



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF OSSINING**  
**BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY**  
**86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2020**  
**REGULAR 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 Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on February 11, 2020 in the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Jackie G. Shaw, Elizabeth R. Feldman, Gregory G. Meyer, and Northern Wilcher Jr. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, and Deputy Clerk Martha C. Quituisaca.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Levenberg made the following announcements:

Well folks, Food Scrap Recycling has officially come to the Town of Ossining! We finally got the last of the program materials last week, and started selling residential kits at EagleFest this past Saturday. So far, we have a little over 10 participants, which is pretty good for just a few days in. Kits are available for sale on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 9am to 4pm at the Cedar Lane Arts Center. You do not need a kit, but it may make it easier for you if you haven't done this before. The kits include a 2-gallon countertop pail, 6-gallon collection/transportation pail, and a roll of 25 compostable bags all for just \$20 (or \$21 if you pay by credit or debit card). All you need to do is collect food scraps from your kitchen in your countertop pail, store what you collect for a few days in your larger pail, then bring your collected food scraps to the designated drop off site at Cedar Lane Park (in the parking lot next to the Cedar Lane Arts Center and Community Garden) during park hours. I hope you will consider participating in this voluntary program that is available to all Town residents, including those that live in the Villages of Ossining or Briarcliff Manor, and see how much taking food out of your regular refuse stream changes the amount you have to put out every week! This then gets hauled to a commercial composting facility that turns the food scraps back into compost, instead of having to incinerate it. Learn more at [www.ossiningcomposts.org](http://www.ossiningcomposts.org). Huge shout out to our partners at Teatown Lake Reservation, volunteers from Green Ossining, and most of all Ron Schulhof and Michelle Sterling, the volunteers that started a similar program in Scarsdale a few years ago, for their guidance as we launched the program.

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to wish the Veterans at the Montrose VA a Happy Valentine's Day by participating in their annual Salute to Veterans Week. I joined them for an ice cream social, sharing ice cream with many of the residents just up the road in Montrose. I have participate in this annual event for a few years now, and it is always such a meaningful way to spend an afternoon giving back to the people that have given so much in service to this country. Thank you to the Ossining Girl Scouts for once again helping to make

the day for our Veterans with their handmade Valentine's Day cards to distribute. The Vets were so appreciative of the attention and the beautiful cards!

On Thursday, February 12, the Ossining Counts committee is hosting a hiring event for the upcoming 2020 Census from 1 to 6pm at the Ossining Community Center. Come to learn more about potential job opportunities associated with the census count, which is gearing up in the coming weeks. It pays well too!

Friday is Valentine's Day, of course, and we will be joining the Ossining High School National Honor Society to celebrate with our Senior Citizens at the Ossining Community Center at 9a. If you are over 65, please let our Senior Nutrition Program staff know that you would like to attend and they will make sure there's a place at the table for you so you can enjoy so many wonderful musical performance from Ossining School districts students. It's always a great program. Then I will be joining our Assemblywoman Sandy Galef up at NY Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital at 10:30 to really focus on our hearts and remind everyone how important it is to register to be an organ donor! Sign up to pay it forward. We hope you will!

On Saturday, February 15th at 12 noon, the day has finally arrived to join me at our very own Louis Engel Park beach for Gullotta House's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Escape from Sing Sing Plunge. It's supposed to be both a beautiful day and MIGHTY cold--maybe below freezing, yikes! You can join me or sponsor my fellow plungers and I by visiting [www.gullottahouse.org](http://www.gullottahouse.org). Money collected will support scholarships for OHS students as well as local families with emergency needs. I sprung for a new suit just for the occasion—bathing suit that is!

February is Black History Month. There are many events scheduled in Ossining to mark this important time of year and help us all understand and reflect upon the Black experience in America. This weekend at the Ossining Public Library, join the Talk Culture Book Group for a discussion about Colson Whitehead's novel, "Underground Railroad," on Saturday, February 15 at 3pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room. Copies of this book are available behind the Information Desk now. The Ossining Public Library also has many other adult programs scheduled throughout February, I encourage you to check out all they have to offer!

On Thursday, February 20, the Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series is also honoring Black History Month with a screening of "The Trials of Constance Baker Motley" at 7pm at Sing Sing Kill Brewery. This film follows the story of Constance Baker Motley, who joined the NAACP's legal team at the height of the Civil Rights movement, and went on to achieve pioneering successes in the fields of law and public service as the first black female New York State Senator, Manhattan Borough President, and Federal Judge. What an incredible life! Join Ossining residents Rick Rodgers (the film's director and producer) and Joel Motley (the film's producer and Constance's son) for a special Q&A discussion of this important film.

### **III. LIAISON REPORTS**

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

### **V. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – January 28, 2020**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the January 28, 2020 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.**

Motion: Carried

**B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated February 11, 2020 in the amount of \$431,476.74.

Motion: Carried

**C. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of the 2020 Cabaret License Renewal for Maya Riviera**

Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman 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, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Birdsall- Fagan Police/Court Facility located at 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY 10562, in the matter of the 2020 Cabaret License for Maya Riviera Bar and Restaurant, 518 North State Road Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

Motion: Carried

**D. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointment – Caroline Curvan**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Caroline Curvan to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: The next seven resolutions are the appointments to our Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee! As we discussed last week, the interview committee comprised of Councilmember Shaw, Planning Board Member Gareth Hougham, Assessor Fernando Gonzalez, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, and I interviewed the applicants and each made our recommendations for our “ideal committee.” The appointments we are making tonight are the people that showed up on a majority of our individual lists, and we are excited to get everyone to work! The first meeting of the committee will be tomorrow evening, when we will collectively review a request for proposals for a consultant to drive the Comprehensive Plan process.

Motion: Carried

**E. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointment – Jason Mencher**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Jason Mencher to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Motion: Carried

**F. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointment – David Schofield**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints David Schofield to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.**

**Motion: Carried**

**G. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointment – Matthew Weiss**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Matthew Weiss to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.**

**Motion: Carried**

**H. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointment – Gayle Marchica**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Gayle Marchica to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.**

**Motion: Carried**

**I. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointment – Robert Lowenthal**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Robert Lowenthal to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.**

**Motion: Carried**

**J. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointment – Marisa Caruso**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Marisa Caruso to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.**

**Motion: Carried**

**K. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointment – Donna Sharrett**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby appoints Donna Sharrett to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.**

**Motion: Carried**

**L. Environmental Advisory Board – Willie Owens**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Willie Owens to the Town Environmental Advisory Committee for a five-year term set to expire on December 31, 2024.**

**Supervisor Levenberg said the following: We have a number of vacancies on our volunteer boards, including our Environmental Advisory Committee. Willie applied, and we are certain that her dedication to the community and willingness to do deep dives into the details surrounding projects will make her an excellent candidate on the EAC. Thanks, Willie for volunteering!**

**Motion: Carried**

**M. Fee Schedule – Food Scrap Recycling Program**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts the following fee schedule for the Food Scraps Recycling Program:**

**Food Scraps Residential Kit**

**\$20.00 Check**

**\$21.00 Credit/Debit Card (to cover convenience and per item fee)**

**Food Scraps Compostable Bags (roll of 25 2-gallon bags)**

**\$2.00 Check**

**\$2.25 Credit/Debit Card (to cover convenience and per item fee)**

**Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Our food scrap recycling program has kicked off, so we need to add the fees to our fee schedule. Thanks to Deputy Comptroller Dale Ferreira for doing all the research to ensure that we charge the appropriate amount for credit card processing.**

**Motion: Carried**

**N. Approval of Addendum to Agreement between Town of Ossining and Sani-Pro Disposal Services Corp.**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign an addendum to agreement between the Town of Ossining and Sani-Pro Disposal Services Corp. for the purposes of collecting food scraps from a central collection point at Cedar Lane Park in the amount of \$450 per month; and**

**Be it further Resolved, that this addendum to agreement is subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.**

**Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Another item we need to take care of for our food scraps program, is to sign an addendum to our existing contract with Sani-Pro, or Suburban Carting, to pick up food scraps collected at Cedar Lane Park on a weekly business. This was an item that we included in our most recent bid for garbage collection, but have not been able to take advantage of until now. We are excited to finally see this program get off the ground!**

**Motion: Carried**

**O. Agreement to Curate Craft Beverage Corral at Summer Concert Series**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and Sing Sing Kill Brewery, LLC. (“SSKB”) for SSKB to Curate and Sponsor the 2020 Waterfront Summer Concert Series Craft Beverage Corral, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Sing Sing Kill Brewery approached the Town a few months back to propose being the curator for the craft beverage corral at the 2020 Summer Concert Series. We are happy to be able to welcome craft beverage vendors from the Hudson Valley to Ossining, while also featuring one of our local businesses. Thank you to our partners at both the Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce and SSKB for their coordination on this effort.

Motion: Carried

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

**VII. MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of January 2020:

- Town Building Department
- Tax Receiver’s Office
- Town Clerk’s Office
- Town Supervisor’s Office
- GE Helicopter

Motion: Carried

**VIII. VISITOR RECOGNITION**

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

Stanley Dorsinville from Senator Carlucci's Office announced that the Student Advisory Council will be on March 19, 2020 at the Ossining Public Library at 6:30 PM.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to enter into Executive Session and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:43 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:43 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn Executive Session and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**Approved:**

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**Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk**