Town of Ossining Board Legislative Session

January 26, 2021

Meeting Transcript

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Attendance: Supervisor Dana Levenberg, Councilmember Liz Feldman, Councilmember Jackie G. Shaw, Councilmember Gregory Meyer, Municipal Attorney Christie Addona, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, Deputy Clerk Martha Quituisaca, Planner Valerie Monastra

- Dana Levenberg: Good evening and welcome to the Town Board of the
- 2 Town of Ossining regular meeting for Tuesday January 26 2021. Please
- 3 rise and join me for the pledge of allegiance.
- 4 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to
- the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with
- 6 liberty and justice for all.
- Dana Levenberg: So we are going to start this evening with a public
- 8 hearing on local law one of 2021 to amend chapter 200 of the town code
- ⁹ zoning to create beekeeping regulations in the Town of Ossining.
- 10 Martha Quituisaca: Oh, we have to do roll call.
- Dana Levenberg: Oh I'm sorry. I don't know why okay roll call was after.
- 12 Martha Quituisaca: That's okay.
- Dana Levenberg: Thank you.
- 14 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Feldman?
- Liz Feldman: Present.
- 16 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Shaw?
- 17 Jackie Shaw: Present.
- 18 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Meyer?

- 19 Greg Meyer: Present.
- 20 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Wilcher?
- 21 Northern Wilcher: Present.
- 22 Martha Quituisaca: Supervisor Levenberg?
- 23 Dana Levenberg: I'm here.
- 24 Martha Quituisaca: Okay now.
- Dana Levenberg: Are you ready for the public hearing? Okay, so we're
- reopening two public hearings hearings this evening for proposed
- legislation that we have been working on for a couple of months relating to
- beekeeping and battery energy storage, we have resolutions on our
- agenda later in the evening for to adopt these two local laws, anticipating
- 30 little to no comment.
- After quite a few months of talking and researching beekeeping, we feel we
- have a solid draft to forward to adoption as we've mentioned before, our
- hope is to make it legal to keep bees in Ossining as we understand that
- there are people or entities, who have been keeping them for some time,
- so we want to make sure that we do allow them to be legal. We utilize local
- laws from neighboring or like communities, similar communities to draft our
- version and we responded to the feedback that we received and we think
- that we have what I guess what I would say, is a good compromise so right
- now we're opening up the public hearing for any additional comment, I will
- ask our planner Valerie Monostra from Nelson [Pope] Voorhis if she has
- any comments before we open it up to the public.
- Valerie Monastra, NPV: No, I don't. I do believe that this the current law
- actually incorporates many of the comments are received throughout the
- 44 process, and I also think it also incorporates feedback we received also
- from the town board, so I think it's a really it's a good compromise, and I do
- think that this law will be successful in the town.
- Dana Levenberg: Great and with that is there anybody here who would like
- to comment on the beekeeping legislation local law and, if so, could you
- raise your virtual hand and we will allow you to speak.

- Victoria Cafarelli: As we have one person. I'm going to hit allowed to talk.
- 51 Donna, you should be good to go.
- Donna Sharrett: Yeah, okay now you can hear me right?
- Donna Sharrett: Yes, yes, that was different way to operate, right? So I -
- 1'm I have no objections and I just wanted to thank the board for a lot of
- work that you put into this, I think it's just really amazing that you know
- you're that you're willing to put so much discussion to something about
- insects, is really cool. So I really appreciate that and I do think that, as you
- said, it is it is a good compromise and, and you know as, as has been
- stated before, if there were problems in the future that could be addressed.
- But the big issue here is that you added mitigation measures by adding that
- floral resources for the bees, which will help the native bees and you know
- they're really towards the foundation of our ecosystem, so not many people
- think about them much and I'm really, really jazzed that you guys are
- putting that in the law so um thank you so much. And I thank you on behalf
- of all of those little winged beings that are flying around all over the place,
- 66 maybe not today.
- Dana Levenberg: Well, thank you, and thanks for all the good work that you
- do for our environment and for the town on daily basis, done and we really
- appreciate your input and as I've mentioned before, we may not we're
- always listening, we may not always be able to get to every point, but we
- hope again to reach a solid compromise that everybody can live with and
- like you said it's a jumping off point. It's a place to start, and it can be
- tweaked if need be, as we go forward, so thank you again for your
- 74 comments and your input.
- Anybody else here? Just the board? I do not believe there is anybody so
- with that I will take a motion to close the public hearing for Local Law
- 77 number one.
- 78 Councilman Northern Wilcher: So move -
- 79 Jackie Shaw: So moved.
- 80 Councilman Northern Wilcher: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: All those in favor?

- 82 All: Aye.
- Dana Levenberg: Anybody opposed?
- 84 [None.]
- Dana Levenberg: Wonderful. Up next we have our public hearing a Local
- Law number 2 of 2021 to amend chapter 200 zoning of the town code is
- that my house? to regulate battery energy storage. I hope my house isn't
- like on fire or something I don't know what that sound is. Continuing with
- our public hearings we now have our Battery energy storage systems local
- law, again we have held several public hearings on this topic and anticipate
- closing the public hearing and adopting the legislation later this evening.
- ls there anyone here to address the board before we do that, let me just
- ask again Valerie Monastra if you have any comments before we open up
- 94 for public comment.
- Valerie Monastra, NPV: No, I just wanted to remind the public again that
- this is based off of a model law from NYSERDA and we did minimal
- tweaking to the local law. But it's uh again it's a good law, and I think it will
- also help with current and future applications dealing with vendor energy
- 99 storage.
- Dana Levenberg: Fantastic so again, I will open it up to the public there's
- anybody here to address the board on Local Law number two of 2021.
- 102 [None]
- Dana Levenberg: Nobody? My house doesn't seem to be exploding so with
- that, a motion to close the public hearing on Local Law number two?
- 105 Liz Feldman: So moved.
- 106 Councilman Northern Wilcher: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: All those in favor?
- 108 All: Aye.
- 109 Dana Levenberg: Any opposed?
- 110 [None.]

- Dana Levenberg: And we move into announcements. So first things first I
- would like to extend our thanks to the Highway, Parks, and Cemetery
- Departments for their work today and I'm sure tonight with the snow. The
- weather report is never a sure thing, but our crews are ready, regardless of
- whether we are getting a light dusting or a few feet. So thank you to
- highway Superintendent Pete Connolly and foreman Kevin Moore and the
- entire team for their work in the storm.
- And also, I would be remiss if I didn't Valerie Monastra for all her hard work
- on drafting all those local laws so thanks to her, and also to our Council
- 120 Christie Tomma Addona. I know you both work so hard on that as well as
- the resolutions for this evening and I didn't appropriately, thank you, when
- we were talking about those local law, so wanted to do that.
- On a similar note, I wanted to highlight some of the changes taking place at
- Sally Swope Sitting Park. Our parks Foreman Mario Velardo and his crew
- in the parks department had been undertaking the restoration of the park
- removing invasive species, adding drainage and paths that will make it
- easier to maintain and enjoy on a regular basis. They worked with Teatown
- to discuss the best plan and best options for the paths as well as which of
- the invasive were to be removed in order to have the most successful long
- term impact. If you see it now, it might not look like much, but I have been
- assured that is going to look fantastic when things start to grow back and
- when we have a way to keep up and maintain the park on a regular basis.
- So we are hopeful that we'll be ready for a spring reopening, as we know
- how much everyone is taking advantage of all of our public open spaces.
- However, to meet this ambitious goal the parks team has had to read the
- cold, for the past few weeks. I am excited to see the appreciation for our
- departments circulating on social media. The Town of Ossining has over
- 130 acres of parkland and we are so proud of the work that our crews do
- daily to keep our favorite green spaces beautiful, our fields, courts,
- buildings, and pavilions maintained too. So big shout out to them.
- 141 Another town department update comes from our Tax Receiver Holly
- Perlowitz. The second half of 2020/2021 school tax bills is due by January
- 143 31st 2021. But, since that is a Sunday payment can be made by February
- 1st without penalty. Taxpayers can pay online through the Xpress pay
- option on the town website. You can also pay by mail or drop off your

- envelope with a stamp at the dedicated tax office mail slot at the Ossining
- post office it's by the old place that we used to just put a regular mail right
- next to where you can slip your regular mail there's a special slot just for
- paying your taxes, you can even pay your Village of Ossining taxes are
- also due the 31st and you can pay your water bill there as well don't
- forget the stamp. If you would like to pay in person, you are welcome to
- come to the municipal building at 16 Croton Avenue in Ossining during our
- public office hours from 9am to 2:30pm Monday through Friday. The
- Honorable Holly Perlowitz and her staff are very helpful if you have any
- questions you can call them at 914-762-8790 or email
- taxreceiver@TownofOssining.com. Make it a double play and pay your
- village often first have to access at the same time.
- Do you have high heating bills this winter? If so, join the EnergySmart
- Homes Ossining/Briarcliff launch webinar this Thursday, January 28 from
- 7pm to 8:30. You can discover customized clean heating and cooling
- solutions for your home, understand how energy efficiency can save you
- money and energy, plus learn about financial incentives and rebates
- offered by NYSERDA and Con ED. Join the webinar on Thursday, January
- 28 to meet the contractors and hear from some of our neighbors who have
- happily reduced their energy bills with geothermal, mini splits, and
- installation. Save money while saving the Earth. To rsvp to the webinar go
- to sustainablewestchester.org/webinar or you can call 914-242-4725
- extension 122 and I think that takes you to Lauren Brois who has been a
- tremendous asset. EnergySmart Homes Ossining/Briarcliff is a
- collaboration between the Town of Ossining that's us Villages of
- Ossining and Briarcliff and a wonderful local volunteers from Green
- Ossining and the Briarcliff Sustainability Committee. All in partnership with
- Sustainable Westchester and we all came together to for a press
- conference this past weekend at the Farmers Market and to talk about the
- launch of this program which we are hoping to be very successful. If you
- don't think it's for you please pass it on and there is it's not just for
- homeowners its also for renters in their life incentives for the presenters as
- 178 well.
- Unfortunately, we cannot have announcements, these days, without
- discussing COVID-19. Last week we passed the first anniversary of a
- 181 COVID-19 case being diagnosed in the US; on January 20, 2020 a test

came back positive from a patient in Washington State. It wasn't until 182 March 1st that the virus was diagnosed in New York, it is heart wrenching 183 to think of all that has happened since that time. As we get into passes 184 anniversaries - the dates Broadway shut down, our second round of 185 quarantine birthdays - I ask all residents to remain hopeful and vigilant. 186 Ossining is a wonderful, friendly community, and we are in a unique 187 position because of the respect that we have for one another. Local groups 188 have organized book drives, food distributions, driving movies, car parades, 189 mini food pantries, virtual events and so much more. Let's all committed to 190 continuing to support our neighbors as we work through this. Wear your 191 masks, even double up that's what they're saying now right? Wave "hello," 192 call, and text your friends and ask for help if you need it. We still cannot 193 hug each other, but we are here for one another, and we are all in this 194 together. 195

I know a lot of people are concerned about vaccines. The President has 196 indicated that the new administration is prioritizing ramping up production, 197 but that it will take some time for supply to catch up with demand. We did 198 hear an announcement late today that the goal is to have - to ramp up the 199 production of the vaccine and to have the entire population vaccinated by 200 this summer. So maybe we can have fireworks after all - I don't know 201 fingers crossed, let's just hope. As soon as we can help with distribution 202 here in Ossining, we will. We have been speaking with the county and we 203 know that we, along with so many of our other Westchester communities 204 are ready to help when the supply is at hand. We are considering a lot of 205 different methods of reaching our residents and we hope to be ready to go 206 as soon as more vaccines are allocated to New York state, we were on a 207 call today with the - the urban county - sorry, the Urban County 208 Consortium, is that right? Yeah. 209

- Victoria Cafarelli: Urban County Council.
- Dana Levenberg: Urban County Council that can't the consortium
- 212 anyway, this is there the Community development block grant group the
- Urban County Council, yeah and we are all working together to look at
- 214 how we can spend the CARES [Act] money. The county is really takes the
- lead on this, but the urban county council gets to weigh in and it's 30
- communities in Westchester that are part of the Council and there is going

- to be another round of CDGB funding that's going to be coming around but
- 218 also there is COVID funding that's coming through the the stream the
- 219 CARES [Act] funding is coming through there and we did speak today
- about helping to distribute vaccines to our seniors who are home or and
- 221 hometown homebound so that is a possibility we're not sure we're going
- to need the CDGB funding funding for it or if the Department of Health will
- be on helping with that, but it is a consideration of how we can use some of
- 224 that funding to help with some of the challenges that we are facing during
- 225 COVID and there were a lot of very good ideas that we shared, as well as
- were shared so we're going to continue to work on that.
- 227 And luckily testing availability, has not been impacted appointments are
- available for testing on Sundays at the Community Center in are saying you
- can register through the Westchester Medical Center website for that. Star
- of Bethlehem Church is continuing to offer testing on Wednesdays, Fridays,
- 231 and Saturdays from 9am to 4pm. I think that also OVAC has some
- available testing is available at OVAC sorry for Star, you can sign up at
- star beth B, as in boy C, as in cat org resident residents to also use the
- New York state website feature called "Find a Test Site Near You" to help
- residents schedule appointments at Open Door, CVS, Health Mart
- pharmacy, and many other local sites. And I actually saw that on the State
- website, I believe you can order a test to be delivered to your home now to
- 238 and do your own self-test I'm not sure exactly how that works, but then you
- do not have to leave your home presumably, to get the test.
- And also, I heard that Mike Risko is going to be celebrating their 26th
- 241 anniversary this weekend doing a little ribbon cutting at their store they've
- had many changes, and we have a proclamation for them for the ribbon
- cutting this Saturday. Not exactly sure, but I think it's on Facebook, it might
- be at 11am. Or it might be at one at 1pm I can't remember but take check it
- out and hopefully you'll be able to celebrate this beloved, local institution
- 246 and wonderful local business who does so much to support the
- 247 Community.
- Do you any of my board colleagues have any announcements to share?
- 249 And I see nobody having any so we can move into liaison reports then. Are
- 250 there any liaison reports?

- Jackie Shaw: Just one for the police reform and reinvention committee. We
- will be presenting a draft to the Village [of Ossining] Board on Wednesday,
- 253 I think they're the consultants will be presenting and one person from
- each sub group will be presenting and then from there, it goes on to public
- 255 hearing, public comments, edits, and then final draft.
- Dana Levenberg: Okay fantastic so that'll be an opportunity for us to win
- you appreciate that.
- Liz Feldman: And then were you going to talk about the EnergySmart
- 259 Homes event on Thursday?
- 260 Dana Levenberg: I did.
- Liz Feldman: Oh okay.
- Dana Levenberg: It was in my announcements.
- Liz Feldman: Okay. Sorry, I didn't hear the that you mentioned the event
- to sign up for to join.
- Dana Levenberg: It did. Did everybody hear me?
- Liz Feldman: I heard you talking about the program I didn't hear you say
- that they can sign up to join in on the event.
- 268 Dana Levenberg: Yes, a -
- Liz Feldman: My mistake.
- Dana Levenberg: where to go and sign up. I'm happy to say it again, and I
- was actually planning to talk about it again, because there is a resolution
- for later in the meeting but...
- 273 Liz Feldman: Okay.
- Dana Levenberg: Once again, you can go to sustainablewestchester.org
- slash webinar to register for the webinar which is from 7 to 8:30pm as
- mentioned this Thursday, or you can call Lauren Brois at 914-242-4725
- extension 122.
- 278 Liz Feldman: Thank you.

- Dana Levenberg: Alright, so I think I just lost my place a little bit, but
- that's okay um then okay, so I think we're up to, there are no additional
- liaison reports?
- 282 [None.]
- Dana Levenberg: Okay, and hearing none public comment on agenda
- items only. Agenda items? Is there anybody here to comment on any of the
- items on the agenda? You can raise your virtual hand if you'd like to
- 286 comment.
- Dana Levenberg: Okay. And hearing none, we can move into our Board
- resolutions Martha Quituisaca please take us through.
- Martha Quituisaca: Okay Approval of Minutes, Reorganization and Regular
- Meeting, January 12, 2021: Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of
- Ossining hereby approves the January 12, 2021 minutes of the
- 292 Reorganization and Regular Meeting as presented.
- 293 Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- Northern Wilcher: So moved.
- 295 Jackie Shaw: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: All those in favor?
- 297 All: Aye.
- Dana Levenberg: All right. Any opposed?
- 299 [None.]
- Martha Quituisaca: Uh, approval of Voucher Detail Report: Resolved, that
- the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher
- Detail Report dated January 26, 2021 in the amount \$181,397 and 77
- 303 cents.
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- 305 Northern Wilcher: So moved.
- 306 Liz Feldman: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: All those favor?
- 308 All: Aye.

- 309 Dana Levenberg: Any opposed?
- 310 [None.]
- Dana Levenberg: Thank you.
- Martha Quituisaca: A Resolution authorizing the improvements to McCarthy
- drive in and for the Town of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, at a
- maximum estimated cost of \$2,350,000 and authorizing, subject to
- permissive referendum, the issuance of \$2,350,000 serial bonds of said
- town to pay the cost thereof: be it resolved, by the affirmative vote of not
- less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Town Board of the
- Town of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, as follows:
- Section 1. Improvements to McCarthy Road in and for the Town of
- Ossining, Westchester County, New York, including widening, sidewalks,
- curbs, gutters, drainage, landscaping and other incidental improvements is
- hereby authorized, subject to permissive referendum, at a maximum
- estimated cost of \$2,350,000.
- Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated
- cost is by the issuance of \$2,350,000 serial bonds of said Town hereby
- authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local
- 327 Finance Law.
- Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of
- the aforesaid specific object or purpose is fifteen years, pursuant to
- subdivision 20 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It
- is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein
- authorized will exceed five years.
- Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of Ossining, Westchester
- County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the
- principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become
- due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year
- sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due
- and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there
- shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax
- sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same
- become due and payable.

- Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to
- authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation
- of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including
- renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief
- fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and
- shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor,
- consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial
- bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and
- interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the
- manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other
- issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with sustainable -
- substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by
- the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. Such bonds shall
- contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section
- 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and
- contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.0 of the
- Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the
- provisions of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be
- 362 contested only if:
- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said
- Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of such law which should be complied with at the date of
- publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an
- action suit action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is
- commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication and such
- obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
- Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for
- purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified
- in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be,
- reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with
- respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

- Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in
- summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose,
- together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided
- in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 10. This Resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum.
- Dana Levenberg: Okay. Do I have a motion?
- 381 Liz Feldman: So moved.
- 382 Northern Wilcher: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: And thank you for reading that very detailed bond
- resolution we appreciate that. So we heard from our Town/Village Engineer
- Paul Fraioli last week on the McCarthy drive project, which has been in the
- works for quite some time, the project was bid in December of last year and
- the low bid came in at \$2.4 million, this is obviously a major capital
- improvement project in the town, it makes sense for the town to borrow
- funds at the current low rates to pay for the project over time. And we think
- that it's a much needed project as we've mentioned before, that this road
- was identified as a public road some years ago. So this resolution [is]
- authorizing the town to issue funds associated with this project a portion of
- the project is the replacement of the water main in the road.
- Per the towns and villages water IMA the cost will be paid for by the Village
- of Ossining water fund, reducing the town's cost burden to 1.8 million plus
- the construction administration of \$150,000 so that plus adding in some
- contingency because you cannot borrow more, but you can borrow less -
- brings up the level of the bonds to 2.35 million that's what's included in this
- resolution. There are a few other resolutions relating to this project on our
- agenda a little bit later as we lay the groundwork for getting it off the ground
- [unlcear]. Can I have a motion, or no it's -
- Christie Addona: Can we do this because it has to be approved by -
- 403 Dana Levenberg: [UNCLEAR]
- 404 Christie Addona: [UNCLEAR] let's do a roll call here.
- 405 Dana Levenberg: Okay.
- 406 Martha Quituisaca: Uh, so... Councilmember Shaw?

- 407 Jackie Shaw: Aye.
- 408 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Feldman.
- 409 Liz Feldman: Aye.
- 410 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Meyer?
- 411 Greg Meyer: Aye.
- 412 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Wilcher?
- Northern Wilcher: Aye.
- 414 Martha Quituisaca: Supervisors Levenberg.
- Dana Levenberg: Aye.
- Martha Quituisaca: Okay. A resolution authorizing the purchase of an
- electric bus for the nutrition program in and for the Town of Ossining,
- Westchester County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$207,311
- and authorizing the issuance of \$132,311 serial bonds of said town to pay
- part of the cost thereof.
- Be it resolved, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total
- voting strength of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining, Westchester
- County, New York, as follows:
- Section 1. The purchase of an electric bus for the nutrition program in and
- for the Town of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, is hereby
- authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$207,311.
- Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of the
- aforesaid maximum estimated cost is as follows:
- (a) By the issuance of \$132,311 bonds of the Town, hereby authorized to
- be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; an
- (b) By the application of grant monies to be received in connection
- therewith, presently estimated in the amount of \$75,000.
- Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of
- the aforesaid specific object or purpose is five years, pursuant to
- subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It

- is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein
- authorized will not exceed five years.
- Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of Ossining, Westchester
- County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the
- principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become
- due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year
- sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due
- and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable
- real property in said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and
- interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.
- Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to
- authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation
- of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals
- of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor of said Town, the chief
- fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and
- shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor,
- consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds
- herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest
- payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of
- execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and
- also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual
- debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer
- of such Town. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity
- clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall
- otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those
- required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor
- shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be
- 465 consistent contested only if:
- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said
- Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of
- publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an

- action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within
- twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the
- 473 Constitution.
- Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for
- purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 2. Other than as specified
- in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be,
- reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with
- respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.
- Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in
- summary form in the official newspaper of said Town designated for such
- purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form
- provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 10. This resolution takes effect immediately.
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- 485 Liz Feldman: So moved.
- 486 Northern Wilcher: So moved.
- 487 Liz Feldman: Second
- Dana Levenberg: Okay, thank you again to our Deputy Clerk Martha
- Quituisaca for that wonderful reading a very, very long resolution.
- So we received a Community development block grant last year I was just
- talking about our meeting this morning. But this was from a few years ago
- that we started working on this, and that was through the County's Urban
- County Council Consortium to purchase a fully electric bus for our senior
- nutrition program. Unfortunately the grant only pays for 75,000 towards the
- cost of the bus, we hope to get some additional grant funding through the
- state or the federal government, contribute to the prove it to the purchase,
- but unfortunately we did not qualify for any of the other grant opportunities
- that we learned about, so we are going to borrow for the remainder of the
- cost of the bus and we hope to get the bus on the road, very soon. Very
- soon being probably seven months so that's how long it takes to get it on
- the road from now, at least not even now, but when we get past our

- estoppel period. So we're looking forward to that in the not too distant
- future, very soon. Hopefully, again, as I mentioned before, that will be when
- we're out of our pandemic mode and into being able to take our seniors
- around to various and sunny places, including our Community Center so
- with that all those in favor and we need to do this again by roll call.
- Martha Quituisaca: I'm actually not sure, [it] didn't say a roll call but we'll
- just do a roll call.
- 509 Christie Addona: Two thirds so let's just be safe yeah.
- Martha Quituisaca: Just to be safe, okay. Councilmember Wilcher?
- 511 Northern Wilcher: Aye.
- 512 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Feldman.
- 513 Liz Feldman: Aye.
- 514 Councilmember Shaw?
- 515 Jackie Shaw: Aye.
- 516 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Meyer?
- 517 Greg Meyer: Aye.
- 518 Martha Quituisaca: Supervisors Levenberg.
- 519 Dana Levenberg: Aye.
- Martha Quituisaca: Finance capital project number 2021-5228 2021
- McCarthy Drive road rehabilitation Town Highway: Resolved, that the Town
- Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes opening a 2021 Capital Project
- #2021-5228, entitled "2021 McCarthy Drive Road Rehabilitation" for the
- Town Highway Department, with a project budget of \$2,350,000. The
- project will be funded from debt obligations
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- Northern Wilcher: So moved.
- 528 Jackie Shaw: Second.
- 529 Liz Feldman: Second.

- Dana Levenberg: So this is establishing the capital project for McCarthy
- Drive which sets it up properly on our books and another step towards
- awarding the bid and getting shovels in the ground. All those in favor?
- 533 All: Aye.
- 534 Dana Levenberg: Anybody opposed?
- Martha Quituisaca: Finance capital project #2021-5229 2021 nutrition
- electric bus -Town Nutrition: Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of
- Ossining authorizes opening a 2021 Capital Project #2021-5229, entitled
- 538 "2021 Nutrition Electric Bus" for the Town Nutrition Department, with a
- project budget of \$207,311. The project will be funded from debt obligations
- and CDBG Grant Funds.
- Dana Levenberg: Motion?
- Liz Feldman: So moved.
- 543 Jackie Shaw: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: So another resolution on the bus also establishing the
- capital project. All those in favor?
- 546 All: Aye.
- 547 Dana Levenberg: Any opposed?
- 548 [None.]
- Martha Quituisaca: Resolution Local Law # 1 of 2021 Beekeeping
- Regulations; whereas currently beekeeping is not permitted in the Town
- Code, but recognizing that these activities can be beneficial to the
- environment and that property owners may desire to engage in them, the
- Town Board considered adopting a Local Law to permit these activities
- while also implementing regulations to ensure they are done in a safe and
- reasonable manner that does not present a hazard or inconvenience to the
- property owner, its neighbors, the community or the environment; and
- Whereas, in furtherance of this objective and in consideration of the Local
- Law the Town Board opened a duly noticed public hearing at its regular
- meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, which public hearing was duly
- continued to several subsequent meetings, via videoconferencing in

- accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders 202.1 and 202.15, as
- subsequently extended, and members of the public having the opportunity
- to attend and be heard, the public hearing was closed on January 26, 2021;
- 564 and
- 565 Whereas, a Short Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1 was prepared
- pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and
- Whereas, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law the Local Law was
- referred to the Westchester County Planning Board, which was resented by
- responded by letter dated October 2, 2020 that said local law was a
- matter for local determination in accordance with the Town's planning and
- zoning policies; and
- 572 Whereas, said local law has been on the desks of the members of the
- Town Board for at least seven days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to the
- adoption of this resolution, and
- Now therefore, be it resolved, the Town Board hereby adopts a Negative
- Declaration pursuant to SEQRA determining this action does not have the
- potential to have any significant adverse environmental impacts as the
- Local Law will permit the environmentally beneficial activity of beekeeping
- while including while including regulations to ensure there are no adverse
- impacts to the property owners, the neighbors, the community or the
- 581 environment; and
- Be it further resolved, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds that in
- the furtherance of the safety, health and well-being of the persons and
- property in the Town, it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said
- local law, and the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law # 1 of 2021
- entitled Amendment to Town of Ossining Zoning Code to Allow and
- 587 Regulate Beekeeping; and
- Be it further resolved, the Town Clerk is directed to enter said local law in
- the minutes of this meeting into the local law book for the Town of
- Ossining; to publish said minutes in a newspaper published in the town, if
- any, or in such newspaper published in the county in which such town may
- be located having a circulation in such town, and affidavits of said
- publication shall be filed with the Town Clerk; and to file a copy of said local
- law with the Secretary of State of New York.

- Dana Levenberg: Awesome. Do I have a motion?
- 596 Jackie Shaw: So moved.
- 597 Liz Feldman: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: So, as I stated earlier, in anticipation of [unlcear] have
- any comments on the final draft of our beekeeping local law and, after
- 600 many months of discussions, we are very excited to be adopting this
- legislation, this evening. As with every piece of legislation it's not perfect,
- but we feel it is a solid start that will hopefully hopefully address most of
- the needs of beekeepers and concerns to the Community.
- So, once again, thank you to our town planner Valerie Monastra for all your
- 605 hard work on this local law and, of course, to our resident beekeeper on
- team town or assessor Fernando Gonzalez for all of his help and guidance
- too. And also thank you to Chrisie Tom Donna, for drafting the resolution
- very much obliged. So we have a great team, we are hopeful to have safe
- beekeeping here in the Town of Ossining. Do we have to do this by roll call
- vote? Okay let's go.
- 611 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Wilcher?
- [No response.]
- 613 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Wilcher?
- Northern Wilcher: Aye. I'm sorry, I was reading this.
- 615 Martha Quituisaca: That's okay. Councilmember Feldman?
- 616 Liz Feldman: Aye.
- 617 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Shaw?
- 618 Jackie Shaw: Aye.
- 619 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Meyer?
- 620 Greg Meyer: Aye.
- 621 Martha Quituisaca: Supervisor Levenberg?
- Dana Levenberg: Aye.
- 623 Martha Quituisaca: Okay.

- Dana Levenberg: And before we move on, I'm sorry I just didn't give an
- opportunity to my colleagues on the board. Does anybody want to make
- any other comments about this beekeeping legislation? Any discussion?
- 627 Liz Feldman: It's okay.
- Dana Levenberg: Did you want to say something? [unclear] Okay, okay
- 629 wonderful. Thank you.
- Martha Quituisaca: Okay. Resolution local law # 2 of 2021. Battery energy
- storage systems regulations; whereas, as communities look for new ways
- to create and store energy, the Town Board is aware that battery energy
- storage systems are becoming more prevalent and that while serving a
- benefit to the community, they must be regulated to ensure they are
- constructed and operate operate in a safe and reasonable manner that
- does not present a hazard or inconvenience to the property owner, its
- neighbors, the community or the environment; and
- 638 Whereas, in furtherance of this objective, the Town Board considered a
- 639 Local Law to regulate battery energy storage systems within the Town of
- 640 Ossining; and
- Whereas, in consideration of the proposed Local Law the Town Board
- opened a duly noticed public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday,
- December 22, 2020, which public hearing was duly continued to the Town
- Board's regular meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, via
- videoconferencing in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders
- 202.1 and 202.15, as subsequently extended, and members of the public
- having the opportunity to attend and be heard, the public hearing was
- closed on January 26, 2021; and
- Whereas, a Short Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1 was prepared
- pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and
- Whereas, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law the Local Law was
- referred to the Westchester County Planning Board, which responded by
- letter dated January 14, 2021 that said local law was a matter for local
- determination in accordance with the Town's planning and zoning policies;
- 655 and

- Whereas, said local law has been on the desks of the members of the
- Town Board for the last seven days at least seven days, exclusive of
- 658 Sunday, prior to the adoption of this resolution, and
- Now therefore, be it resolved, the Town Board hereby adopts a Negative
- Declaration pursuant to SEQRA determining this action does not have the
- potential to have any significant adverse environmental impacts as the
- Local Law is to regulate the environmentally beneficial use of battery
- energy storage systems to ensure there are no adverse impacts to the
- property owners, the neighbors, the community or the environment; and
- Be it further resolved, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds that in
- the furtherance of the safety, health and well-being of the persons and
- property in the Town, it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said
- local law, and the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law # 2 of 2021 for the
- purpose of amending chapter 200, zoning, of the Town Code with respect
- to battery energy storage systems; and
- Be it further resolved, the Town Clerk is directed to enter said local law in
- the minutes of this meeting into the local law book for the Town of
- Ossining; to publish said minutes in a newspaper published in the town, if
- any, or in such newspaper published in the county in which such town may
- be located having a circulation in such town, and affidavits of said
- publication shall be filed with the Town Clerk; and to file a copy of said local
- law with the Secretary of State of New York.
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- Liz Feldman: So moved.
- 680 Northern Wilcher: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: So our second local law, I'm happy to announce is
- another one that is an environmentally friendly law, and that is for our
- battery energy storage to allow battery energy storage in the town of icing
- it's also the product of many months of work behind the scenes and to
- public hearings. Increasing battery energy storage will help New York state
- 686 meet its renewable energy goals it's possible that's even an action which -
- l'm not sure that will help us towards becoming a clean energy community
- really look into that and as battery storage, the need for battery storage
- increases and we are available to offer it, the need to be part of the larger

- 690 grid decreases available energy from renewable energy systems like solar
- and other types of energy are able to be stored off of the grid and help
- offset the drain on the grid during peak hours, so this is very good news for
- us here in Ossining and making it something that is predictable makes it
- more attractive for battery energy storage Installers so with that are there
- any is there any discussion from my work colleagues?
- 696 Liz Feldman: I'm just glad we got this on the books when we did. Ahead -
- ahead of people making bigger systems [unclear].
- Dana Levenberg: Okay, yeah absolutely. So with that roll call vote, okay?
- 699 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Wilcher?
- 700 Northern Wilcher: Here.
- 701 Martha Quituisaca: Aye? Okay.
- 702 Northern Wilcher: Aye. Okay.
- 703 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Feldman?
- 704 Liz Feldman: Aye.
- 705 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Shaw?
- 706 Jackie Shaw: Aye.
- 707 Martha Quituisaca: Councilmember Meyer?
- 708 Greg Meyer: Aye.
- 709 Martha Quituisaca: Supervisor Levenberg?
- 710 Dana Levenberg: Aye.
- Martha Quituisaca: Okay. I think this is the last really long resolution.
- Resolution recognizing Sustainable Westchester's EnergySmart Homes
- program to bring clean, sustainable heating and cooling alternatives to
- residences and businesses in our community: Whereas, the Town of
- Ossining has been designated by the New York State Energy Research
- and Development Authority (NYSERDA) as a Clean Energy energy -
- 717 Community and Climate Smart Community; and
- 718 Whereas, the Ossining Community Climate Action Plan calls for supporting
- energy efficient designs and clean heating and cooling technology projects,

- as well as reducing the volume and impact of energy consumption in the
- Town of Ossining and reducing the Town's carbon footprint; and
- Whereas, NYSERDA estimates heating and cooling in buildings represent
- 37% of statewide net energy consumption and contribute 32% of New York
- State's combustion-related greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Whereas, clean heating and cooling technologies, such as cold-climate air
- source heat pumps, and ground source heat pumps (also known as
- geothermal heat pumps), have the potential to contribute significantly to
- reducing greenhouse gas emissions of the heating and cooling sector; and
- Whereas, other benefits to those using clean heating and cooling
- technologies include energy bill savings and increased comfort levels and
- health benefits compared to conventional heating and cooling technologies;
- 732 and
- Whereas, high energy burdens are part of a complex of economic, health,
- and housing issues.
- 735 Whereas, Sustainable Westchester's EnergySmart Homes Ossining and
- Briarcliff is a non-profit, volunteer, initiative in the Town of Ossining helping
- people switch to clean heating and cooling technologies and energy
- efficiency upgrades; and
- Whereas, EnergySmart Homes is an initiative of the Sustainable
- 740 Westchester and has received funding and support from NYSERDA to
- 741 administer a campaign; and
- Whereas, EnergySmart Homes is one of eighteen similar community
- outreach programs in New York State.
- Whereas, EnergySmart Homes is modeled after successful Solarize and
- 745 Energize campaigns.
- Whereas, clean heating and cooling technologies are already proven to
- work in Westchester including projects at the Ossining Public Library and
- 748 numerous residences; and
- Whereas, a successful EnergySmart Homes Ossining and Briarcliff
- campaign will help jumpstart a nascent market and drive increased
- capacity and interest in installing such systems; and

- Whereas, the installation of heat pump systems helps protect our
- environment by reducing the use of fossil fuels used to heat and cool our
- buildings and provides and creates new jobs in this emerging market;
- now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town of Ossining recognizes the
- 756 EnergySmart Homes Ossining and Briarcliff initiative bringing clean heating
- and cooling and energy efficiency technologies to the residents and
- businesses in the Town of Ossining; and
- Be it further resolved, that the Town of Ossining will continue to take and
- support initiatives to create a Sustainable Ossining.
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- 762 Councilman Northern Wilcher: So moved.
- 763 Liz Feldman: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: Okay, so whew, after you heard all of that, I know that
- you are all going to be very excited to tune in this Thursday evening. I'll
- give you more details after we vote. So as I shared in my announcements
- we're excited to be participating and supporting the energy smart homes
- initiative, which is a partnership with Sustainable Westchester, Town of
- Ossining, Village of Ossining, Village of Briarcliff, and with tremendous
- support and initiative from Green Ossining's Suzie Ross big shout out to
- you for all your help and Dorian Burden for showing up this past weekend
- to our press conference, and also to our the sustainable building
- committee in Briarcliff and Padma [unclear] was there and we are very
- grateful for their partnership as well they've been very involved in working
- to figure out how we can reach out to the most people to really start to
- impact the efficiency of our home heating and cooling systems because
- 39% of our emissions come from these types of systems in our homes. So
- we can make our homes more comfortable, we can make them more
- energy efficient, we can save yourself some money in the long term if we
- look at changing our home heating and cooling systems. So of course
- we're going to support this and all those in favor?
- 782 All: Aye.
- Dana Levenberg: And anybody opposed? I didn't think so. So once again,
- this you can tune into go to a sustainable westchester.org slash webinar to

- register or call 914-42-4725 five extension 122 and I believe we're going to
- speak with Lauren Brois if you call that number. And you can register that
- way as well we're hoping that we're even them just have a direct zoom link
- that will be up on our Facebook page at Town of Ossining Facebook page,
- Sustainable Westchester page so you'll be able to just click on it and open
- the link if you didn't get to register in advance, because you're like one of
- those last minute people. Okay with that, let's move along.
- Martha Quituisaca: [unclear] personal appointment: resolved, that the Town
- Board of the Town of Ossining appoints Jeaneth Guinansaca, Cortlandt
- Manor, to the part-time position of Intermediate Clerk in the Town Clerk's
- Office at an hourly rate of \$15, effective February 7, 2021.
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- 797 Northern Wilcher: So moved.
- 798 Liz Feldman: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: So Jeanette has been working on a seasonal basis and
- our town clerk's office, and she has become such an asset to the Clerk's
- 801 Office, can you confirm that Martha Quituisaca?
- Martha Quituisaca: Oh yes, yes. Yes, a lot.
- 803 Dana Levenberg: A lot.
- Martha Quituisaca: Especially since our office is open it's been really
- 805 helpful having a third person there.
- Dana Levenberg: Right, okay let's just clarify you're not the only office
- 807 open-
- 808 Martha Quituisaca: Yeah physically -
- 809 Dana Levenberg: to the public -
- 810 Martha Quituisaca: physically open to the public.
- Dana Levenberg: but we do have people who are going downstairs
- regularly to help out, but nevertheless it has been a very busy season and
- with her seasonal appointment coming to a close we're happy to be making
- her a more permanent addition to our town team, so thank you to Jeanette
- for all your hard work. All those in favor?

- 816 All: Aye.
- Dana Levenberg: Anybody opposed?
- 818 [None.]
- Martha Quituisaca: Okay. Acceptance of proposal, general code: Resolved,
- that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to
- accept a proposal by General Code for Enhanced Supplement Services for
- the Town Code Book at a cost of \$2,885.
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- 824 Councilman Northern Wilcher: So moved.
- 825 Jackie Shaw: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: Our clerk's office works with general code to maintain
- both the electronic version and paper version of our town code books. For
- 2021 our town clerk has streamlined of the number of paper copies we
- maintain, which I understand she's been looking to do for many, many
- years, even preceding her days as town clerk as the electronic version is
- much easier to navigate for most of the town staff and this proposal
- addresses these changes. All those in favor?
- 833 All: Aye.
- Dana Levenberg: Any opposed?
- Martha Quituisaca: Acceptance of proposal, Daniel G. Vincelette, PC:
- resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the
- Supervisor to accept the proposal by Daniel G. Vincelette, PC, Albany, NY
- dated January 18, 2021 for legal services related to the tax certiorari
- proceedings filed against the Town of Ossining challenging the assessed
- value of real property owned by Cedar Manor Acquisition I, LLC.
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- Jackie Shaw: So moved.
- 843 Liz Feldman: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: So one of our pending tax cert cases is going to trial and
- we require special counsel to assist in that process, Mr. Vincelette let has

- worked with us in the past, and he has been an asset in a very complex
- process. Discussion? All those in favor?
- 848 All: Aye.
- Dana Levenberg: Any opposed?
- 850 [None.]
- Martha Quituisaca: Okay. Contract, Tyler Technologies: Resolved, that the
- Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign an
- agreement with Tyler Technologies, Moraine, OH for Appraisal Services
- through July 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, subject to approval
- by Counsel to the Town as to form.
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- Northern Wilcher: so moved.
- 858 Jackie Shaw: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: This resolution approves our 2021 contract with Tyler
- Technologies for our annual rate assessment. Although we are not
- undertaking a full reappraisal this year, we still need to engage Tyler for the
- annual process of maintaining our role at full value all those in favor or any
- discussion questions. All those favor? Or any discussion, questions?
- 864 [None.]
- Dana Levenberg: All those in favor?
- 866 All: Aye.
- Martha Quituisaca: Con contract, Dolph Rotfeld Engineers: Resolved,
- that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to
- sign an agreement with Dolph Rotfeld, and Al Engineers Company,
- 870 Elmsford, NY for Construction Administration Services on the McCarthy
- Drive Road I think that should be just McCarthy Drive, right Victoria?
- 872 Victoria Cafarelli: R -
- Dana Levenberg: Yeah. It's McCarthy Drive, yeah.
- Victoria Cafarelli: McCarthy Drive. Road Re –
- Dana Levenberg: McCarthy Drive. Road rehab.

- 876 Victoria Cafarelli: It's -
- Dana Levenberg: Road rehab.
- Martha Quituisaca: We've had little bit of trouble with some of the
- resolutions, it's okay, okay so this is correct. [continuing] NY for
- 880 Construction Administration Services on the McCarthy Drive Road
- 881 Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement, with hourly rates for
- necessary personnel set forth in the proposal dated December 23, 2020 at
- an estimated total cost of \$150,800, subject to approval by Counsel to the
- 884 Town as to form.
- Dana Levenberg: Do I have a motion?
- 886 Northern Wilcher: So moved.
- 887 Jackie Shaw: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: So our last McCarthy Drive resolution for the evening, is
- to enter into a contract with Dolph Rotfeld engineers for construction
- administration. This firm develop the plans and they will be on hand full
- time to monitor the construction and ensure this complex product project
- goes off without a hitch. Discussion? Questions? All those in favor?
- 893 All: Aye.
- Dana Levenberg: Anybody opposed?
- 895 [None.]
- Martha Quituisaca: Town Planning Consultant Nelson Pop Voorhees LLC,
- resolved that the town supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement
- retaining Nelson Pope and Voorhees Voorhees LLC as a town planning
- see consultant for 2021.
- 900 Dana Levenberg: Do have emotion?
- 901 Liz Feldman: So moved.
- 902 Councilman Northern Wilcher: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: I'm sorry she's not with us any longer at this part of the
- meeting, but our town planner Valerie Monastra comes from the firm of
- Nelson Pope and Voorhees and in her first year, she has proven to be

- extremely valuable helpful and hardworking and we look forward to another
- year with them. Questions, comments, discussion?
- 908 Liz Feldman: she's been great.
- Dana Levenberg: Fantastic. All those in favor?
- 910 All: Aye.
- 911 Dana Levenberg: Anybody opposed?
- 912 [None.]
- Dana Levenberg: Alright, with that we have visitor recognition if there's
- anybody here to address the board, you have four minutes, just to us, and I
- see one attendee I don't know if you're interested in having anything to say,
- 916 Mr. Conolly, but if so, raise your virtual hand and we will recognize you.
- 917 [Silence]
- Dana Levenberg: Well, if not I'm gonna give you another minute.
- Dana Levenberg: If you don't know how to do that, for whatever reason I'm
- guessing you do, but if you don't it's in the participant screen, I believe that
- you can click although actually maybe they moved it they moved it now
- just raise hand in the middle of the bottom bar, depending on what kind of
- computer you have. And not seeing or hearing any comments from our
- visitor you, thank you for coming and attending and I would ask for a
- motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel space of counsel and
- 926 contracts.
- 927 Liz Feldman: So moved.
- 928 Jackie Shaw: Second.
- Dana Levenberg: All those in favor?
- 930 All: Aye.
- Dana Levenberg: Anybody opposed?
- 932 [None.]
- Dana Levenberg: Thank you, everybody for joining us tonight. Our next
- meeting will be a work session on Tuesday February 2 at 7:30pm, as usual,
- in this time of COVID you can join us via zoom or dial in by phone.

Information for each meeting is posted on our website each Friday and included in my Supervisors Update. Have a great week everybody, please stay safe in the snow and we will see you next week.