chief of Police Russell Harper, Village of Ossining Mayor Rika Levin, and Village of Sleepy Hollow Village Administrator Anthony Giaccio were absent.

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MHAD Vice Chair Wishnie called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

MHAD Vice Chair Wishnie called for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the Mid-Hudson Ambulance District Q4-2022 Meeting on January 19, 2023. Village of Ossining Citizen Representative Donnelly moved and OVAC Chairman Hanauer seconded.

Motion: Carried Unanimously

OVAC Chief Franzoso provided the committee with an update on COVID-19. The Food and Drug Administration has authorized another COVID-19 vaccine booster. As has been the practice, people 65 years of age or older will receive the vaccine booster first followed by everyone else. The first dosage of the COVID-19 vaccine has been discontinued. Dr. Geller of Phelps Northwell noted that we are moving past the COVID-19 pandemic.

OVAC Chief Franzoso spoke about working on renewing the contracts for OVAC services for the Village of Croton and the Village of Sleepy Hollow for fiscal year 2023-2024.

OVAC Chief Franzoso shared statistics from the [First Quarter of 2023](#).

There was no new business.

National EMS Week will run from May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. OVAC Chief Franzoso spoke about OVAC doing something on May 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate National EMS Week.

Dr. Geller of Phelps Northwell spoke about working with OVAC Chief Franzoso on providing care to people who have access issues.

MHAD Vice Chair Wishnie discussed the New York State Budget and about waiting to hear from the state about funding for emergency medical services. Currently, NYS does not see emergency medical services as an essential service. If that were to change, there would be big funding opportunities for emergency medical services. Village of Ossining Manager D'Attore spoke about the Village of Ossining working with NYCOM to advocate for OVAC to NYS.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2023 at 7:30 PM. Meetings will continue via Zoom videoconferencing.

Village of Ossining Citizen Representative Donnelly made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM, seconded by MHAD Chair Dr. Seebacher.