

MINUTES TOWN BOARD TOWN OF OSSINING IN PERSON AT THE BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY 86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

> JANUARY 9, 2024 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:30 P.M.

#### SUPERVISOR Elizabeth R. Feldman

**COUNCILMEMBERS** 

Gregory G. Meyer Ange Jennifer Fields-Tawil Ma

Angelo A. Manicchio Matthew J. Weiss

I. CALL TO ORDER—PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—ROLL CALL—LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on January 9, 2024 at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility 86-88 Spring Street – Ossining, New York, 10562 AND via video conference. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Elizabeth R. Feldman. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Gregory G. Meyer, Angelo A. Manicchio, and Matthew J. Weiss. Councilmember Jennifer Fields-Tawil entered the meeting at 7:32 PM. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca and Town Clerk Susanne Donnelly.

Town Historian Caroline Curvan led the land the acknowledgement.

#### **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

• 40 Croton Dam RD Zone Change Application

The Public Hearing opened at 7:32 PM.

The following people commented on the Public Hearing:

- Henry Kelly. 6 Mancuso Drive. Ossining, NY 10562
- Wade Dennis. 7 Croton Dam Road. Ossining, NY 10562
- Jennifer Hawley. 57 First Ave. Ossining, NY 10562
- Raymond Santucci. 29 Grandview Ave. Ossining, NY 10562
- Marilyn Owens. 79 Narraganset Ave. Ossining, NY 10562
- James May. 61 Narraganset Ave. Ossining, NY 10562
- Richard Damiano. 20 Second Ave. Ossining, NY 10562
- Rocco Trapasso. 43 Pershing Ave. Ossining, NY 10562
- James Picciano. 70 Hawkes Ave. Ossining, NY 10562
- Marisa Caruso. 2 Redway Rd. Ossining, NY 10562
- Kim Jeffery. 100 B Morningside Drive. Ossining, NY 10562 (Via ZOOM)
- Marcie McMahon. 52 Stone Ave. Ossining, NY 10562 (Via ZOOM)
- Wayne Spector (Owen's Attorney)

Petitions were delivered to the Town Board. For more information on these petitions contact the Town Clerk.

At 8:12 PM Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the Public Hearing be closed.

### III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Feldman said the Following:

- Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In remembrance, Town offices will be closed that day.
- Briarcliff/Ossining Ministerial Association's Annual Interfaith Celebration, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service will be Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church located at 304 Spring Street in Ossining. Keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Que English, Director of the Center or Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships – U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.
- "The Cooperative Scholarship Fund: A Celebration and Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.", is being held Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Ossining High School Auditorium.
- If you know of someone who needs food and shelter as we enter the coldest days of the season, they should meet at the Open Door in Ossining daily at 8:00pm and look for the white van. Open Door is located at 165 Main Street. More information by calling 914.645.1482.
- There is a Winter Coat Drive going on now with collection points at the OPH Family Resource Center (located at 109 Croton Avenue) and Bethany Arts Center. They are collecting coats, jackets, hoodies, hats, mittens and gloves.
- Westchester County Job Fair will be held at the Westchester County Center in White Plains on January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, and April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Westchester County Police are currently hiring Seasonal Park Rangers. Go to publicsafety.westchestergov.com.
- Also, the MTA is hiring Bus Operators. Go to mta.info/bus operator.
- Westchester County has a grant program available to assist with removal of lead-based paint from homes in the county. For more information, search "lead safe Westchester".
- Need help with your winter utility bills? Go to the New York State Department of Public Services at www.dps/ny.gov/winter .
- As always, our Ossining Public Library will be hosting a bevy of events including laser tag, book groups, and films. Please see their website at ossininglibrary.org.
- Applications are now open for the Bethany Arts Center's Fourth Annual Poetry Residency with a deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup>. BAC also has a Young Artist Fellowship available with an application deadline of January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Go to their website for details.
- The Ossining Youth Bureau is beginning a program called OYES Ossining Youth Engaged in Success, a nearly three-month program.
- Open Mic Night for poetry, spoken word, and music starts Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Hudson Valley Books for Humanity. This is the second Friday of every month.
- The Souper Supper will be at Bethany Arts Center on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. Tickets are \$40.
- Sing Sing Kill Brewery hosts NFL Wildcard games this Sunday. The fun starts at 1:00pm.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

#### V. APPOINTMENTS

- Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman
  - o **De-facto on all committees**
  - o Historic Hudson River Towns
  - o Inter-Municipal Leadership Team
  - o Westchester Municipal Officials Association
  - o Ossining Communities That Care
  - o Westchester Municipal Planning Federation
  - o Sustainable Westchester

- Councilmember Grey Meyer
  - o Deputy Supervisor
  - o Westchester County
  - o IMA Committee
  - o New York State
  - o Business Development Committee
  - o Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy
  - o Comprehensive Plan Zoning Committee
  - o Ossining and Briarcliff School Districts
  - o Co-Liaison to Ossining Historical Society
  - o Co-Liaison to Briarcliff Chamber of Commerce
  - **Co-Liaison to Ossining Chamber of Commerce**
- Councilmember Angelo Manicchio
  - **o** Ossining and Briarcliff Manor Fire Departments
  - **o** Ossining Historical Society
  - o Recreation Advisory Board
  - o Liaison to Highway Department
  - o Village of Briarcliff Manor
  - o Ossining and Briarcliff Manor Chambers of Commerce
  - o Co-Liaison to Ossining and Briarcliff School Districts
  - o Co-Liaison to Village of Ossining Water Department
  - o Co-Liaison to Ossining Boat and Canoe Club
- Councilmember Jennifer Fields Tawil
  - o Village of Ossining
  - o IFCĂ
  - o Community Equity Task Force
  - **o** Ossining Police Reform and Reinvention Working Committee
  - o Ossining CAP
- Councilmember Matthew Weiss
  - o Co-Liaison to Recreation Advisory Board
  - o Co-Liaison to Teatown Lake Reservation
  - o Green Ossining Committee
  - o Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
  - o Ossining Boat & Canoe Club
  - o Teatown Lake Reservation
  - o Liaison to Village of Ossining Water Department
  - Liaison to Ossining Arts Project Summer Concert Series Sub-Committee
  - o Liaison to Ossining Climate-adaptive Design Studio Project
  - o Co-Liaison to Ossining CAP
  - o Co-Liaison to Ossining Chamber of Commerce
  - o Co-Liaison to Ossining & Briarcliff Manor Fire Departments
  - o Co-Liaison to Village of Briarcliff Manor
- 1. <u>Deputy Supervisor</u>

Councilmember Manicchio moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following appoint be approved. Supervisor Feldman appoints Gregory G. Meyer as Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Ossining effective January 1, 2024.

**Motion: Carried** 

2. Justice Court – Town Constables

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following appoint 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 2024:

John Simkins – Ossining, NY

**Motion: Carried** 

3. Appointment of Marriage Officers

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following appoint be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Susanne Donnelly, Elizabeth Feldman, and Jeaneth V. Guinansaca as Marriage Officers for the Town of Ossining.

**Motion: Carried** 

## VI. ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

#### A. Official Newspaper

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates The Gazette as the Official Newspaper and the Journal News as the Alternate Newspaper of the Town of Ossining for 2024.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### B. The Town Board of the Town of Ossining 2024 Meetings Schedule

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining will hold Regular Meetings, Work Sessions, and Town Hall Meetings as set forth on the schedule below for the year 2024.

Regular Legislative Meetings will begin at 7:30 PM at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, New York 10562 and via videoconferencing, with the log-in information available on the Town's website in advance of the meeting

Work Sessions and Town Hall Meetings will begin at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, 16 Croton Ave, Ossining, NY 10562 and via videoconferencing, with the log-in information available on the Town's website in advance of the meeting.

Town Work Session	Town Legislative Session	<b>Town Hall</b>
1st & 3rd Tuesdays	2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Meetings
Unless otherwise stated	Unless otherwise stated	
<b>January 2, 2024</b>	January 9, 2024	March 5, 2024
January 16, 2024	January 23, 2024	April 16, 2024
February 6, 2024	February 13, 2024	June 18, 2024
March 19, 2024	February 27, 2024	September 17, 2024
April 2, 2024	March 12, 2024	December 17, 2024
April 16, 2024	March 26, 2024	
May 7, 2024	April 9, 2024	
May 21, 2024	April 24, 2024 (Wednesday at 8:30	
June 4, 2024	AM at 16 Croton Ave)	
September 3, 2024	May 14, 2024	
<b>October 1, 2024</b>	May 28, 2024	
October 15, 2024	June 11, 2024	
November 19, 2024	June 25, 2024	
<b>December 3, 2024</b>	July 9, 2024 (May include Work	
	Session if needed)	

July 23, 2024 (May include Work	
Session if needed)	
August 13, 2024 (May include Work	
Session if needed)	
August 27, 2024 (May include Work	
Session if needed)	
September 10, 2024	
September 24, 2024	
October 8, 2024	
October 22, 2024	
November 12, 2024	
November 26, 2024	
December 10, 2024	
December 23, 2024 (Monday at 8:30	
AM at 16 Croton Ave)	

**Motion: Carried** 

### C. Setting Town Office Hours

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

Resolved, that the office hours of the Town Offices for 2024 will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### D. Town Historian

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Caroline Curvan as Town Historian for 2024.

**Motion: Carried** 

## E. <u>Retaining Attorneys to Represent the Town – General Counsel</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 2024.

#### **Motion: Carried**

#### F. <u>Retaining Attorneys to Represent the Town – Labor Counsel</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following amended 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, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### G. <u>Retaining Special Counsel to Represent the Town</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 2024.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### H. Town Planning Consultant - Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC.

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

Resolved, the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement retaining Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC. as the Town's Planning Consultant for 2024.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### I. 2024 Mileage Allowance

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 \$0.67 per mile to be paid upon claim voucher, after audit and approval, in accordance with IRS standards.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### J. <u>Membership in the Association of Towns</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 2024 in the amount of \$1,950.

**Motion: Carried** 

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

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 at the New York Marriott Marquis, February 18-21, 2024 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.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### L. Delegate to the Association of Towns

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates Elizabeth Feldman, Supervisor, as Delegate to the Association of Towns Annual Meeting for 2024.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### M. Alternate Delegate to the Association of Towns

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates Holly Perlowitz, Tax Receiver, as Alternate Delegate to the Association of Towns Annual Meeting for 2024.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### N. Animal Control—SPCA of Westchester

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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, 2024 - December 31, 2024, 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.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### O. <u>Renewal— Delta Dental Insurance Program</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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, 2024- December 31, 2024 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** 

#### P. 2024 Refuse/Recycle Collection

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 December 2022 for years 2023 through 2027;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the 2024 contract with Sani-Pro Disposal of 566 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY for fiscal year 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$605,016.

## Q. Approval of Compensation Plan for 2024

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the following Compensation Plan for the year 2024:

TITLE OF POSITION ANNUAL			
	SALARY		
EXEMPT			
Assessor	\$153,000		
Confidential Secretary	\$45,500		
Court Clerk (Step 1)	\$67,192		
Court Clerk (Step 5)	\$76,087		
Deputy Receiver of Taxes	\$64,340		
Deputy Town Clerk	\$69,613		
UNCLASSIFIED			
Council Member (4)	\$12,699		
Highway Superintendent	\$94,572		
Receiver of Taxes	\$97,381		
Town Clerk	\$102,583		
Town Justice (3)	\$52,845		
Town Supervisor	\$87,952		
NON-COMPETITIVE			
MEO (3)	\$92,943.00		
Lead Maintenance Auto Mechanic	\$96,990		
Highway Foreman	\$100,579		
Parks Foreman	\$100,579		
Road Maintainer (3)	\$85,670		
Assistant Auto Mechanic - Year 1	\$67,669		
Assistant Parks Foreman	\$89,110		
LABOR			
Bus Driver	\$57,973		
Chauffeur	\$45,526		
Food Svc. Helper - Step 2	\$41,689		
Food Svc. Helper - Step 5	\$45,526		
Parks Groundskeeper - after 3 year of service	\$77,133		
(2)	\$85,670		
Parks Groundskeeper - after 4 years of service			
COMPETITIVE			
Admin. Assistant to Supervisor	\$84,150		
Assessment Assistant	\$63,853		
Assessment Clerk	\$65,765		
Assistant Court Clerk - Spanish Speaking (Step	\$58,868		
3) (2)	\$60,404		
Building Inspector	\$31,296		
Cemetery Superintendent	\$91,043		
Deputy Assessor	\$57,513		
Intermediate Clerk	\$51,630		
Intermediate Clerk- Spanish Speaking	\$78,446		
Nutrition Site Manager	\$54,155		
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Office Assistant Auto. Systems (Step 1)	\$59,278		
8	\$59,278 \$86,427		

	PART TIME EMPLOYEES	
NAME	TITLE/DEPT.	HOURLY
		RATE

MacMahon, Jackie	Assessment Clerk	\$39.70
Dawkins, Corey	Court Attendant	\$25.00
Fernandez, Rich	Court Attendant	\$26.01
Lilley, Sheila	Court Attendant	\$29.07
Mena, Ray	Court Attendant	\$26.01
Meudt, Stephen	Court Attendant	\$25.00
Simkins, John	Court Attendant	\$26.01
Criollo, Jennifer	PT Intermediate Clerk, Clerk's	\$18.00
Salinas, Jessica	Office	\$18.00
Marra, Miguel	PT Intermediate Clerk, Clerk's	\$18.00
Zebelman, Erin	Office	\$18.00
Abreau, Larry	PT Intermediate Clerk, Justice	\$22.35
DaSilva, Marcus	Court	\$18.00
Rodriguez Castro,	PT Intermediate Clerk, Tax	\$16.50
Frank	Office	
	PT Laborer	
	PT Laborer	
	PT Laborer	

#### **Motion: Carried**

#### R. Surety Bonds

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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** 

### S. Consulting Engineer

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 2024, for a fee totaling \$107,923.28 (\$8,993.61 per month).

**Motion: Carried** 

#### T. Bond Counsel

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

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Town Comptroller, the Town Board hereby retains the firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliff, LLP, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10103-0001 to serve as Bond Counsel, effective immediately in accordance with the letter correspondence dated December 28, 2023.

## U. 2024 Schedule of Fees

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 2024:

	TOWN	FEE	<b>SCHED</b>	ULE	2024
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License or Permit/C		<u> </u>
Sale of Codebook	Chapter 1	Publisher's price
Access to Records	Chapter 45	
	Fees for copies of records not	\$0.25 per page
	exceeding $\hat{8} \frac{1}{2}$ by 14 inches in	
	size	
	Fee for reproducing records in	Actual cost of reproduction
	excess of 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> by 14 inches in size	
	Fee for PDF Copy of Tax Map	\$150
	on CD (Office of the Assessor)	
Alarms	Chapter 51	
	Annual registration	\$25
	Non Registration Fee	\$250
	False alarms:	Φ430
	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	Warning
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	<u>\$50</u>
	4 <sup>th</sup> offense	<u>\$30</u> \$100
	5 <sup>th</sup> offense	\$200
	6 <sup>th</sup> offense	\$500
	Subsequent Offenses	\$500
Building	Chapter 63	
Construction		
	Certificate of occupancy, where	
	the total value of the building is:	
	Less than \$10,000	\$100
	Greater than \$10,000 but less	\$100
	than \$20,000	0100
	Greater than \$20,000 but less	\$100
	than \$50,000	©100
	Greater than \$50,000 but less	\$100
	than \$100,000 Greater than \$100,000 but	\$100
	less than \$150,000 but	\$100
	Greater than \$150,000	\$100
	Building permit issuance	φινν
	Where the total value of the	\$100
	work is up to \$1,000	<b>JIVV</b>
	For each additional \$1,000	\$15 additional per \$1000 of work
		value
	Renewal of building permit	<sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>2</sub> of Original B.P. Fee
	Electrical permits	
	Per dwelling	\$115
	Alteration to commercial	\$200
	building	

Type of Application		
License or Permit/(	Code Chapter Reference	Fee
	New commercial construction	\$350
	Plumbing permit	
	House sewer and tie-in	\$115
	Installation of 1 – 3 fixtures,	\$115
	appliances or standpipe	
	connections	
	Installation of 4 – 9 fixtures	\$165
	Installation of 10 or more	\$215
	fixtures	
	Backflow Device – application	\$150.00 per device
	fee for new installations in	
	commercial & multiple residences	
		£125.00 man dervice
	Backflow Device – installation	\$125.00 per device
	fee in commercial & multiple	
	residences	
	<b>Backflow Device – installation</b>	\$75.00
	fee in one- & two-family	
	dwellings	
	Gas certification	\$65
	Plumbing permit if not listed	\$115
	HVAC Permit	
	HVAC Residential	Same as Building Permit Fee
	<b>HVAC Commercial</b>	Same as Building Permit Fee
	Sign permit	Same as Building Permit Fee
	Demolition permit	8
	For structure less than 1,000	\$100
	square feet	<b>4100</b>
	For structure over 1,000	\$300
	square feet	4500
	Square rect           Title search (office assistance)	\$65 per property
	Copies of certificates of	\$25 per copy
	occupancy and surveys	¢100
	Inspection and letter in lieu of	\$100
	certificate of occupancy	
	Legalization of work performed	All fees tripled
	without permits	
	Failure to keep a scheduled	\$50
	appt. for an inspection	
	Same day inspection	\$50
	Non-mandated inspection letter	\$50
	Any type of Permit Not Listed	Same fee structure as filing a Building
	necessary and requires	Permit (based on estimated cost of
	inspections	project)
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Cabaret	Chapter 68	
	Annual license fee	\$200
	After July 1	\$100
	Renewal application 30-day	\$100 \$5 per month
	extension	
Credit Card Fees	Payment by Credit Card	3% of Transaction
Dale Cemetery	Deed Change	\$100 per change
Dog Fees	Chapter 74	
Dug rees	License Fees:	
		<b>Δ1</b> <i>Π</i>
	Spayed/ neutered:	\$15
	Unspayed/ unneutered	\$23

Type of Application,		
	ode Chapter Reference	Fee
	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
	Second impoundment	\$40 first 24 hours;
		\$10 each additional 24 hours
	Third impoundment	\$60 first 24 hours;
	Non-Resident use of the Cedar	\$15 each additional 24 hours
	Lane and Ryder Dog Parks	\$25, plus \$10 per each additional dog, up to three dogs
	Lane and Ryder Dog I arks	up to three dogs
Electric Car	Engel Park, Cedar Lane Park,	
Charging	Ryder Park	<b>\$2.50 per hour</b>
Food Scraps	Food Scraps Residential Kit	\$20.00 (if paying by check)
Recycling Program	1	\$21.00 (if paying by credit/debit card
		to cover convenience and per item fee)
	Food Scraps Compostable Bags	\$2.00 (if paying by check)
	(roll of 25 2-gallon bags)	\$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	\$100
	environmental review	
Street Opening	Chapter 87, Part 1	
Street Opening	Simple Curb Cut	\$100
	Road opening less than 150	\$100
	sq. ft	Ψτυν
	Road opening 150 sq ft and	\$500
	greater	
Deposit for all	Deposit (in form of surety	\$300 per square foot
Street Openings	bond)	
<b>Excavation of</b>	Chapter 87, Part 2	
<b>Topsoil or Gravel</b>		
	For each 10 acres of property, or	\$75
	any portion thereof, proposed to	
	be excavated	©25
	Refund upon denial of application	\$25
	Permit renewal, for each 10	\$75
	acres of property, or any portion	UTO UTO
	thereof, proposed to be	
	excavated	
Filling and	Chapter 92	
Grading		
	Application for a filling and	
	grading permit	
	For the first acre or part	\$200
	thereof	
	For each additional acre or	\$40
	part thereof	
	Application for a certificate of completion	
	completion	

Type of Application		
License or Permit/	Code Chapter Reference	Fee
	For the first acre	\$50
	For each additional acre or	\$10
	part thereof	
Floodplain	Chapter 102	
Development		
Filming	Per day	\$1400
Thing	Permit application	\$200
Freshwater Wetlands	Chapter 105	
	Application review fee for	Same fee structure as filing a Building
	permits issued by Building Inspector (see § 105-6)	Permit (based on estimated cost of
	Application review fee for	project) Included in site plan review fees
	permits issued by the Planning	included in site plan review rees
	Board (see §105-7)	
Parks	Chapter 138	
	Rental Fees	
	Pavilions (Ryder, Gerlach,	\$225 for 4 hours;
	Cedar Lane	\$25 for each additional hour
	Picnic Areas at Engel Park	\$75 for 4 hours;
	<b>F</b> '-11-/ <b>F</b> 314' ( <b>D</b> 1	\$25 for each additional hour
	Fields/ Facilities (Ryder Park baseball fields or	Residents: \$50 for 2 hours, \$25 for each additional hour
	Football/ Soccer field;	Non-Profits: \$50 for 2 hours, \$25 for
	Cedar Lane Park Football/	each additional hour
	Soccer Field; Engel	Non-Residents: \$150 for 2 hours, \$50
	Waterfront park Stage &	for each additional hour
	Viewing/ Spectator Area)	
	Fields/ Facilities with	Residents: \$100 for 2 hours, \$50 for
	Lights (Gerlach Park	each additional hour
	<b>Baseball or Soccer Field)</b>	Non-Profits: \$100 for 2 hours, \$50 for
		each additional hour
		Non-Residents: \$300 for 2 hours, \$100
		for each additional hour
	Multi-Use Gaming Area (Gerlach Park)	\$25/hour
	Ryder Park Tennis/Pickleball	\$40 permit
Boat Ramp	Daily	
•	Residents	\$40
	Nonresidents	\$50
	Seasonal	
	Residents	\$80
	Nonresidents	\$150
Cedar Lane Arts	Meeting in Theater Room	\$30
Center	for Art Activities, 3 Hours	
	or Less Meeting in Theater Room	\$50
	for Art Activities, Up to 6	φυν
	Hours	
	Meeting in Theater Room	\$50
	for Non-Art Activities, 3	
	Hours or Less	
	Meeting in Theater Room	\$100
	for Non-Art Activities, Up	
	to 6 Hours	

Type of Application	, ode Chapter Reference	Fee
	Meeting in Theater Room	\$100
	by For-Profit Groups, 3	\$100
	Hours or Less	
	Meeting in Theater Room	\$25
	by For-Profit Groups, Each	\$25
	Hour over 3 Hours	
	Art Activity Birthday	\$200 plug instructor's foo
	Parties for Children, 3	\$200 plus instructor's fee and materials expense
	Hours or Less	and materials expense
	Art fair events	\$50 non artist booth foo
	Ceramic Weekend	\$50 per artist booth fee
		\$100/day plus instructor fees
	Workshop (2 Day)	\$10/
	Artists Group Use of	\$10/artist/ session
	Theater Space, 3 Hours or	
	Less	<b>\$30</b> /
	Scout Ceramics Lesson (1	\$20/scout
	learning lesson, 1 firing	
	session)	
	Firing Fees	\$0.05 per cubic inch for bisque
	Derretal France	\$0.07 per cubic inch for cone 6 glaze
CLAC Clay Studio	<u>Rental Fees</u>	
Membership		\$200/
	Studio Access with Shelf	\$300/ quarter
	Space (all incomplete work	
	must be taken home when	
	leaving)*	
	Studio Access with <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	\$375/ quarter
	storage unit*	<b>6470</b> 1
	Studio Access with 1 full	\$450/ quarter
	storage unit*	
	*10% rental discount when	
	you prepay six months or	
	more in advance	
	<u>Use Fees</u>	
	Firing fee (includes both	\$0.05 per cubic inch
	cone 05 bisque and cone 6	
	glaze)	
	Clay (midrange stoneware)	\$15 per 25 pound bag
	Reclaimed clay from	\$10 per 25 pound bag
	bucket	
	Mid-range Porcelain clay	\$20 per 25 pound bag
	Deposit for Key to	\$200
	Access CLAC	
Kayak Storage at Louis Engel Park	Year-round storage	\$175
Peddlers	Chapter 144	
	Annual license fee	\$150
	One Day Peddler's Permit	\$25

Type of Application		
	Code Chapter Reference	Fee
Special Events	Chapter 166 Special Event Permit Application Fee	\$25.00 non-refundable fee
	Approved Special Event Fee:	Event Level 1 (less than 300 people in attendance): \$200.00 per event Event Level 2 (between 300-499 people in attendance): \$500.00 per event Event Level 3 (more than 500 people in attendance): \$700.00 per event
	Security Deposit for Approved Special Event (unless otherwise specified in the permit)	Event Level 1 (less than 300 people in attendance): \$200.00 per event Event Level 2 (between 300-499 people in attendance): \$500.00 per event Event Level 3 (more than 500 people in attendance): \$700.00 per event
	Banner Application Fee	For events in the Town of Ossining – including the Village of Ossining and the portion of the Village of Briarcliff Manor located in the Town of Ossining: \$25.00 non-refundable fee For events outside of the Town of Ossining: \$50.00 non-refundable fee
Steep Slopes	Chapter 167Application and inspection fee,	\$100
	residential only	
	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)
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
	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

Type of Application, License or Permit/Code Chapter Deference			Fee	
License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference Call-a-Cab				
Coupons				
Coupons	Cost to qualifying senior citizen	\$3.00 n	er coupon	
	Redemption by Town to		er coupon	
	participating taxi company	54.75 p	er coupon	
Senior Services	Contribution from Qualifying			
Semor Services	Senior Citizen			
		\$3.00		
	Congregate Meals			
	Home Delivered Meals	\$3.50		
Tax Foreclosure	Title Search	\$250.00		
	Legal & Publication Fees	\$1,000.00		
Tax Receiver	Administrative Re-Levy Fee for	\$100		
	Unpaid Village water rents			
	Memo Bill Fee-Per Bill	\$5.00		
	<b>Bounced Check Fee-Per Item</b>	\$20.00		
	Returned			
	Annual Tax File Subscription	\$600.00		
	Charge for Tax Service Agencies			
	Mailing Expense for Second	\$2.00		
	Notice			
Telecommunication	Chapter 182A			
	New telecommunications tower	\$5,000		
	Co-location of an existing	\$2,000		
	telecommunications tower or		,	
	high structure where no increase			
	in height of the tower or			
	structure is required			
Towing Services	Chapter 182B			
Agreement				
8	Fees and services	Normal business		
		hours Mon-Fri	Sat/Sun/holidays	
		8:00 a.m. to 5:00	and after 5:00 p.m.	
		p.m.	weekdays	
	Light-duty straight Town (3	\$94.50	\$120.75	
	tons DVW)	ψ, 1.50	<b><i><b>4120.</b>75</i></b>	
	Light-duty service call	\$78.75	\$105	
	Gate/yard	φ7 <b>0.</b> 75	\$47.25	
	Mileage, per mile	\$4.20	\$4.20	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> truck	\$94.50	\$120.75	
	Light-duty winching	\$94.50	\$120.75	
		\$94.50 \$50	\$120.75 \$50	
	Storage, per day	\$30	\$30	
Tree Removal	Chanton 192			
I ree Removal	Chapter 183		100	
	Tree removal permit, residential	\$100		
	only	<b>.</b>	1 • •	
	Tree removal permit,	Included in sit	e plan review fees	
	nonresidential	04 ( =		
	Tree Bank Fund	\$165 per caliper inch		
Planning and				
Zoning Boards				
	All appeals and applications	\$350		
	made to the Board of Appeals			
	Special permit application		350	
	Site plan or conditional use	\$350		
	permit			
	Application review fee	\$350, plus \$25 per parking space		
		Same as application review fee		

Fee
\$50 per acre of property ontrolled by the applicant the rezoning or zoning endment pertains
<b>\$200</b>
t of all performance and nance bonds shall be l by the Planning Board, a recommended amount d by the Town Engineer
\$100
\$5,000
\$10,000
\$25,000
\$60,000
\$5 000
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\$25,000
\$60,000
\$5,000 Escrow
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\$500
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application; \$0 renewal
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<u>\$300</u> \$150
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Type of Application,	
License or Permit/Code Chapter Reference	Fee
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 "Escrow Accounts"
	above.)

#### **Motion:** Carried

### V. <u>Dale Cemetery Fee Schedule 2024</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 2024:

#### **FOUNDATION CHARGES** As of JANUARY 2024

#### The Minimum Charge is \$450.00

2' X 1'	2 Square Feet	\$500.00
3' X 1'	<b>3 Square Feet</b>	\$750.00
3'6" X 1'	3.5 Square Feet	\$875.00
4' X 1'2"	4.67 Square Feet	\$950.00
4'4" X 1'2"	5.06 square Feet	\$975.00
96"x14"	Maximum	\$2095.00

--Vets Marker is \$300.00--

**Inscription Fee is \$85.00** 

#### **GRAVE PRICES**

- Single Depth Grave: \$3000
- Double Depth Grave: \$3,500
- Child's Grave (2 ½ ' x 5'): \$1000
- Baby Grave (18" X 26"): \$850
- Cremation Grave Space (3' X 3') \$1,500

#### COLUMBARIUM PRICES

- Somerset Columbarium Niche (Holds Two Urns): \$2000\*
- Interment of Second Urn: \$250
- Bronze Name & Date Plate with Installation: \$800\*\*
- Bronze Name Plate with Installation: \$200\*\*
- Bronze Date Plate with Installation: \$125\*\*

\* Price Includes Original Inurnment \*\* Must be ordered with Dale Cemetery

#### SECTION 12 INTERMENT PRICES

- Opening/Saturday Fee: \$2100/\$850
  - Cremation with Vault/Saturday Fee: \$1250/\$500
  - Use of two Graves for One Interment: Additional charge of \$1500. Total Fee \$3,600

#### **INTERMENT PRICES**

- Single Depth : \$2100
- Double Depth : \$2500
- Child's Grave(Up to 5' in Length): \$1200
- Baby Grave (Up to 26" in Length): \$1000

#### **INTERMENT CREMATED REMAINS**

- Cremated Remains: \$950
- Cremated Remains Burial each additional container, Same Time & Grave: \$450
- Cremated Remains Placed in Casket Each Additional Container: \$450

#### **DISINTERMENT CHARGES**

- Disinterment remaining here (with vault)
  - Single Depth: \$3500
    Double Depth: \$4200
  - Disinterment remaining here (casket only)

#### O Single Depth: \$3800

- O Double Depth: \$4200
- Disinterment to another cemetery (with vault): \$2500\*\*\*\*
- Disinterment to another cemetery (casket only): \$3000\*\*\*\*
- Disinterment of Cremated Remains to be removed from cemetery: \$1200
- Disinterment of Cremated Remains to another grave site in Dale Cemetery on the same day as the disinterment: \$1500\*
- Disinterment of Cremated Remains to Somerset Columbarium: \$1025\*
- NO DISINTERMENT ON SATURDAY OR HOLIDAY MONDAY THRU FRIDAY ONLY

\*New containers, urns, or caskets must be supplied by a licensed funeral director or family representative, if needed. They will not be supplied by the cemetery.

\*\*\*\*The above disinterment charges are for labor only. There will be additional charges if a new wood box or steel vault is necessary at the time of removal.

#### **WORK PERMIT FEES**

- Includes Inscriptions, headstone cleaning, planting: \$90
- Use of cemetery water \$50

#### **ADDITIONAL CHARGES**

- There are <u>NO INTERMENTS</u> on Sundays or Holidays
- Burials must arrive by 2PM Monday thru Friday; Saturday burials must arrive by 11:30AM. There will be a charge of \$175 per half hour for late arrivals.
- Dale Cemetery, must be notified by 11:00 AM on Friday if a burial is scheduled for the following Monday, otherwise there is a \$900 fee for weekend preparation.
- There will be a \$250 fee in winter if frost/ice/snow conditions exist.
- Saturday Interment Fee: \$750 by 11:30AM
- Saturday Cremated remains Interment Fee: \$475
- Duplicate Deed Fee: \$100
- Temporary grave marker \$50
- Flower arrangement disposal over ten up to 25 pieces \$100.00 if available.

#### **Motion: Carried**

SATURDAY FEE \$700

Section 12 (owned by Dale)

\* Single Depth Grave \$4500

\* Double Depth Grave \$5000 Section 3 (as of 1/1/2024)

\*Single Depth Grave Only \$4500

**SATURDAY FEE: \$375** 

#### W. <u>Records Management Officer</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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

## X. <u>Finance – Investment Policy</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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. <u>SCOPE</u>

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. <u>OBJECTIVES</u>

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. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

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. <u>PRUDENCE</u>

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. **DIVERSIFICATION**

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. **DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

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

<u>Depository Name</u>	<u>Officer</u>
J. P. Morgan Chase Bank	<b>Betsy Davis</b>
Wells Fargo Bank	Paul DeGrato
Webster Bank	Michael McGuire
TD Bank	Ryan Fohl
Tompkins Community Bank	Maria G. Lopez
Connect One Bank	Rori Sagal
NYCLASS	Joel Friedman
Valley National Bank	Kelly Velasquez-C

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## 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:

- By a pledge of "eligible securities" with an aggregate "market value," 1. 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. <u>PERMITTED INVESTMENTS</u>

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. <u>AUTHORIZED FINANICAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS</u>

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. <u>PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS</u>

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. <u>REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS</u>

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, obligation

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.

**Motion: Carried** 

## Y. <u>Finance – Debt Management Policy</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 ½ times underwriters discount and other costs of issuance.

**Motion: Carried** 

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

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 <u>www.ogs.state.ny.us</u>. 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, Sourcewell (formally National Joint Powers Alliance, NJPA), Keystone Purchasing Network, or OMNIA Partners (formerly 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. Green Purchasing and Procurement of Services. Recognizing the responsibility of local governments to take effective measures to reduce or limit the environmental impacts of their operations and conserve resources, the Town adopts the following:

A. Energy Use: Priority shall be given to products and services which consume the least amount of energy in their manufacture, use and disposal. Where possible, Energy Star qualification and/or an equivalent elevated measure of efficiency should be a minimum requirement in any energy consuming equipment, device, vehicle or appliance purchase.

B. Sustainability of Materials: Priority shall be given to products and services which incorporate products which are made from sustainable materials, and/or contain a significant level of recycled or reprocessed material and which are manufactured locally, and/or which are packaged to reduce transportation costs and/or which are certified by the Forrest Stewardship Council.

C. Green Fleet: As part of the replacement of fleet vehicles as necessary, Department Heads must consider zero-emissions or hybrid-emissions vehicles, when practicable.

13. The Town Board must authorize and approve all change orders on capital construction projects by Town Board resolution.

14. 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. <u>Reimbursement of Town Employee Business Expenses</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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.

#### <u>Meals</u>

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 Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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 2024 to administer workers compensation claims at a cost not to exceed \$104,069 not including the NYS assessment fees.

**Motion: Carried** 

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

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at an amount not to exceed \$183,867.24.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### VII. REGULAR MEETING - BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. <u>Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – December 27, 2023</u>

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the December 27, 2023 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Carried Councilmember Meyer and Fields-Tawil: Abstain B. <u>Approval of Voucher Detail Report</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved. Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated January 9, 2024, in the amount of \$ 319,524.79

**Motion: Carried** 

C. <u>Contract — Millennium Strategies LLC</u>

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved. Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the

Supervisor to sign an agreement with Millennium Strategies LLC, 25 Smith ST, Suite 401, Nanuet, NY 10954, for grant consulting services for 2024.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### D. <u>Contract – Tyler Technologies</u>

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign a software as a service agreement with Tyler Technologies, Yarmouth, ME for Appraisal Services for 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$11,275 subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Motion: Carried

#### E. <u>Call for Public Hearing – Maya Riviera Bar & Restaurant Cabaret License</u> 2024

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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, January 23, 2024 at 7:30 PM at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY 10562 and via Zoom videoconferencing (which information will be available at www.townofossining.com), in the matter of the 2024 Cabaret License for Maya Riviera Bar & Restaurant, 518 North State RD, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

**Motion: Carried** 

F. Call for Public Hearing – Flames Bar and Grill LLC Cabaret License 2024

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss 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, January 23, 2024 at 7:30 PM at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY 10562 and via Zoom videoconferencing (which information will be available at www.townofossining.com), in the matter of the 2024 Cabaret License for Flames Bar and Grill LLC, 533 North State RD, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

**Motion: Carried** 

#### VIII. MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following reports be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of December 2023:

- GE Helicopter
- Highway Department
- Supervisor's Office
- Tax Receiver
- Town Building Department
- Town Clerk Report

#### IX. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

#### X. VISITOR RECOGNITION

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

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for legal advice of counsel and Contracts, and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously** 

At 10:08 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously** 

At 10:08 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk** 

**Approved:**