



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF OSSINING**  
**TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**16 CROTON AVE – OSSINING, NEW YORK**  
**JANUARY 21, 2020**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR**  
**Dana A. Levenberg**

**COUNCILMEMBERS**  
**Elizabeth R. Feldman      Gregory G. Meyer**  
**Jackie G. Shaw      Northern Wilcher, Jr.**

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

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on January 21, 2020 in the Town Municipal Building, 16 Croton Ave in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Jackie G. Shaw, Elizabeth R. Feldman, Northern Wilcher Jr., and Gregory G. Meyer. Also present were Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli and Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

First, I would just like to say thank you to our team of Highway and Parks personnel who kept the Town roads safe in the snow we experienced on Saturday, as well as making sure our public parks and spaces were cleared as quickly as possible.

Also, it was wonderful to get together with many from our community at various events commemorating Dr. King's legacy this weekend. KJ Denhart performed and Sarah White gave a very moving speech before some Gimme the Mic students played for the Cooperative Scholarship Fundraiser at Ossining High School, and then our community got together at Star of Bethlehem Church with all our Briarcliff Ossining Faith leaders to commemorate Dr. King and talk about the meaning of his message for all of us today. It was a wonderful evening and I highly recommend you add it to your calendars for next year if you've never been.

**I have a few messages from Town Department heads that I'd like to share:**

**Dale Cemetery Superintendent Pete Connolly would like to remind everyone to please pick up any seasonal decorations from Dale Cemetery or Sparta Cemetery by Monday, January 27th. Otherwise, the decorations will be removed and disposed of by our Cemetery Staff. If you have any questions, please call the Cemetery office at (914) 941-1155.**

**It is a tax collection month once again! Second Half School Taxes for the Ossining and Briarcliff School Districts are due on January 31st. You can make payment in person, by mail (make sure you witness the postmark to ensure timely delivery) or online at [www.townofossining.com](http://www.townofossining.com) (be wary of online bill pay from your bank -- those mailpieces are not postmarked and if the receiver gets your check after January 31st, you will be assessed a penalty), or utilizing our dedicated mailbox at the Ossining Post Office. The Tax Office will be open extended hours on Thursday, January 30th and Friday, January 31st from 8am to 6pm. Please call (914) 762-8790 or e-mail Receiver Holly Perlowitz at [hperlowitz@townofossining.com](mailto:hperlowitz@townofossining.com). This is a tax payment you do NOT want to be late on -- the penalty is 10%! Holly and her team are happy to help you come up with a strategy to ensure your payment is made timely. You can also sign-up for direct messages from Holly on the Town's website.**

**Thanks to Holly and Pete, and all of our department heads, for their hard work serving our community.**

**Senator David Carlucci is holding a meeting of his Student Advisory group on Thursday, January 23rd from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Ossining Public Library. This is open to any and all Ossining or Briarcliff High School students -- contact Stanley Dorsainville at Senator Carlucci's office at [dorsainv@nysenate.gov](mailto:dorsainv@nysenate.gov) to learn more.**

**In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Ossining Library will be presenting the performance "Hiding Anne Frank" on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the Budarz Theater, which promises to be both fascinating and entertaining. This performance focuses on the woman who hid the Frank family in Holland.**

**Assemblywoman Sandy Galef has her annual Town Meetings lined up for January and February, starting on Saturday, January 25th at the Desmond Fish Library in Garrison at 10am and the Field Library in Peekskill at 1pm. Assemblywoman Galef will also be more local to us at the Briarcliff Manor Library on Thursday, February 6th at 7pm.**

**This Saturday, January 25th is the Westchester Collaborative Theater's Mid-Winter Dance Party with DJ Johnny J starting at 7:30pm at 23 Water Street.**

**Join this local non-profit for a fun filled evening of music, as part of their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season.**

**Think you know everything about Ossining? Test your Ossining knowledge at the Ossining Trivia at Sing Sing Kill Brewery on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm, hosted by Village Historian Dana White. I hear Town Historian Scott Craven will also be making a special guest appearance with some questions focusing on Hudson River trivia. This event is free to enter and is sure to get pretty competitive!**

**Save the date, Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 12noon, for Gullotta House's 3rd annual Escape from Sing Sing Plunge at our very own Louis Engel Park Beach! Register now, or become a sponsor -- the proceeds fund the Gullotta House's many deserving causes, visit [www.GullottaHouse.org](http://www.GullottaHouse.org) for more information. You know I will be plunging. Brrrrr!**

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

### **IV. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A. Town Planning Consultant – Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC.**

**Supervisor Levenberg said the following in regard to the resolution: This year, we will be saying goodbye to FP Clark Associates, and David Stolman, who have served the town for decades. David has been such an asset to the Town, and certainly a familiar face to many. We thank David for his decades of service to the Ossining community and all of the incredible work he has done on projects ranging from simple two-lot subdivisions to Comprehensive Plans; he has touched nearly all of our existing polices on planning and zoning in the Town.**

**We are also excited for the future with Nelson, Pope, & Voorhis, LLC. with Valerie Monastra who will serve as the primary contact for the Town. Valerie is also a familiar face around Ossining as she lives in the Village with her family, and served as the Village of Ossining's planner for ten years before entering private practice. Valerie has the best combination of institutional knowledge of our community and innovative thinking for this role. I am confident Valerie will do an excellent job helping us navigate all of the projects on our horizon, including assisting us with the Comprehensive Plan as we bring our Steering Committee on board and look to select another planning firm to take the lead on the Plan. Welcome Valerie!**

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

**Resolved, the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement retaining Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC. as the Town's Planning Consultant for 2020.**

**Motion: Carried**

**Ayes: Levenberg, Feldman, Wilcher, & Meyer**

**Abstain: Shaw**

**V. ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION**

**At 7:41 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn into Work Session and Councilmember Feldman seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**At 8:33 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to enter into Executive Session for advice of counsel, personnel, and contracts and Councilmember Shaw seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**At 9:02 P.M., Councilmember Shaw motioned to enter back into Work Session and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**At 9:02 P.M., Councilmember Shaw motioned to adjourn the Work Session and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**