

# MINUTES TOWN BOARD TOWN OF OSSINING JANUARY 12, 2021 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:30 P.M.

# THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ONLY Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 202.1 dated March 12, 2020

# **SUPERVISOR Dana A. Levenberg**

#### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

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

The Reorganizational and Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on January 12, 2021 via video conference, pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 202.1 dated March 12, 2020. 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 (joined Zoom meeting at 7:34 PM), Northern Wilcher, Jr., and Gregory G. Meyer. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, Town Clerk Susanne Donnelly, and Deputy Town Clerk Martha C. Quituisaca.

# II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Supervisor Levenberg said the following:** 

We got some exciting news yesterday: New York State has expanded eligibility requirements to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The state has created a website for residents to check their eligibility and make an appointment to get the vaccine. Visit covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov to learn more. Teachers, police officers, doctors, nurses, and EMTs are among the groups eligible – as well as all state residents over 75. Please continue to be patient. Supply of vaccines is still limited nationwide, and your appointment may be weeks or months away. Regardless of the wait time, we are excited to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

Local testing is continuing too. Every Friday until the end of January the Ossining Community Center will act as a testing site in connection with Westchester Medical Center. Star of Bethlehem Church is offering testing on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9am to 4pm. You can register on their website: StarBethBC.org. Residents can also use the New York State website feature called "Find a test site near me" to help residents schedule appointments at CVS, Health Smart Pharmacy, Open Door, and many others.

The second half of 2020/2021 School Tax Bills are due by January 31, 2021 - but since that is a Sunday payment can be made by February 1st without penalty. We strongly encourage taxpayers to pay online through the Xpress pay option on our 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. If you would like to pay in person, you are welcome to come to our building at 16 Croton Avenue in Ossining during our public office hours: 9am to 2:30pm, Monday through Friday. The Tax Receiver's Office is ready to assist you if you have any questions about your bill. Tax Receiver Holly Perlowitz and her staff are very helpful if you have any

questions. You can call the Tax Office at (914) 762-8790 or send an e-mail to taxreceiver@townofossining.com.

The Town Highway Department is reminding residents that garbage collection will be altered next week due to the upcoming holiday. Please refer to your 2021 sanitation schedule to see your new schedule. Christmas Trees will continue to be picked up on Bulk Pick-Up Days until the end of January. Please remove all tinsel and ornaments before bringing your tree to the curb. Please also remove any wires, nails, or lights. If you are interested in getting rid of your lights, you can check out the Recyclopedia feature on our website. String lights are not recyclable in Ossining, but there are companies that will recycle them for you. Some of the companies will redeem your shipping costs or can donate the proceeds to a charity.

The Cemetery maintenance department is respectfully requesting that residents remove all holiday seasonal decorations by Sunday, January 17th. Cemetery crews are working to maintain the grounds and keep areas clear for visitors. You may have noticed a restoration project underway at the Dale Cemetery Caretaker's House. This building houses the offices of our cemetery staff and serves as a facility for mourning families. We are happy to see the pieces finally coming together on this project. And quickly, before I wrap up, I want to touch on another project. Restoration is underway at Sally Swope Sitting Park. Our Parks Crew has been adding drainage and removing invasive species to help get the park ready for a spring re-opening!

Before we continue with our agenda tonight, I would like to pause and address the troubling sights we all witnessed at our nation's capitol building last week. This attempted insurrection, targeted to obstruct the peaceful transition of power which serves as the cornerstone of our republic, was horrific to witness and profoundly disappointing. It was un-American, un-patriotic, and goes against everything we stand for in our country. And even worse, those charged with protection of our legislative branch of government were woefully unprepared, and the response on Wednesday was in stark contrast to the law enforcement and military-style response to peaceful Black Lives Matter protests this summer. I join elected officials across the country in condemning these violent acts and calling for all those responsible to be held accountable for their actions. We mourn the deaths that resulted, including now two Capitol Hill police officers who were present on Wednesday. In the eight days between now and the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, I hope law enforcement agencies take seriously the continued threat of white supremacist domestic terrorism and do all in their power to protect the federal government and state governments across the country during these fraught times. And even after January 20, we all must remain vigilant to protect our democracy, reject and condemn hate speech, seek common ground with those we disagree with, and look to foster productive civic discourse at all levels of government.

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

Abby Bergman, Ossining, talked about New York State lowering to age to get the COVID-19 vaccine in the first round from 75 to 65.

#### IV. APPOINTMENTS

#### 1. Supervisor's Liaison Appointments

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

Dana Levenberg
De-facto on all committees
Historic Hudson River Towns
Inter-Municipal Leadership Team
Westchester Municipal Officials Association

Ossining Communities That Care Westchester Municipal Planning Federation Co-Liaison to Teatown Lake Reservation Sustainable Westchester

#### Elizabeth Feldman

**Green Ossining Committee** 

Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

**Ossining and Briarcliff Manor Fire Departments** 

**Ossining Historical Society** 

**Village of Ossining** 

**Ossining Boat & Canoe Club** 

**Teatown Lake Reservation** 

Liaison to Village of Ossining Water Department

Liaison to Ossining Arts Project Summer Concert Series Sub-

#### **Committee**

**Co-Liaison to Ossining Chamber of Commerce** 

# **Gregory Meyer**

**Deputy Supervisor** 

**Westchester County** 

**IMA Committee** 

**Recreation Advisory Board** 

**New York State** 

**Co-Liaison to Ossining Historical Society** 

Co-Liaison to Briarcliff Chamber of Commerce

**Co-Liaison to Ossining Chamber of Commerce** 

**Business Development Committee** 

#### **Jackie Shaw**

**IFCA** 

**Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee** 

**Community Equity Task Force** 

**Ossining and Briarcliff School Districts** 

**Liaison to Highway Department** 

Village of Briarcliff Manor

Ossining Police Reform and Reinvention Working Committee

Co-Liaison to Ossining & Briarcliff Manor Fire Departments

**Co-Liaison to Ossining CAP** 

#### **Northern Wilcher**

**Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy** 

Ossining and Briarcliff Manor Chambers of Commerce

**Ossining CAP** 

Co-Liaison to Village of Ossining Water Department

Co-Liaison to Recreation Advisory Board

Co-Liaison to Ossining Boat and Canoe Club

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Tonight, I am announcing the Town Board liaison appointments for 2021. Not much has changed since last year, except Councilwoman Shaw, after many years serving on the board and as a liaison to the board, is handing off the baton of the Recreation Advisory Board to Councilman Meyer. Sort of in exchange, Councilwoman Shaw has taken on being the liaison to the Ossining Police Reform and Reinvention Working Committee, and we are grateful for her participation on behalf of the residents of the Town of Ossining.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### 2. Deputy Supervisor

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

Supervisor Levenberg appoints Gregory Meyer Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Ossining effective January 1, 2021.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Additionally, in 2021, Councilman Meyer will be taking his turn as Deputy Supervisor. Thank you, Councilwoman Shaw for serving in this role in 2020, and Councilwoman Feldman and Councilman Wilcher for serving as Deputy Supervisor as well in recent years.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### 3. Justice Court - Town Constables

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints the following to the position of Town Constable, at an hourly rate of \$50.00, to serve at the pleasure of the Board during calendar year 2021:

Franklin Jackson Jr.- Ossining, NY John Simkins- Ossining, NY

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: And finally, we are happy to be once again re-appointing Franklin Jackson, Jr. and John Simkins as Town Constables in 2021. They also serve as Court Attendants, and we thank them for their continued dedication to our community.

**Motion: Carried** 

# V. ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

## A. Official Newspaper

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates <u>The Gazette</u> as the Official Newspaper and the <u>Journal News</u> as the Alternate Newspaper of the Town of Ossining for 2021.

**Motion: Carried** 

# B. Town Council Monthly Meeting Schedule

Councilmember Meyer 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 adopts the following Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2021:

Regular Town Board Meetings  $-2^{nd}\&4^{th}$  Tuesday -7:30 p.m. Via videoconferencing as authorized by the Governor's Executive Orders and upon such authorization terminating, at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street

Work Sessions – 1st & 3rd Tuesday – 7:30 p.m.

Via videoconferencing as authorized by the Governor's Executive Orders and upon such authorization terminating, at the 16 Croton Avenue Board Room

Town Hall Meetings-- Tuesday, 7:30p.m. on February 16, April 20, June 15, September 21, and December 21 via videoconferencing as authorized by the Governor's Executive Orders and upon such authorization terminating, at the Ossining Public Library.

The Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, September 7 will be moved to Thursday, September 9 due to Rosh Hashanah.

The Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 will be moved to Thursday, November 4 due to Election Day.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not sure when we will be able to safely resume in person meetings, so until such time, we will continue holding all of our meetings via Zoom. Please also note two date changes in the fall to accommodate Rosh Hashanah and Election Day.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### C. Setting Town Office Hours

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

Resolved, that the office hours of the Town Offices for 2021 will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Motion: Carried** 

# D. Town Historian

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Scott Craven Town Historian for 2021.

**Motion: Carried** 

# E. Retaining Attorneys to Represent the Town – General Counsel

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

Resolved, the Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement retaining Silverberg Zalantis LLP to provide general legal services to the Town of Ossining for 2021.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: For those frequent viewers or attendees to our Town Board meetings, you are probably most familiar with our general counsel from Silverberg Zalantis, Christie Tomm Addona, but we also have dedicated attorneys that help us behind the scenes primarily with labor counsel issues – Craig Olivo and his team from Bond, Schoeneck, and King. Their counsel has been much needed this year, as we carefully navigated the ever changing landscape of COVID-19, with near daily executive orders and protocols impacting our staff. We look forward to another three years of working with these attorneys!

**Motion: Carried** 

# F. Retaining Attorneys to Represent the Town – Labor Counsel

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

Resolved, the Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement retaining Bond, Schoeneck, & King, PLLC to provide legal services, to include labor and employment matters, to the Town of Ossining from January 1, 2021 through December 21, 2023.

**Motion: Carried** 

# G. Retaining Special Counsel to Represent the Town

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

Resolved, the Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement retaining Stephen P. Dewey, Esq., PC to provide special legal services to the Town of Ossining for 2021.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### H. 2021 Mileage Allowance

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

Resolved, that wherever it shall be appropriate to compensate Town Officials and/or Town Employees for mileage, they shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.56 per mile to be paid upon claim voucher, after audit and approval, in accordance with IRS standards.

**Motion: Carried** 

# I. Membership in the Association of Towns

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

Resolved, that pursuant to Article 8 of the Town Law, the Town of Ossining shall pay the Annual Membership Dues for membership in the Association of Towns of the State of New York for 2021 in the amount of \$1,500.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### J. Authorization for Attendance at Association of Towns Annual Meeting

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 authorizes the following Town Personnel to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns to be held virtually, February 14-17, 2021 subject to approval of their Department Heads, Town Supervisor and Members of the Town Board; Town Assessor; Building Inspector; Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk; Receiver of Taxes and Deputy Receiver of Taxes; Superintendent of Highways; Town Justices; Town Court Clerks; Budget Officer; Assessment Personnel; Chairman and Members of the Zoning Board; Chairman and Members of the Planning Board and Chairman and Members of the Environmental Advisory Board; and

Be it further Resolved, that attendance is voluntary and no employees shall be eligible for overtime as a result of attending the Meeting.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: This year's annual meeting of the Association of Towns will look a lot different than in years' past, but we are

grateful for the continued opportunities for professional education, and look forward to learning more from our colleagues and experts across the state this year.

**Motion: Carried** 

# K. Delegate to the Association of Towns

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates Dana Levenberg, Supervisor, as Delegate to the Association of Towns Annual Meeting for 2021.

**Motion: Carried** 

# L. Alternate Delegate to the Association of Towns

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates Victoria Cafarelli, Budget Officer, as Alternate Delegate to the Association of Towns Annual Meeting for 2021.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### M. Animal Control-SPCA of Westchester

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

Resolved, that the Supervisor be and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute an agreement with SPCA of Westchester for the period January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021, providing for humane procedures for homeless and stray dogs and cats seized by dog control officers, animal control officers, police and other agents of the municipality.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Each year, we work with the SPCA of Westchester to essentially operate as our "pound," as a place for homeless cats and dogs to be brought if found in the Town. Although the SPCA hasn't exactly been operating out of their local outpost on North State Road as of late, we appreciate their continued ability to offer this service to us and other municipalities, and we look forward to welcoming them back to Town when their renovation is complete.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### N. Renewal-Delta Dental Insurance Program

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 acknowledges that the Town's dental insurance program with Delta Dental of New York will continue for the period January 1, 2021- December 31, 2021 for Group # 1576-0001 at a rate of \$68.84 per month per employee with no dependents and \$163.75 per month, per employee with family coverage; and be it further

Resolved, that Group # 1576-0002 shall be at a rate of \$74.32 per month per employee with no dependents and \$174.04 per month, per employee with family coverage.

**Motion: Carried** 

# O. 2021 Refuse/Recycle Collection

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining entered into an agreement with Sani-Pro Disposal Services Corp, for the removal of refuse, garbage and commingled recyclables at residential properties within the Unincorporated Area of the Town of Ossining in November 2017 for years 2018 through 2022;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby exercises its option to renew with Sani-Pro Disposal of 566 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY for fiscal year 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$541,780.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### P. Approval of Compensation Plan for 2021

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the following Compensation Plan for the year 2021:

TITLE OF POSITION EXEMPT	ANNUAL SALARY
ASSESSOR BUDGET OFFICER/ AIDE TO THE SUPERVISOR CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE	\$152,776 80,000
SUPERVISOR	48,500
COURT CLERK - 2	70,949
DEPUTY RECEIVER OF TAXES	59,879
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	67,627
UNCLASSIFIED	
TOWN CLERK	\$90,000
COUNCIL MEMBER - 4	11,737
RECEIVER OF TAXES	90,000
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS	85,000
SUPERVISOR	76,477
TOWN JUSTICE - 3	48,839
RUOK WEEKEND RATE	20.00/HR
NON-COMPETITIVE	
MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - 2	\$88,897
PARKS FOREMAN	96,201
HIGHWAY FOREMAN	96,201
ROAD MAINTAINER - 3	81,941
SENIOR AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC	92,768
AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC	88,897
LABOR	
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PARK GROUNDSKEEPER (1) PARK GROUNDSKEEPER (2)	\$65,565 64,723
PARK GROUNDSKEEPER (2) PARK GROUNDSKEEPER (3) - 2	63,886
LABORER	65,565
CHAUFFEUR (1) - 2	41,401
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CHAUFFEUR (2)	40,159
FOOD SERVICE HELPER	41,401
BUS DRIVER	54,629

# **COMPETITIVE**

DEPUTY ASSESSOR	\$85,417
ASSESSMENT CLERK	69,446
ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT	59,795
SENIOR OFFICE ASSISTANT	67,307
OFFICE ASST AUTO SYSTEMS/ INT. CLERK	57,536
ASSISTANT COURT CLERK	56,560
NUTRITION SITE MANAGER	VACANT
INTERMEDIATE CLERK (1)	46,998
INTERMEDIATE CLERK (2)	53,446
INTERMEDIATE CLERK SPANISH SPEAKING	47,902
PARALEGAL	41,354
SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES	26,519

#### **PART TIME EMPLOYEES**

NAME	IIILE	HOURLY RATE
Abreau Jr., Larry	PT, Parks	\$20.91/HR
Rodriguez Castro, Frankelis	PT, Dale Cemetery	\$15.00/HR
DaSilva, Marcus	PT, Parks	\$16.00/HR
Fernandez, Richard	PT, Town Court	\$25.00/HR
Guinansaca, Jeaneth	PT, Town Clerk	\$15.00/HR
Hamilton, John	PT, Building Inspector	\$73.00/HR
Jackson Jr., Franklin	PT, Town Court	\$28.00/HR
Juarez, Angela	PT, Tax Office	\$15.00/HR
Lee, Kenneth	PT, Town Court	\$25.00/HR
Lilley, Sheila	PT, Town Court	\$25.00/HR
Santucci, Alicia	PT, Dale Cemetery	\$18.00/HR
Simkins, John	PT, Town Court	\$25.00/HR

TITI E

# **ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Coordinator/Liaison \$2,700.00

Clerical Assistants \$60.00

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: This year's compensation plan was included in our 2021 budget, and in 2021, most all of our non-union employees and part-time employees will not be receiving their usual 2% raise. This was done in an effort to cut costs wherever possible given the uncertain financial condition due to the pandemic.

**Motion: Carried** 

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# Q. Surety Bonds

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

Whereas, certain officers and/or employees of the Town of Ossining designated by law are required by law to file an undertaking which shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of their term of office, the termination of their employment, or the further resolution of this Town Board, and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining by prior resolution has determined it is more beneficial and economical to provide the undertakings by a blanketed bond;

It is, therefore, Resolved, that all officers and/or employees of the Town of Ossining will be bonded by a blanket bond in the amount of \$500,000 except that the following position will carry an additional surety bond in the amount of \$100,000: Receiver of Taxes.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### R. Consulting Engineer

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

Resolved, the Town Supervisor is authorized to continue the inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Ossining to provide engineering services to the Town for the calendar year 2021, for a fee totaling \$100,539 (\$8,378.25 per month).

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Our Engineering IMA with the Village of Ossining has also not increased in cost into 2021, another opportunity for curbing costs into the new year.

**Motion: Carried** 

# S. Bond Counsel

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

Resolved, that the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliff, LLP, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York is hereby retained as Bond Counsel in accordance with the fees set forth in the proposal received from Orrick dated December 21, 2020.

**Motion: Carried** 

# T. 2021 Schedule of Fees

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 approves the following Schedule of Fees for calendar year 2021:

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee	
Sale of Codebook	Chapter 1	Publisher's price	
Access to Records	Chapter 45		
	Fees for copies of records not exceeding 8 ½ by 14 inches in size	\$0.25 per page	
	Fee for reproducing records in excess of 8 ½ by 14 inches in size	Actual cost of reproduction	
	Fee for PDF Copy of Tax Map on CD (Office of the Assessor)	\$150	
Accessory Dwelling	Chapter 50		
Accessory Dweiling	Initial application	\$300	
	Each renewal	\$150	

Code Chapter Reference	Fee
Chapter 51	
Annual registration	\$25
Non Registration Fee	\$250
False alarms:	
1st and 2nd offense	Warning
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	\$50
4 <sup>th</sup> offense	\$100
5 <sup>th</sup> offense	\$200
6 <sup>th</sup> offense	\$500
Subsequent Offenses	\$500
Chapter 63	
Certificate of occupancy, where the total value of the building is:	
Less than \$10,000	\$100
Greater than \$10,000 but less than \$20,000	\$100
Greater than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000	\$100
Greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000	\$100
Greater than \$100,000 but less than \$150,000	\$100
Greater than \$150,000	\$100
Building permit issuance	
Where the total value of the work is up to \$1,000	\$100
For each additional \$1,000	\$15 additional per \$1000 of work value
Renewal of building permit	½ of Original B.P. Fee
Electrical permits	
Per dwelling	\$115
Alteration to commercial building	\$200
New commercial construction	\$350
Plumbing permit	
House sewer and tie-in	\$115
Installation of 1 – 3 fixtures, appliances or standpipe connections	\$115
	\$165
	\$215
	\$115
	Annual registration  Non Registration Fee  False alarms:  1st and 2nd offense  3rd offense  4th offense  5th offense  6th offense  Subsequent Offenses  Chapter 63  Certificate of occupancy, where the total value of the building is:  Less than \$10,000  Greater than \$10,000 but less than \$20,000  Greater than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000  Greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000  Greater than \$100,000 but less than \$100,000  Greater than \$150,000 but less than \$100,000  Greater than \$150,000  For each additional \$1,000  Renewal of building permit  Electrical permits  Per dwelling  Alteration to commercial building  New commercial construction  Plumbing permit  House sewer and tie-in  Installation of 1 – 3 fixtures, appliances or standpipe

Type of Application, License or Permit/Co	ode Chapter Reference	Fee
	Gas certification	\$65
	Plumbing permit if not listed	\$115
	HVAC Permit	<b>4120</b>
	HVAC Residential	Same as Building Permit Fee
	HVAC Commercial	Same as Building Permit Fee
	Erecting signs	Same as Building Permit Fee
	Demolition permit	
	For structure less than 1,000 square feet	\$100
	For structure over 1,000 square feet	\$300
	Title search (office assistance)	\$65 per property
	Copies of certificates of occupancy and surveys	\$25 per copy
	Inspection and letter in lieu of certificate of occupancy	\$100
	Legalization of work performed without permits	All fees tripled
	Failure to keep a scheduled appt. for an inspection	\$50
	Same day inspection	\$50
	Non-mandated inspection letter	\$50
	Any type of Permit Not Listed necessary and requires inspections	Same fee structure as filing a Building Permit (based on estimated cost of project)
	CI CO	
Cabaret	Chapter 68	4000
	Annual license fee	\$200
	After July 1	\$100
	Renewal application 30-day extension	\$5 per month
Credit Card Fees	Payment by Credit Card	3% of Transaction
Dale Cemetery	Deed Change	\$100 per change
Dog Fees	Chapter 74	
	License Fees:	
	Spayed/ neutered:	\$15
	Unspayed/ unneutered	\$23
	Seniors over age 60 are exempt from local fee	
	Redemption fees from impoundment of dogs	
	First impoundment	\$20 first 24 hours; \$5 each additional 24 hours

Type of Application, License or Permit/Cod	e Chapter Reference	Fee
	Second impoundment	\$40 first 24 hours;
	r	\$10 each additional 24 hours
	Third impoundment	\$60 first 24 hours; \$15 each additional 24 hours
	Non-Resident use of the Cedar Lane and Ryder Dog Parks	\$25, plus \$10 per each additional dog, up to three dogs
Electric Car Charging	Engel Park, Cedar Lane Park, Ryder Park	First 3 Hours Free; \$5 each additional hour
Food Scraps Recycling Program	Food Scraps Residential Kit	\$20.00 (if paying by check) \$21.00 (if paying by credit/debit card to cover convenience and per item fee)
	Food Scraps Compostable Bags (roll of 25 2-gallon bags)	\$2.00 (if paying by check) \$2.25 (if paying by credit/debit card to cover convenience and per item fee)
SEQR	Chapter 85	
	Environmental clearance form	No fee
	Application for preliminary environmental review	\$100
Street Opening	Chapter 87, Part 1	
	Simple Curb Cut	\$100
	Road opening less than 150 sq. ft	\$400
	Road opening 150 sq ft and greater	\$500
Deposit for all Street Openings	Deposit (in form of surety bond)	\$300 per square foot
Excavation of Topsoil or Gravel	Chapter 87, Part 2	
	For each 10 acres of property, or any portion thereof, proposed to be excavated	\$75
	Refund upon denial of application	\$25
	Permit renewal, for each 10 acres of property, or any portion thereof, proposed to be excavated	\$75
Filling and Grading	Chapter 92	
	Application for a filling and grading permit	
	For the first acre or part thereof	\$200
	For each additional acre or part thereof	\$40

Type of Application, License or Permit/Cod	e Chapter Reference	Fee
	Application for a certificate of completion	
	For the first acre	\$50
	For each additional acre or part thereof	\$10
Floodplain Development	Chapter 102	
Filming	Per day	\$1400
<b>g</b>	Permit application	\$200
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Freshwater Wetlands	Chapter 105	
	Application review fee for permits issued by Building Inspector (see § 105-6)	Same fee structure as filing a Building Permit (based on estimated cost of project)
	Application review fee for permits issued by the Planning Board (see §105-7)	Included in site plan review fees
Parks	Chapter 138	
	Rental Fees	
	Pavilions (Ryder, Gerlach, Cedar Lane	\$225 for 4 hours; \$25 for each additional hour
	Picnic Areas at Engel Park	\$75 for 4 hours; \$25 for each additional hour
	Fields/ Facilities (Ryder Park baseball fields or Football/ Soccer field; Cedar Lane Park	Residents: \$50 for 2 hours, \$25 for each additional hour Non-Profits: \$50 for 2 hours, \$25 for each
	Football/ Soccer Field; Engel Waterfront park Stage & Viewing/ Spectator Area)	additional hour  Non-Residents: \$150 for 2 hours, \$50 for each additional hour
	Fields/ Facilities with Lights (Gerlach Park Baseball or Soccer	Residents: \$100 for 2 hours, \$50 for each additional hour
	Field)	Non-Profits: \$100 for 2 hours, \$50 for each additional hour  Non-Residents: \$300 for 2 hours, \$100 for each additional hour
Boat Ramp	Daily	
	Residents	\$40
	Nonresidents	\$50
	Seasonal	
	Residents	\$80
	Nonresidents	\$150
Cedar Lane Arts Center	Meeting in Theater Room for Art Activities, 3 Hours or Less	\$30

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code	Chapter Reference	Fee
	Meeting in Theater Room for Art Activities, Up to 6 Hours	\$50
	Meeting in Theater Room for Non-Art Activities, 3 Hours or Less	\$50
	Meeting in Theater Room for Non-Art Activities, Up to 6 Hours	\$100
	Meeting in Theater Room by For-Profit Groups, 3 Hours or Less	\$100
	Meeting in Theater Room by For-Profit Groups, Each Hour over 3 Hours	\$25
	Art Activity Birthday Parties for Children, 3 Hours or Less	\$200 plus instructor's fee and materials expense
	Art fair events	\$50 per artist booth fee
	Ceramic Weekend Workshop (2 Day)	\$100/day plus instructor fees
	Artists Group Use of Theater Space, 3 Hours or Less	\$10/artist/ session
	Scout Ceramics Lesson (1 learning lesson, 1 firing session)	\$20/scout
	Firing Fees	\$0.05 per cubic inch for bisque \$0.07 per cubic inch for cone 6 glaze
CLAC Clay Studio Membership	Rental Fees	
	Studio Access with Shelf Space (all incomplete work must be taken home when leaving)*	\$300/ quarter
	Studio Access with ½ storage unit*	\$375/ quarter
	Studio Access with 1 full storage unit*	\$450/ quarter
	*10% rental discount when you prepay six months or more in advance	
	<u>Use Fees</u>	
	Firing fee (includes both cone 05 bisque and cone 6 glaze)	\$0.05 per cubic inch
	Clay (midrange stoneware)	\$15 per 25 pound bag
	Reclaimed clay from bucket	\$10 per 25 pound bag
	Mid-range Porcelain clay	\$20 per 25 pound bag
	Deposit for Key to Access CLAC	\$200

Type of Application, License or Permit/Cod	le Chapter Reference	Fee
Peddlers	Chapter 144	
	Annual license fee	\$100
	One Day Peddler's Permit	\$25
Police Fees	Vehicle Impound Release Fee	\$25
Steep Slopes	Chapter 167	
	Application and inspection fee, residential only	\$100
	Application and inspection fee, nonresidential	Included in site plan review fees
Streams and Watercourses	Chapter 169	
	Permit application	Same fee structure as filing a Building Permit (based on estimated cost of project)
Subdivision of Land	Chapter 176	
	Application review fee	
	Major	
	Preliminary plat	\$200, plus \$125 per lot
	Final plat	\$200, plus \$125 per lot
	Minor	\$200, plus \$125 per lot
	Recreation fee. However, in the case of multifamily developments, the Planning Board may adjust the recreation fee in relation to the recreational facilities provided within the subject development.	\$7,500 per lot or dwelling unit.
	Recreation Fee-Affordable Housing	\$2,500 per lot or dwelling unit
	Inspection fee	3% of the Town Engineer's estimated cost for all utility and roadway improvements, plus \$100 for an engineering estimate
	Escrow account deposits	(See fees under "Zoning" below.)
Taxicabs and Limousines	Chapter 182	
	Fare within Town, or Between Town and Village	\$4.75
	For each taxicab or limousine owner's license, on initial application	\$100
	For each taxicab or limousine owner's license, for each annual renewal thereof	\$50
	For each taxicab or limousine owner's supplementary license	\$25

Type of Application, License or Permit/Cod	le Chapter Reference		Fee
	For each vehicle licensed as a taxicab or limousine		\$25
	For each taxicab or limousine driver's license		\$10
	For each taxicab or limousine substituted		\$25
	For replacement of a lost or destroyed taxicab or limousine license or sticker		\$20
	For replacement of each driver's license or badge		\$5
Call-a-Cab Coupons			
	Cost to qualifying senior citizen	\$3.00 [	per coupon
	Redemption by Town to participating taxi company	\$4.75 <sub>I</sub>	per coupon
Senior Services	Contribution from Qualifying Senior Citizen		
	Congregate Meals	\$	63.00
	Home Delivered Meals	\$	63.50
Tax Foreclosure	Title Search	\$2	250.00
	Legal & Publication Fees	\$7	700.00
Tax Receiver	Administrative Re-Levy Fee for Unpaid Village water rents	\$100 \$5.00 \$20.00 rge \$600.00	
	Memo Bill Fee-Per Bill		
	Bounced Check Fee-Per Item Returned		
	Annual Tax File Subscription Charge for Tax Service Agencies		
	Mailing Expense for Second Notice	\$2.00	
Telecommunication	Chapter 182A		
	New telecommunications tower	\$5,000	
	Co-location of an existing telecommunications tower or high structure where no increase in height of the tower or structure is required	\$2,000	
Towing Services Agreement	Chapter 182B		
	Fees and services	Normal business hours Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Sat/Sun/holidays and after 5:00 p.m. weekdays
	Light-duty straight Town (3 tons DVW)	\$94.50	\$120.75
	Light-duty service call	\$78.75	\$105
	Gate/yard		\$47.25
	Mileage, per mile \$4.20		\$4.20

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> truck	\$94.50	\$120.75
	Light-duty winching	\$94.50	\$120.75
	Storage, per day	\$50	\$50
Tree Removal	Chapter 183		
	Tree removal permit, residential only	\$100	
	Tree removal permit, nonresidential	Included in site plan review fees	
	Tree Bank Fund	\$165 per caliper inch	
Zoning	Chapter 200		
	All appeals and applications made to the Board of Appeals	\$350	
	Special permit application	\$350	
	Site plan or conditional use permit	\$350	
	Application review fee	\$350, plus \$25 per parking space	
	Inspection fee	Same as application review fee	
	Request for rezoning or zoning amendment review fee	\$1,000 plus \$50 per acre of property owned or controlled by the applicant to which the rezoning or zoning amendment pertains	
	Environmental quality review. A full environmental assessment form review fee is required in all cases when this form is part of the application.	\$200	
	Performance and maintenance bonds	maintenance bonds the Planning Bo recommended amou	Il performance and shall be established by pard, based upon a unt as specified by the Engineer
	Each bond reduction request	\$	100
	Escrow accounts		
	For subdivisions, based on number of lots		
	0 to 2	\$5,000	
	3 to 10	\$10,000	
	11 to 35	\$25,000	
	More than 35	\$6	0,000
	For site plan, conditional use permits and special permits, based on square footage		
	0 to 3,000	\$5	5,000
	3,001 to 20,000	\$10,000	
	20,001 to 50,000	\$25,000	
	Greater than 50,000	\$60,000	

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference		Fee	
i i	For minor applications (includes accessory apartments, wetland permits, filling and grading permits, etc.)	\$5,000 Escrow	
	Variances	\$350	
	-application meetings to discuss aceptual proposals, per meeting	\$500	
	er the fact application (Planning & ning)	Application Fee Tripled	

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Our fee schedule has not changed much this year, except for some changes in the Tax Receiver's office. The fee for Tax Foreclosure Title Search increased from \$200 to \$250 and Annual Tax File Subscription Charge for Tax Service Agencies increased from \$500 to \$600. Our Tax Receiver Holly Perlowitz recommended these changes as part of our budget discussions in the fall to keep up with neighboring municipalities. A \$2 fee for Mailing Expense for Second Notice was also added, as it had been practice for some time but never formally added to the fee schedule.

**Motion: Carried** 

# **U.** <u>Dale Cemetery Fee Schedule 2021</u>

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 approves the following Schedule of Fees for Dale Cemetery for calendar year 2021:

# **GRAVE PRICES (ALL SECTIONS)**

**Residents of the Town of Ossining:** 

Single Depth Grave: \$2100Double Depth Grave: \$2600

Non Residents of the Town of Ossining:

Single Depth Grave: \$3200Double Depth Grave: \$3700

# **SPECIALTY GRAVE PRICES**

- Child's Grave (2 ½' x 5'): \$650
- Baby Grave (18" x 26"): \$450
- Niche in Above Ground Columbarium (Holds Two Urns): \$1500\*\*
- Bronze Name & Date Door Plate Installed: \$400 (Change according to supplier cost)
- Cremation Grave Space (3' x 3'): \$850

# **SECTION 12 PRICES**

- Opening/ Saturday Fee: \$1800/ \$850
- Cremation with Vault/ Saturday Fee: \$950/\$500
- Use of Two Graves for One Interment: Additional Charge of \$1200. Total Interment Fee of \$2800.

# **INTERMENT PRICES**

- Single Depth with Vault/ Liner: \$1400
- Single Depth with Casket: \$1475
- Double Depth with Vault/ Liner: \$1550

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes original interment

- Double Depth with Casket: \$1625
- Child's Grave (Up to 5' in Length): \$675
- Baby Grave (Up to 26" in Length): \$500
- Above Ground Columbarium Second Urn: \$150
- Bronze Name Plate Installed: \$150
- Bronze Date Plate Installed: \$70
- Cremated Remains: \$600\*\*\*

\*\*\*The price for direct cremated remains will be \$500.

- Cremated Remains Burial- Each additional container, same time and grave: \$300.00
- Cremated Remains placed in casket- Each additional container: \$300.00

#### **DISINTERMENT CHARGES**

- Disinterment remaining here (with vault)
  - Single Depth: \$2500Double Depth: \$2900
- Disinterment remaining here (casket only)
  - Single Depth: \$2625Double Depth: \$3050
- Disinterment to another cemetery (with vault): \$1700\*\*\*\*
- Disinterment to another cemetery (casket only): \$2350\*\*\*\*
- Disinterment of Cremains to be Removed from the Cemetery: \$850\*
- Disinterment of Cremains to another grave site in Dale Cemetery on the same day as the disinterment: \$1350\*
- Disinterment of Cremains to Somerset Columbarium: \$850\*
- Saturday Fee: \$400
- \* Containers/urns must be supplied or additional charge will apply
- \*\*\*\*The above disinterment charges are for labor only. There will be additional charges if a new wood box or steel vault is necessary at time of removal. Concrete or vault company charges are additional.

# **INSCRIPTION FEES**

**•** \$50

# INDIGENT BURIAL

• \$600

# ADDITIONAL CHARGES

- There are NO INTERMENTS on Sundays or Holidays.
- Burials must arrive by 2PM Monday through Friday, Saturday burials must arrive by 11:30AM. There will be a charge of \$125 per half hour for late arrivals.
- Dale Cemetery, Town of Ossining, must be notified by 12 noon on Friday if a burial is scheduled for the following Monday, otherwise there is a \$650 fee for weekend preparation.
- There will be a \$200 fee in winter if frost/ice/snow conditions exist.
- Saturday Interment Fee: \$650
- Saturday Cremains Interment Fee: \$300

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: This fee schedule is also not changing at this time, however Cemetery Superintendent Pete Connolly will be making some recommended changes to the Town Board in the coming months, also to keep our fees current with other similar cemeteries in our area.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### V. Records Management Officer

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

Resolved, that pursuant to Section 57.19 of the Local Government Records Law, the Town Board hereby appoints Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk Records Management Officer of the Town of Ossining.

**Motion: Carried** 

# W. Appointment of Marriage Officers

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Susanne Donnelly, Dana Levenberg, and Martha C. Quituisaca as Marriage Officers for the Town of Ossining for 2021.

**Motion: Carried** 

# X. Finance-Investment Policy

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 adopts the Investment Policy as follows:

# INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF OSSINING

#### I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for investment on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity of individual.

# II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the local government's investment activities are, in priority order,

- to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legal);
- to adequately safeguard principal (safety);
- to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity); and
- to obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).

# III. <u>DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY</u>

The governing board's responsibility for administration of the investment program is delegated to the Town Supervisor who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a data base or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

# IV. PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the Town of Ossining to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence discretion and intelligence exercise in the

management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

# V. <u>DIVERSIFICATION</u>

It is the policy of the Town of Ossining to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.

#### VI. INTERNAL CONTROLS

It is the policy of the Town of Ossining for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Finance Department and deposited in a designated Town of Ossining revenue account within one business day of receipt of the funds. The Town Supervisor's office shall receive a copy of the transaction record. Employees will receive a written receipt for any cash amounts forwarded to the Finance Department and should maintain original receipt(s) in department records and copies of the receipt(s) in personal records.

The Town Supervisor is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

#### VII. <u>DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES</u>

The banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of Town monies are:

**Depository Name** Officer J. P. Morgan Chase Bank **Betsy Davis** Wells Fargo Bank Paul DeGrato **Michael McGuire Sterling Bank TD Bank** Ryan Fohl **Tompkins Mahopac Bank** Maria G. Lopez **Connect One Bank** Rori Sagal **NYCLASS** Joel Friedman The Westchester Bank Patricia Cappelletti

# VIII. COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law, §10, all deposits of the Town of Ossining, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

- 1. By a pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value," Or provided by General Municipal Law, §10, equal to the aggregate Amount of deposits from the categories designated in Appendix A to the policy.
- 2. By an eligible "irrevocable letter of credit" issued by a qualified bank (or federal home loan bank) other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% (100% if federal home loan bank) of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any.

A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.

3. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims - paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

#### IX. SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by (the depository <u>and/or</u> a third party) bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure local government deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events, which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank to the Town of Ossining or its custodial bank.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

# X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As authorized by General Municipal Law, §11, the Town of Ossining authorizes the Town Supervisor to invest monies not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- Special time deposit accounts;
- Certificates of deposit;
- Obligations of the United States of America;
- Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;
- Obligations of the State of New York;
- Obligations issued pursuant to LFL §24.00 or 25.00 (with approval of the State Comptroller) by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the Town of Ossining;
- Obligations of this local government, but only with any moneys in a reserve fund established pursuant to GML, §6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-g, 6-h, 6-j, 6-k, 6-l, 6-m, or 6-n.

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Ossining within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures

for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town of Ossining within two years of the date of purchase.

#### XI. AUTHORIZED FINANICAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

The Town of Ossining shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments which can be made with each financial institutions or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit worthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition (Call Report) at the request of the Town of Ossining. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers. The Town Supervisor is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositaries, trading partners and custodians. Such listing shall be evaluated at least annually.

# XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Town Supervisor is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

- 1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an Authorized trading partner.
- 2. By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Article 5G of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the governing board (for example, NYCLASS New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System).
- 3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized tracking partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the local government, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Town of Ossining by the bank or trust company. Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law, §10.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the local government a perfected interest in the securities.

# XIII. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

• All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.

- Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers.
- Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America and obligations of agencies of the United State of America where principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America.
- No substitution of securities will be allowed.
- The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

# Appendix A Schedule of Eligible Securities

- (i) Obligations issued, or fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States of America, an agency thereof or a United States government sponsored corporation.
- (ii) Obligations partially insured or guaranteed by any agency of the United States of America, at a proportion of the Market Value of the obligation that represents the amount of the insurance or guaranty.
- (iii) Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the State of New York, obligations issued by a municipal corporation, school district or district corporation of such State or obligations of any public benefit corporation which under a specific State statute may be accepted as security for deposit of public moneys.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: The next few resolutions are policies relating to our finance procedures. These have not changed since last year, and are available for viewing on the Town's website if you would like to review in more detail following the meeting.

#### **Motion: Carried**

# Y. Finance-Debt Management Policy

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 adopts the Debt Management Policy as follows:

The Comptroller will monitor the debt portfolio annually for refinancing opportunities through services of a financial advisor. This can be done in connection to the continuing disclosure process.

The minimum criteria for bond refunding are as follows:

- 1. Refunding should produce savings equal to 3% of bonds to be refinanced
- 2. Savings after insurance premium should be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times underwriters discount and other costs of issuance.

#### **Motion: Carried**

# Z. <u>Finance – Procurement Policy</u>

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

WHEREAS, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law requires the governing body of every municipality to adopt a procurement policy for all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid, and

WHEREAS, comments have been solicited from all officers in the Town of Ossining involved in the procurement process, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining does hereby adopt the following procurement process which is intended to apply to all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid.

#### Purchases up to \$1,999

Town Department Managers may authorize purchase of not more than onethousand nine-hundred and ninety nine dollars (\$1,999) per purchase contract for materials, services, supplies or repairs provided that such purchase is made in conformance with the following procedure:

- A. A standard Claim Voucher is to be completed and submitted to the Supervisor's Office with the following information:
  - 1. Name and address of Vendor
  - 2. Date and vendor number
  - 3. Budget Account Codes
  - 4. Quantity, description and purpose of goods or services purchased
  - 5. Signature of Department Head
- B. The Claim Voucher must be accompanied by an original invoice and packing slip, if applicable.

#### Purchases between \$2,000-\$20,000

Department Managers may make purchases between \$2,000 and \$20,000 for materials, supplies and repairs provided that such purchase is made in conformance with the following procedure:

- A. A Purchase Order is to be completed in order to encumber the expenditure for all purchases over \$2,000, including purchases made under State or local government contracts. This form shall be submitted to the Budget Officer with the following information:
  - a. Name and address of recommended vendor
  - b. Date, Vendor Number, Budget Account Codes
  - c. Quantity, description and purpose of the purchase
  - d. Unit cost and total cost of proposed purchase
  - e. Purchase Order must be signed by the Department Manager
- B. Two verbal quotations are required for purchases between \$2,000-\$4,999. A verbal quotation form available in the Supervisor's Office must be used to document the quotes. Attach verbal quotation form to Purchase Order and submit to Budget Officer for approval.
- C. Three written quotations are required for purchases between \$5,000-\$20,000. A written quotation form available in the Supervisor's Office must be used to document the quotes. Attach written bid requests to the Purchase Order along with documentation from vendor indicating cost and submit to Budget Officer for approval.
- D. Approved purchases will be acknowledged to the Department Manager by copy of the signed Purchase Order signed by the Town Supervisor with a Purchase Order number assigned to it by the Finance Department.
- E. Upon satisfactory receipt of the material, supply or repair, the Department Manager will submit to the Budget Officer the following:

a. Purchase Order signed by the Department Manager to indicate approval for payment along with an invoice from the vendor attached to the Purchase Order.

Any <u>public works contract</u> over \$10,000 must follow above procedures and obtain three written quotes. A Public Works Contract over \$30,000 is subject to competitive bidding.

A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the purchaser will document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall failure to obtain the proposals be a bar to the procurement.

Purchases are subject to the availability of funds. Department Managers may not authorize purchases under this section when there are insufficient funds in the designated budget account. The Budget Officer distributes monthly budget expenditure reports showing the available funds in each department account.

#### Purchases of \$20,000 and over

All purchases of materials, supplies and repairs of equipment of \$20,000 or more and all public works contracts of \$30,000 or more requires competitive bidding subject to the laws of New York.

- A. The Town Supervisor and Clerk's office shall be responsible for the issuance of required documents, notices and advertisements required under the competitive bidding laws and for the receipt of such bids from vendors.
- B. Department Managers will be responsible for preparing information regarding the quantity, quality and specifications of the materials, supplies or work to be furnished.
- C. Capital Projects are defined as improvements to the Town's operations in excess of \$12,000 per project. Please consult with the Budget Officer in order to establish a Capital Project number and processing of Purchase Order.

#### **General Provisions**

1. Where possible, purchases should be made from New York State and Westchester County purchasing contracts. These purchases are exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law Section 103. Information regarding these contracts is available online at <a href="www.ogs.state.ny.us">www.ogs.state.ny.us</a>. The NYS Contract number must be written on claim voucher or purchase order along with a print-out from the OGS website indicating the item is on NYS Contract.

In addition, purchases under any NYS county or local government contracts, or purchased through the Empire State Purchasing Group, National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) or US Communities, are permissible, provided that the contract is let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with NYS law and made available for use by other governmental entities and subject to the approval of the Town Supervisor.

- 2. Documentation is required of each action taken in connection with each procurement.
- 3. Documentation and explanation are required whenever a contract is awarded to other than the lowest responsible offeror. This documentation will include an explanation of how the award will achieve savings or how the offeror was not responsible. A determination that the offeror is not responsible shall be made by the purchaser and may not be challenged under any circumstance.

- 4. As to the purchase of tires for Town-owned vehicles:
  - I. Any supplier and/or distributor of tires to the Town must be on New York State and/or Westchester County contract.
  - II. Any supplier and/or distributor of tires to the Town must be able to provide all tires required and selected for any vehicle in the Town of Ossining fleet.
  - III. Whenever possible, a supplier/ distributor with a facility within the Town that otherwise meets all other criteria and requirements will be selected to supply tires to the Town.
  - IV. Travel/ delivery time will be factors utilized in selecting a tire supplier/ distributor.
  - V. In selecting a tire supplier/ distributor, preference will be given, if and when possible, to purchase tires from American companies that manufacture tires within the United States.
- 5. As to the use of tow companies and vehicle inspections for Town-owned vehicles:
  - I. All tows of Town-owned vehicles are to be done by Town of Ossining businesses.
  - II. All automotive inspections of Town-owned vehicles are to be done by Town of Ossining businesses.
- 6. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 104-b(2)(f).the procurement policy may contain circumstances when, or types of procurement for which, in the sole discretion of the governing body, the solicitation of alternative proposals or quotations will not be in the best interest of the municipality. In the following circumstances, it may not be in the best interest of the Town of Ossining to solicit quotations to document the basis for not accepting the lowest bid:
  - a. Professional services or services requiring special or technical skill, training or expertise. The individual or company must be chosen based on accountability, reliability or responsibility, skill, education, and training, judgment, integrity and moral worth. These qualifications are not necessarily found in the individual or company that offers the lowest price and the nature of these services are such that they do not readily lend themselves to competitive procurement procedures.

In determining whether a service fits into this category, the Town of Ossining Town Board shall take into consideration the following guidelines: 1) whether the services are subject to state licensing or testing requirements; 2) whether substantial formal education or training is a necessary prerequisite to the performance of the services; and (3) whether the services require a personal relationship between the individual and municipal officials. Professional or technical services shall include but not be limited to the following: services of certified public accountant; investment management services; printing services involving extensive writing, editing, or art work; management of municipally owned property; and computer software or programming services for customized programs or services involved in substantial modification and customization of pre-packaged software.

7. A Request for Proposal must be prepared for Professional Services. This section is adopted from the Office of the State Comptroller's Financial Management Guide, Subsection 8.3020. Requests for proposals are traditionally used as a means of obtaining many types of professional services. RFPs are used to obtain the services of: architects, engineers, accountants, lawyers, underwriters, fiscal consultants, and other professionals. The purpose of a request for proposal is to have an effective way to award contracts for professional services. RFPs and evaluation of the proposals can consider price plus other factors such as experience, staffing and suitability for needs and may include negotiations on a fair and equal basis. The award should be the most advantageous to the Town.

The overall process involves making a request for proposals from various firms or professionals, and then evaluating the proposals received. Depending on the

complexity of the situation, you may prepare the RFP in house or a consultant could be obtained to help you prepare it. The Town Attorney will review all RFPs, contracts to be executed with the firm selected and any other needed items.

There should be a well-planned solicitation effort in order to identify a sufficient number of qualified firms. This can be done by advertising in local trade journals, checking listings of professionals, talking to local officials, etc. A well-planned solicitation effort can result in reduced costs through increased competition.

- 8. Emergency purchases pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law. Due to the nature of this exception, these goods or services must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternative proposals may threaten the life, health, safety and welfare of the residents. This section does not preclude alternative proposals if time permits.
- 9. Sole Source. Competitive bidding is not required under Section 103 of the General Municipal Law in those limited situations when goods or services are available from only one source. If a determination is made that a particular item is available only from one source so that no possibility of competition exists, competitive bidding may not be required for the procurement of the item. Department Managers must document the unique benefits of the item as compared to other items available in the marketplace; that no other item provides substantially equivalent or similar benefits; and that considering the benefits received, the cost of the item is reasonable, when compared to other products or services in the marketplace
- 10. Purchases of surplus and second-hand goods from any source. If alternate proposals are required, the Town of Ossining may purchase surplus and second-hand goods at auctions, through specific advertised sources, or from Town suppliers, if it can be determined that such purchase is at a fair market value, is in the best interests of the Town, and if approved by the Town Supervisor or Budget Officer. It is understood that it may be difficult to try and compare prices of used goods and that a lower price may indicate an older product.
- 11. Goods or services under \$2,000. The time and documentation required to purchase through this policy may be more costly than the item itself and would, therefore, not be in the best interests of the taxpayer. In addition, it is not likely that such de minimis contracts would be awarded based on favoritism.
- 12. The Town Board must authorize and approve all change orders on capital construction projects by Town Board resolution.
- 13. The Town Supervisor and Budget Officer shall be the municipal officials responsible for providing guidance and making decisions as to application of this procurement policy.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### AA. Reimbursement of Town Employee Business Expenses

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

WHEREAS, from time to time employees incur certain expense in connection with performing their duties, attending training, seminars and/or conferences; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ossining has established guidelines which an employee may be legally reimbursed for expenses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining does hereby adopt the Reimbursement of Town Employee Business Expense Policy as follows:

# **Purpose of this Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the guidelines under which an employee of the Town of Ossining may be legally reimbursed for expenses related to the travel to and from, and attendance at, any event which has been recognized and authorized as an event related to Town business. The policy is adopted from the Office of the State Comptroller's Financial Management Guide, Subsection 8.1025. In the event of any misunderstanding or dispute, the Town Supervisor will make the final determination as to whether an employee is entitled to reimbursement of any expense.

#### **Prior Written Authorization Required**

Authorization must be obtained in writing from the Town Supervisor prior to attending an event for which an employee expects reimbursement. In the event that such prior authorization was not obtained, the Town Supervisor, at his/her discretion may authorize reimbursement by written notice to the Budget Officer.

# **Claim Voucher Required**

In order to receive reimbursement of an expense, an employee must submit to the Budget Officer a properly completed and signed Town form, including as attachments, a copy of the Town Supervisor's written authorization, a copy of the brochure or other literature describing the event, and any required receipts. The claim form, available in the Supervisor's Office, must clearly state the title of the event, the sponsoring association, the location and date(s) of the event, and an itemized list of the expenditure categories to be reimbursed. In the event of a conference or training seminar where certificates of completion are issued, said certificates should be provided to the municipality.

#### **Use of Petty Cash for Employee Reimbursements**

Petty cash should be used minimally for the reimbursements of employee expenses. It should be remembered that petty cash should require replenishment no more than once a month. Further, any reimbursement made of employee expenses through petty cash still requires appropriate receipts and authorization from the Town Supervisor. A monthly report of petty cash deposits and expenditures must be submitted to the finance departments and supervisor's office

#### **Legal Authority**

General Municipal Law 77-b generally authorizes reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending a meeting, convention, conference or school conducted for the betterment of the Town. Written authorization must be obtained in advance from the Town Supervisor before such attendance can be considered a proper Town expense. "Actual and necessary" means that the expenses were:

- 1. Actually made
- 2. Necessarily incurred for an authorized purpose
- 3. An amount no greater than necessary (Opn. St. Comp. 69-563).

# **Tax Exempt Certificate**

The Town is exempt from federal, state and local taxes, including sales tax. As such, it is the responsibility of any employee authorized to attend an event to ascertain that they carry with them a copy the Town of Ossining Tax Exemption Certificate. Such certificates should be presented to places of lodging and dining, so that any amounts paid are exclusive of taxes. The Town retains the right to refuse reimbursement of sales and other taxes paid as part of an employee's expense.

Reimbursement will be made for the following business related expenses, but MUST be pre-approved by the Supervisor's Office:

- Transportation
- Meals
- Lodging
- Gratuities

#### **Transportation**

Transportation will be reimbursed for actual travel to and from an authorized event. Transportation will not be reimbursed for any personal travel incurred while away, or for normal commuting to and from home and Town Offices. Reimbursement will be made for:

- The amount spent using public transportation (bus, train, etc.) receipts are required.
- The amount spent for re-fueling a Town owned vehicle. Receipts are required.
- The standard mileage rate, as determined by the Town Board, when using a personal vehicle.
- The amount spent for tolls. Receipts are required.
- The amount spent for parking. Receipts are required.
- The amount spent for plane fare at the regular rate charged for a single coach fare, unless otherwise authorized in writing.

#### Meals

Meals will be reimbursed when the employee is attending an authorized event away from the regular work area for an extended period of time. If an employee is not attending an event which requires an overnight stay, breakfast and/or lunch will not be reimbursed. Expenditures for the purchase of alcoholic beverages or for guests will not be reimbursed. Receipts are required for all meal expenses.

#### Lodging

Lodging will be reimbursed at the usual cost of the single occupancy room rate for those nights which fall between the days of an authorized event. "Single occupancy room rate" means the regular room rate charged for a single occupant by the hotel, or the nearest available hotel to, where the event is held. Lodging will not be reimbursed for nights prior or subsequent to the days of an authorized event, unless authorized in advance in writing by the Town Supervisor. Receipts are required for all lodging expenses.

#### Registration, Tuition, Materials

Any other expenses required to participate in an authorized event, such as registration fees, tuition, books and supplies, will be reimbursed. Receipts are required for all such expenses.

#### Gratuities

Gratuities that are reasonable and actual may be reimbursed. Gratuities for meals may not exceed the greater of (\$1.00) dollar or fifteen (15%) percent of the cost for each meal, unless a mandatory minimum greater than this amount is required under the terms of the event

#### **Periodic Review**

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Budget Officer. Any questions concerning this policy may be directed to the Budget Officer. The references cited above may assist employees in understanding this policy, and the basis for its contents.

**Motion: Carried** 

# BB. Agreement-NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance

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 continues its membership with the NYS Workers' Compensation Alliance for fiscal year 2021 to administer workers compensation claims at a cost not to exceed \$122,844, not including the NYS assessment fees.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: We are once again renewing our agreements with both the NYS Workers Compensation Alliance and the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, which are both great partners in keeping our employees safe and limiting our insurance liabilities.

**Motion: Carried** 

## CC. Insurance Renewal-New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal

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 continues its insurance policies and coverage with the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at an amount not to exceed \$147,749.63.

**Motion: Carried** 

# VI. REGULAR MEETING - BOARD RESOLUTIONS

# A. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – December 22, 2020

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 approves the December 22, 2020 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

**Motion: Carried** 

# B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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 approves the Voucher Detail Report dated January 12, 2021 in the amount of \$549,097.99.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: We are now at the time of the year when we operate in two different fiscal years. We are closing out our expenses for 2020, and now starting to incur expenses into the new year. In this run, we have two months' worth of our health insurance bills, resulting in a slightly higher voucher detail number than normal.

**Motion: Carried** 

# C. Planning Board Re-Appointment – Carolyn Stevens

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

Resolved, that the Town Board re-appoints Carolyn Stevens to the Town Planning Board for a five year-term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Tonight, we have 12 appointments and re-appointments to several of our volunteer boards and committees. When we put out a call for applications at the end of the year, we were blown away by the high number of interested applicants to serve as volunteers to the Town. We are happy to be bringing so many new and seasoned volunteers on board in 2021 – thank you to all!

**Motion: Carried** 

#### D. Planning Board Re-Appointment – Donna Sharrett

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

Resolved, that the Town Board re-appoints Donna Sharrett to the Town Planning Board for a five year term to expire on December 31, 2025.

**Motion: Carried** 

# E. Zoning Board of Appeals Re-Appointment – Sal Carrera

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

Resolved, that the Town Board re-appoints Sal Carrera as Chair of the Town Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term to expire on December 31, 2025.

**Motion: Carried** 

# F. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – Tom Wills

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

Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Tom Wills to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term to expire on December 31, 2025.

**Motion: Carried** 

# G. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment - Nicholas Emmanuel Enriquez

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

Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Nicholas Emmanuel Enriquez to fill an unexpired term on the Town Zoning Board of Appeals to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Motion: Carried** 

# H. Board of Assessment Review Appointment - Abby Barry Bergman

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

Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Abby Barry Bergman to the Town Board of Assessment Review for a five year term to expire on September 30, 2025.

**Motion: Carried** 

# I. Board of Ethics Re-Appointment – Michael Turco

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

Resolved, that the Town Board re-appoints Michael Turco to the Town Board of Ethics for a five year term to expire on December 31, 2025.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### J. Board of Ethics Appointment – Richard Salz

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

Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Richard Salz to fill an unexpired term on the Town Board of Ethics to expire December 31, 2022.

**Motion: Carried** 

# K. Recreation Advisory Board Re-appointment – Tamara Underwood

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

Resolved, that the Town Board re-appoints Tamara Underwood, Village of Briarcliff Manor, to the Recreation Advisory Board for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2023.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### L. Recreation Advisory Board Appointment – Brian Bodansky

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

Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Brian Bodansky, Village of Briarcliff Manor, to the Recreation Advisory Board for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2023.

**Motion: Carried** 

## M. Recreation Advisory Board Appointment - Brooks Cowan

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

Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Brooks Cowan, Unincorporated Town of Ossining, to the Recreation Advisory Board for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2023.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### N. Recreation Advisory Board Appointment – Pamela Nelson

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

Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Pamela Nelson, Unincorporated Town of Ossining, to the Recreation Advisory Board for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2023.

**Motion: Carried** 

# O. Personnel - Appointment

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 appoints Kenneth Lee, White Plains, to the position of Court Attendant in the Town of Ossining Justice Court at an hourly rate of \$25, effective January 12, 2021.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: This summer, Kenneth or Kenny Lee started working as a part-time employee in our Justice Court to assist with COVID health screenings. Kenny had a great professional background, and we knew he would be a great fit as a Court Attendant. After a little back and forth with Westchester County Civil Service, we are happy to be changing his title tonight so he can officially serve as a Court Attendant.

**Motion: Carried** 

# P. <u>Contract – Community Development Block Grant Program – Community Center Kitchen Renovations</u>

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 Westchester County Department of Planning for the purposes of receiving \$130,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for the Community Center Kitchen Renovations project for the Town Senior Nutrition Program, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Even in a year with not much good news on the grant front, we did learn we would be receiving \$130,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding, administered through Westchester County, for a much needed renovation and upgrade of our Senior Nutrition Program. This resolution will allow us to enter into a contract with the County to get the ball rolling on this funding.

**Motion: Carried** 

# Q. <u>Contract Amendment – Community Development Block Grant Program – Purchase 16 Passenger Wheelchair Accessible Electric Bus</u>

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 a contract amendment with the Westchester County Department of Planning changing the contract term from September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020 to December 1, 2019 – August 31, 2021 for the Town to receive \$75,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding to Purchase 16 Passenger Wheelchair Accessible Electric Bus for the Town Senior Nutrition Program, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Last year, we had also received funding through CDBG to purchase an electric bus for our senior program. We had some delays in getting competitive bids and with our program not operating at full capacity, it made sense to wait a little bit. The County has agreed to extend our contract into next summer, to allow us the time to move forward with this purchase responsibly.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### R. Contract Extension – Superintendent's Cottage Restoration at Dale Cemetery

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

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign and approve a request for an extension of completion date from February 2, 2021 to May 2, 2021 from Clemco Construction & Restoration, Inc., Ossining, the contractor on the Dale Cemetery Superintendent's Cottage Restoration, due to delays in ordering materials and weather constraints.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Tom Clemmens of Clemco Construction is well underway on the rehabilitation of the Dale Cemetery Superintendent's Cottage, but, there are pretty significant ordering delays across the industry due to COVID-19, and the new windows we need were no exception. Additionally, with weather constraints into the winter, Tom has requested an extension through May. We are very happy with his work thus far, and we are excited to see the finished product come spring!

**Motion: Carried** 

# S. Contract – CAI Technologies – Tax Map Maintenance Services

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 authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with CAI Technologies, 11 Pleasant Street, Littleton, NH 03561, for Tax Map Maintenance Services from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a fee of \$8,200.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Our Assessor's Office works with CAI Technologies for our GIS tax map maintenance, and we are happy to be renewing for another year to maintain our tax maps electronically.

**Motion: Carried** 

# T. Grant Application – Lower Hudson PRISM Invasives Strike Force

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 a grant application be made to the Lower Hudson PRISM Invasives Strike Force program for the removal of invasive species in Ryder Park; and

Be it further Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute any documents necessary to the completion of the grant application.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Last week, Patrick Vipperman, of the newly founded Ossining Parks Steward group, made us aware of a grant opportunity through Lower Hudson PRISM and the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference to remediate invasive species on public lands. In Ryder Park, there is a concentrated area of the invasive species, Japanese Knotweed. Patrick, with help from our resident plant expert Donna Sharrett, recommended that we consider making an application to this program to address this area. We are hopeful that we will be successful – thank you to Patrick and Donna for your advocacy and volunteerism for our parks and natural resources!

**Motion: Carried** 

# VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

#### VIII. MONTHLY REPORTS

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 accepts the following monthly reports for the month of December 2020:

- Dale Cemetery
- GE Helicopter
- Tax Receiver
- Town Highway Department
- Town Clerk's Office
- Supervisor's Office

**Motion: Carried** 

#### IX. VISITOR RECOGNITION

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

Victoria Geairty, from State Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick's Office, spoke about the Senator's Office being here to work with the Ossining Community. The office is located at 2 Church ST. Please call or email us.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:26 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for personnel, advice of counsel, and contracts and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously** 

At 9:17 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously** 

At 9:17 P.M., Councilmember Wilcher motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Shaw seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously** 

Approved:

Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk