

Town of Ossining Board Regular Meeting

May 12, 2020

Meeting Transcript

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In Attendance: Supervisor Dana Levenberg, Board Member Liz Feldman, Board Member Jackie G. Shaw, Board Member Northern Wilcher, Jr., Board Member Gregory Meyer, Municipal Attorney Christie Addona, Deputy Clerk Martha Quituisaca, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, Gulf Rotfeld Engineering rep Mike Richie, Member of the Public Mindy.

1 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Good evening, and welcome to the town board of the
2 town of Ossining regular meeting for Tuesday, May 12 2020. Please rise
3 and join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 **ALL:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to
5 the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with
6 liberty and justice for all.

7 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We see that that flag remains at half-mast outside of
8 our Village and Town buildings and wherever we have our flags. Hung
9 because we want to remember all of those who we have lost to this terrible
10 virus. So we continue to mourn the losses of our friends, family members,
11 and colleagues who we lost this virus and we are very sad. I know we just
12 lost a corrections officer this week at Sing Sing. So this is a horrible,
13 horrible virus that has killed, so, so many throughout our county and
14 throughout our state. And we are just a different people without all those
15 that we have lost. So want to make sure that we remember that.

16 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And we also know what a difficult time it is to lose
17 loved ones because we can't be with the rest of our loved ones and friends
18 and family to support us at this time. So before I get into my
19 announcements. We have a presentation this evening from Mike Richie,
20 who is joining us from Gulf Rotfeld Engineering. Each year Mike and his
21 colleague Jim Maxwell were closely with us on developing our MS for storm
22 water report which we are mandated by New York State to report every
23 year. The draft report for 2019-2020 has been distributed to the Town

24 Board and is currently available for public review on our website at
25 TownofOssining.com/cms/stormwater-management.

26 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So without further ado, I am going to hand over the
27 mic to Mike Richie who will be explaining taking us through a little bit about
28 the storm water report. I'm not sure if you're going to be sharing your
29 screen or just talking us through it but however you planned, you've got a
30 mic.

31 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Good evening, everybody. And glad to be with you
32 virtually. I prefer to be there and see everybody and interact with you, as
33 I've enjoyed the opportunity to do in the past, but we will manage this as
34 best we can. And what I'll do is give you a brief overview of what the
35 background is - a little bit of the history and where we are presently as you
36 probably know from previous years, this report is prepared by us with input
37 from what you and your staff have provided in terms of relevant information
38 about your stormwater management plan and your stormwater reporting
39 requirement. So I'll also preface my remarks by just hoping everyone is well
40 and staying safe. Mostly work confined to our homes, these days which is -
41 is not probably the most desirable way to spend more time, but it is where
42 we are and we do the best we can with what we have. We have also
43 obtained information about your program, both from your website and from
44 interacting with the staff, which has provided us substantial information
45 about your program.

46 **MIKE RITCHIE:** I'd also say that the State, this is a state requirement which
47 we have given you background on previously. Anyone new on the board
48 now or do you all remember from previous years what - why we do this?
49 The legislation goes back to this - the Stormwater Act of 1972 though the
50 pollution control program, not for municipalities that requirement for
51 municipalities to prepare and conduct the program. It was initiated in 2003.
52 So we're coming up on 16-17 years of having worked on – working, worked
53 with municipalities to develop programs and have implemented by educate
54 - in educational forums and in working with municipal staff and employees
55 and elected officials, both to get awareness - general awareness – you're a
56 river community and your contact with water resources are very valuable to
57 you both as a community and individually. And your program through the
58 years has been well prepared. It doesn't - there may be enhancements

59 from time to time in different elements minimum measures number one into
60 education and participation. Education for the most part it's been taken
61 over by the website. What you anything you can put up on your website
62 materials, information, general, specific about water, quality water,
63 stormwater management is very useful.

64 **MIKE RITCHIE:** People have become over the time that we've done this
65 with you, people have become very familiar with operating with information,
66 you know, available on the website, printed material, any brochures that
67 have been available. We've tried to make sure you had an opportunity to
68 obtain that all happen with a lot of coordination in the early years with the
69 county. The county did a lot of information made a lot of materials available
70 now it has, it definitely has - has migrated to the - to the computer and to
71 you, to a website so you now have Victoria as a new employee. So we'll
72 get her whatever information that comes our way and get it to your - your -
73 whoever maintains your website and you can enhance your outreach public
74 participation and outreach are our minimum measures one and two of the -
75 of the overall stormwater program.

76 **MIKE RITCHIE:** In addition to that, you have an obligation to - with the
77 building department to manage new construction. Any new construction
78 has requirements for how a site is maintained during construction and how
79 stormwater runoff is controlled, how it where it goes, how it gets there.

80 **MIKE RITCHIE:** The good news from run off is that the Riverkeeper reports
81 - the Hudson Riverkeeper reports - that overall stormwater quality in the
82 Hudson is improving and dramatically improved. With - with indications of -
83 of fish re - resurgence not seen in many years and not they, in addition to
84 the municipal requirement for controlling stormwater runoff and no major
85 way you control the quality of your, of your run off in your system is keeping
86 your catch basins clean, your DPW does that. We worked with Michael for
87 a number of years, and also seeing that the community, the education of
88 the community is tied in to what goes into the catch basins and - and - and
89 ultimately is transmitted by your, your infrastructure system to the Hudson
90 River. That contributes to the quality of the water in the river.

91 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Now the municipality is a portion of that. Other
92 municipalities contribute their stormwater. And hopefully we work with a
93 number of them along the Hudson and we've seen dramatic improvements

94 in a lot of both awareness to the community. The manner in which the
95 maintenance is timely and ultimately what the quality of the water that's
96 being contributed to waters in United States, which is the Hudson River,
97 how it ends up and that - that effort. If you have I tried to make a pitch that
98 if you have a community activity or an opportunity to - to engage with
99 school aged children. It's an excellent way of bringing water quality issues
100 to the community in – in - in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and in clubs and
101 municipality schools. Any opportunity to reach out and educate people
102 about what happens just how they fertilize their lawns is important not to
103 use fertilizer with any nitrogen content at all. And that's controlled by
104 legislation at the county level fortunately, so that the – the fertilizers have to
105 be environmentally friendly or they can't be sold in the county. So we're -
106 we're encouraged by the reports - that the reports reflect - the report we're
107 talking about tonight is a 30 page report.

108 **MIKE RITCHIE:** I'm not going to go through a 30 page report to it for you. If
109 you take a look at it, you have any questions you can get by way of Victoria
110 or send it to me or to Jim and we can help you either understand or answer
111 questions which I'd be happy to do now. If, if, if I'm able and we - we enjoy
112 working with you to maintain your, your program to enhance your program.
113 Anything that comes our way we share with our municipalities, so that we
114 can, you know, one of the best routes to us all doing better is sharing what
115 we're doing well and what's working well in our, in our municipality, so I'll
116 turn it back to Dana, if you, if you, if I could.

117 **MIKE RITCHIE:** And if there were any questions or any comments, I'd be
118 happy to try and just.

119 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Sure. Well, I will say that this is it's a good thing. This
120 is about 2019 and not 2020 because one of the to the biggest ways that we
121 have opportunities to talk to her public about some of these very important
122 guidelines for people to be careful and thoughtful about the stormwater is at
123 our Village Fair when we had our EAC actually does a whole wonderful
124 booth and they have lots of information. And we also share - the Town also
125 has a booth and we share information about all the stormwater protections
126 that individuals can take.

127 **DANA LEVENBERG:** The *Love Them and Leaf Them* Program and a host
128 of other thoughtful, you know, ways to avoid pesticides and herbicides and

129 fertilizers that are not conducive to - to our to healthy stormwater runoff.
130 Also we at our Green Ossining Earth Day festival and unfortunately, both of
131 those have been postponed this year, we're hoping that they're going to will
132 have an opportunity for them to take place in the fall, but we didn't last
133 year. However, we did have opportunities to talk about all of these different
134 ways to be environmentally conscious of what we're, what we're - how
135 we're affecting storm water. And so I'm happy to have had those
136 opportunities, and I hope that we'll find new opportunities to do so as we
137 safe - safely socially distanced way.

138 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Also we last year we introduced our Trees For Trips
139 program and we planted trees to protect the repairing buffer in Ryder Park.
140 That was a DEC program that was that was introduced, and they sent us a
141 two bags of free trees and shrubs and those seem to be doing pretty well.
142 We're happy about that. And we think that again by protecting our streams
143 and our tributaries that ultimately flow into the Hudson where we're
144 continuing to do our job we did undertake to tree inventory. So we'd fully
145 inventory, the entire town. And while we don't have the final report yet from
146 the second go round, we're working closely with our EAC to make sure that
147 we have really wonderful tree inventory so that we continue to protect our
148 environment and maintain our clean water to the best of our ability by
149 protecting our trees. We have just gotten word and I don't think it's exactly
150 directly tied into stormwater necessarily, but that we have our stewardship
151 program for - for boats, coming back to reduce invasive species transfers
152 from one water - water body to another. So that's hopefully going to be
153 starting up again, even though I don't exactly know how much boating,
154 there's going to be right now. We know that boating is allowed and we do
155 have our boat ramps, our public boat launch in place and we anticipate that
156 that Stewart program will get off the ground Memorial Day weekend.

157 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So we're going to continue to be as good stewards
158 of our very important water bodies as we possibly can and continue to
159 educate our public about that, to the best of our ability. The other thing also
160 that we did was we introduced for our unincorporated residents an app - the
161 Recollect or Recollect App which offers the Recyclopedia and has lots of
162 great information in it for how we can protect our environment and do better
163 job in every way. And it makes it very easy also for people to know when
164 they can put out which of their trash and recyclables and other refuse, we

165 also started a food Scrap Recycling program in the Town. So all of these
166 different pieces of the puzzle. Ultimately our waste protect our environment
167 and also to protect our precious water resources.

168 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Finally, our watershed. The Indian Brooke Croton
169 Riverwalk watershed is, we share inputs from multiple municipalities. And
170 last year we received a grant. I think it was – I can't remember it's 2019 or
171 2020 now - to look at an overlay zone that could be included in all of the
172 communities zoning and we receive money for that and town of Cortland is
173 taking the lead on that. So that's another way for us to make sure that we
174 protect our water bodies.

175 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So I think that's it for me. I'm just going to open it up
176 to and thank you again to - to make to you Mike and Jim for kind of
177 shepherding us through this process. Thank you to our Highway
178 department, our Superintendent Pete Connolly and Fern Quezada who
179 worked closely with Jim on this as well as John Hamilton our building
180 inspector, who is also our stormwater management designee. I think or
181 something like that, I can't remember exactly what his title is. But we all
182 worked on this together and we appreciate that, as well as our parts
183 department, taking the love them and leave them approach to their the way
184 that the deal with the leafs and leaves in the parks, because we think that
185 ultimately again that that benefits everybody, and we hope that people can
186 learn from best practices that we that we follow ourselves. So again, with
187 that, I will open it up to questions from the Town Board for Mr. Ritchie.

188 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Um, I think that, you know, I've been through this
189 a whole bunch of years. I think they do a really great job and we appreciate
190 that. I know that we don't have our normal education components going on
191 with the Earth Day festival and the Village of Ossining with the EAC helps
192 us but I wouldn't hate a little campaign about not washing our gloves,
193 masks, and wipes down –

194 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Wow.

195 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** - into the storm drains so they get to our river. I
196 mean, it would really love to see if we couldn't get that out there somehow
197 that, you know, these –

198 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah. That's a good idea.

199 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** - aren't good for fish or something like that.

200 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We can definitely think about that. Actually, I mean,
201 that would be helpful if maybe Gulf came up with some of something like
202 that and shared it with all the communities that are in this consortium that
203 you know we - we work together with.

204 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Something we hadn't thought about two months ago, that's
205 for sure.

206 **DANA LEVENBERG:** That is for sure.

207 **MIKE RITCHIE:** But it is something -

208 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Yeah but if you -

209 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Yep. We've heard that before.

210 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Not to mention the wipes that that actually clog up all
211 of our pump stations. People think that they're flushable. They're not
212 flushable. They jam up the works and everybody's just putting so much
213 stress on the system that it just makes it. I mean, that's our obviously
214 another stormwater, but it is one of the other things the outcomes of
215 outflows should say, of the - the coronavirus pandemic is just that
216 everybody is, you know, home using their, their water and their sewer more
217 and also gardening more and landscaping more on their own. And again,
218 not always necessarily knowing or following best practices. So it's good,
219 thinking that we should come up with some ways as - as the weather gets
220 nicer, the grass gets longer.

221 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And we have other more thoughts of how to, you
222 know, practice best practices in our own backyards are a little pieces of
223 The earth that we talk about things like gloves and masks and other - other
224 things like that that you just end up in our storm drains and that's not a
225 good place for them.

226 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So, and I mean I know the Village had undertaken
227 that program where they stencilled outside of all of the storm drains in the
228 in downtown area.

229 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Yup. Yup.

230 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I know that that's something that other municipalities
231 have looked into. And I think that would also be very helpful. It's a little
232 different in the Town just because not quite as much walking as we would
233 like, by the storm - storm drains, but it's certainly something that we
234 consider - consider at some of our more well traffic areas.

235 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Yeah, two elements of that. One is to stencil the existing
236 and - and also when you look at replacement they now build storm drain
237 the grates with the message right in the new - from the foundry.

238 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Interesting. Interesting.

239 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Keep an eye on any - any ordering for replacements or
240 breakage or edition so new, particularly a new developments or new, you
241 know, constructions - infrastructure streets construction - make sure that
242 they start out with the current standard you could put that standard right in
243 your, in your...

244 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Town code?

245 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Yeah, and your subdivision plants. You can put it right in
246 the requirements for any new... Any new straight street construction that
247 they meet up current stormwater messaging with the storm drain.

248 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Excellent. Okay.

249 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Anybody else have any questions, comments,
250 thoughts, ideas? That you want to see in this in this final report. Okay, any
251 final words Mike that you'd like to share?

252 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Yes thank you -

253 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Otherwise, we'll just say thank you very much.

254 **MIKE RITCHIE:** - and that we love working with you. And you'll be -
255 because sure you take it - as not so you know 'oh just another requirement'
256 to beat. But it is something that is valuable to you as a community and you
257 embrace it and it's reflected in your, your program the right attitude the
258 community attitude. And any help we can be, we're always available and
259 maybe around table at some point when we get back out of this
260 quarantining which is not you know conducive necessarily to, you know, to

261 just a will to be to exchange information and to get ideas going. We'd be
262 happy to participate. So -

263 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, wonderful.

264 **MIKE RITCHIE:** - we look forward to something like that.

265 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Great. And so what our next steps are. Oh, are we
266 are we are now going to open this actually up to the public for public
267 comment before we let you go to see if there are any members of the
268 public who are - are on tonight to specifically comment on the 2019-2020
269 draft stormwater report.

270 **MIKE RITCHIE:** And then, you're just gonna -

271 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We're just gonna

272 **MIKE RITCHIE:** - could I -

273 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah,

274 **MIKE RITCHIE:** - if -

275 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I'm sorry, just, let's just see if there's any hands.

276 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Yep.

277 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I don't. 'Raise hands' as - as - as a reminder, it's
278 raising your hand and via zoom, not just here's a function at the - it should
279 be at the bottom of your screen, at the top right hand corner in a cell phone
280 or eight or iPad.

281 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Right. If you click on participants. If you haven't don't
282 have the sidebar open and then at the bottom of the participants panel. It
283 says 'raise hand.'

284 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Not seeing any hands raised. OK. So now,
285 Mike, what were you just saying?

286 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Anything else... what was I saying -

287 **DANA LEVENBERG:** About next steps.

288 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Oh, yes. Anything we can do to share information or to
289 help dialogue or to you know, meet with a committee your whatever
290 Environmental Committee, you know, you have active, that would be

291 helpful to get information out. And I will say, you are a River Community
292 and there is still strong regulatory interest in what the River Communities
293 are doing so.

294 **MIKE RITCHIE:** You can probably anticipate more as we go through -
295 hopefully, another iteration at some point – of a, of a permit. Even more
296 emphasis on water quality. So it's not something that you know one and
297 done or we ever get to the point where, 'oh, that's it, we're ready to move
298 on.' This is, this is a part of a municipal responsibility with in partnering with
299 the state and the feds for a long time to come. And we got your maps,
300 right? You've got your storm water maps so delivered with the grant.

301 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And I don't know if we got maps. I think I've seen
302 physical maps delivered, but it's possible that they went to John Hamilton,
303 or that they went right to -

304 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I think I have an electronic copy but I can verify
305 with Sandy that does bring about.

306 **MIKE RITCHIE:** We were very pleased to be able to work with the
307 municipalities, we did that with almost 17 years 17 or 18 municipalities. And
308 they now cover your entire system, including catch basins, pipes, direction
309 of flow, out falls, contours layer and contours where the water if you had
310 any difficulty with any location with an illicit discharge, you could find and
311 they're both paper maps electronic maps.

312 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So I'm is it does that include the restaurants,
313 marinas, and boat clubs as well?

314 **MIKE RITCHIE:** It does, relay... It provides an indirect relationship. It
315 shows your zoning areas. So if it's a downtown area where you're going to
316 where you are more likely to have that kind of - of commercial activity, it
317 helps you to trace that it doesn't have individually. It has individual lots, but
318 it doesn't have necessarily the individual business on the lot, but it certainly
319 would be an aid if you, for instance, you get a grease deposit at the - at the
320 site of the of the spill or material that's associated with, say, a dry cleaning
321 shop. Well, you can look on the maps and find the closest area where it's
322 likely to have entered the system. And that's the idea, helping to trace it
323 and track it down.

324 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Have a problem which you would be obligated to do so
325 hopefully it'll be useful. It's all on and it's both on a computer format that
326 can go on a telephone and it's on paper maps. So -

327 **DANA LEVENBERG:** All right. Wonderful. Thank you.

328 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Thank You.

329 **MIKE RITCHIE:** We enjoy so much –

330 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes alright.

331 **MIKE RITCHIE:** - getting to work with you and-

332 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And same. Okay, thank you so much for your help
333 and we will be in touch soon.

334 **MIKE RITCHIE:** Okay.

335 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Alright. Have a great night. Okay. Thank you. Bye-
336 bye. Alright, so I'm just gonna launch into my announcements.

337 **DANA LEVENBERG:** This week we have been closely monitoring news
338 out of our State Government regarding the New York Forward Plan the
339 governor's regional plan for reopening and restarting business in New York
340 State. The State has been divided into 10 regions for this plan aligned with
341 the Regional Economic Development councils jurisdictions, which look
342 pretty familiar to many of us.

343 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I did mention this last week, I believe: Westchester is
344 part of the mid-Hudson region, along with Putnam, Rockland, Dutchess,
345 Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange Counties. Each region will be monitored by
346 'Control Rooms' comprised of primarily County Executives and other key
347 stakeholders across the state to closely monitor key data points during the
348 reopening process. The state has identified seven metrics that each region
349 must meet and this is all available online.

350 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I'm sure many of you have already heard this from
351 the Governor or read - read it in the Village eblast from the Village of
352 Ossining, but just so everybody has an opportunity to hear it. The metrics
353 for reopening include a decline in total hospitalizations, or a sustained
354 decline in the three day rolling average of the total number of people in the
355 hospital each day over the course of a 14 day period. Decline in - number

356 two is declining deaths or a sustained decline in the three day rolling
357 average of daily hospital deaths over the course of a 14 day period.
358 [Number 3:] New hospitalizations must be fewer than two new
359 hospitalizations per 100,000 residents measured on a three day rolling
360 average. [Number 4:] Hospital bed capacity must be at least 30% ICU bed
361 capacity must also be at least 30%. [Number 5:] Average daily diagnostic
362 testing capacity over the past seven days must be sufficient to conduct 30
363 tests per 1000 residents per month. And [Number 6] contact tracing
364 capacity must meet threshold set by the Department of Health in
365 collaboration with Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health and
366 vital strategies. So we know that we're getting very close to hitting those
367 benchmarks in Westchester, but we're also relying on the rest of the region
368 to hit their benchmarks. You can follow the progress of each region at
369 forward.nyc.gov/regionalmonitoring-dashboard

370 **DANA LEVENBERG:** If you visit that site, you will see that the mid-Hudson
371 region does not meet all of these criteria so residents on our region are
372 going to see little to no difference in restrictions. When New York PAUSE
373 expires on May 15 this Friday.

374 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Most businesses that are currently closed will remain
375 closed. If you are not a non-essential worker or rather, if you are a non-
376 essential worker, you will continue to work from home, in general, you still
377 must remain at home, except for essential trips and you still must wear a
378 face covering and maintain a six foot distance from others in public. The
379 only change on May 15 statewide will be the reopening of certain low risk
380 businesses, which include landscaping and gardening, outdoor low risk
381 recreational activities like tennis, that does not necessarily mean our tennis
382 courts are ready to be open, and drive in movie theaters. I heard from our
383 Recreation Department Superintendent that he does not believe that the
384 Ryder Park courts are ready for opening right now. So we need to do a little
385 bit more work on those

386 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And there are other restrictions that go along with
387 playing tennis, just so you know, which involve singles only and you're not -
388 there no bathrooms that are allowed to be used. So far the parks
389 bathrooms continue to be closed and the, you have to have some kind of

390 an online scheduling ability in place so that people are scheduled apart and
391 they don't have to cross paths, I guess, with one another.

392 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Once we meet these criteria for phase one of
393 reopening which will that includes the reopening of construction,
394 manufacturing, wholesale trade, select retail for curbside pickup only,
395 agriculture, forestry and fishing and then from there, we would move into
396 phase two, which includes professional services, finance and insurance,
397 retail, administrative support, real estate rental, and leasing. Phase three
398 includes restaurants and food services and finally phase four includes arts,
399 entertainment, recreation and education.

400 **DANA LEVENBERG:** There have to be two weeks in between phases to
401 allow the regional control rooms to closely monitor the impact that
402 reopening has on the criteria detailed earlier and if you go backwards with
403 any of those diagnostics, then you have to close the spigot as the as the
404 governor likes to say because you don't want to backpedal and start seeing
405 things spike - start seeing or numbers spike again.

406 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So we're going to continue to closely monitor the
407 situation as it develops in partnership with our County. And we are also
408 watching closely as our counterparts in the Finger Lakes Mohawk Valley
409 and southern tier regions, lead the way with reopening. We have been
410 planning internally as well as mentioned last week and have gathered
411 representatives from each of our town departments to begin, identifying
412 what the risks are, what the challenges are and how we need to shift our
413 own operations as we move towards reopening in line with those industries
414 that are opening first where they require supports from our government.

415 **DANA LEVENBERG:** As many, many experts continue to remind us, it
416 remains vitally important that reopening is handled with extreme caution.
417 As we continue to run the risk of triggering more outbreaks, which may be
418 difficult to control. We ask that our residents remain vigilant, follow the
419 facts, and make smart decisions when out in public.

420 **DANA LEVENBERG:** For example, this weekend we are anticipating a
421 wonderfully sunny and warm weekend and we know that that's going to
422 bring many people out to our parks and open spaces. Everybody's
423 desperate for fresh air and beautiful weather and for exercise and we're all
424 holed up in our homes and we need to get our vitamin D. At this time, our

425 playgrounds, our ball fields, our basketball courts, pavilions, picnic areas
426 and grills remain closed so anybody had - had any parties or events
427 planned for any of our pavilions, those are not happening in May. Those
428 were all canceled already should have received your money back.

429 **DANA LEVENBERG:** You also must wear a mask. When you cannot
430 maintain a six foot distance from others in public. I've seen a lot of people
431 out that are not wearing masks. They get pretty close to me. So I don't
432 know. I'm wearing my mask. Please protect others be thoughtful be
433 considerate. It's only the only considered way to be is to wear a mask.
434 When you're out in public.

435 **DANA LEVENBERG:** It can be difficult sometimes. So make sure that you
436 socially distance if you have to take that mask off for an extra breath or two.
437 Please don't be near anybody. You need to be considered about others.
438 Also please when you're using any of our parks limit the amount of trash
439 that you produce. And try your best to carry out what you carried in with
440 you. We're seeing overflowing garbage is and that's just frankly not safe for
441 anybody. So if you see a garbage. That's packed to the top. Don't try to
442 stuff anymore in it. Take the garbage with you. I know it's not necessarily
443 easier pleasant, but it's not also see for healthy to leave the garbage
444 around.

445 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We have a small parks crew and they cannot be
446 everywhere, especially on the weekends, so please clean up after yourself
447 and we'll have much nicer looking parks. Be mindful and thoughtful of
448 others and take care of our public spaces that we know that you all love
449 and we all do too.

450 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And speaking of masks for all of our dedicated
451 essential workers we had mentioned already that we received a donation of
452 masks through the Hanes Brand company, the cotton undershirt maker.
453 They have been provided through federal, state and county levels and are
454 now being distributed at the local level to essential businesses and
455 organizations and we have them here in Ossining. You can request masks
456 for your business, if you have a business where you interact with the public
457 through our easy access Google Form available on the Town of Ossining
458 website: townofossining.com or you can reach out to Carina Scorcia at
459 914-762-6002 or cscorcia@townofossining.com.

460 **DANA LEVENBERG:** The masks are being safely distributed by
461 appointment only so contact her now to get your organization on the
462 schedule. At this time, we cannot distribute these masks - masks to the
463 general public. However - because we were given specific guidance, who
464 they are to go to - However, we do have a helpful guide on our website with
465 instructions for how you can easily make a mask with a T shirt, paper towel,
466 and plastics. So thank you - big shout out to Nancy Adelman, I think we
467 also have gotten that translated. I don't know if Martha was involved. If so,
468 thank you, Martha. For helping to translate the mask making description
469 and we know that my friend Nancy did it with a six year old, so it's not that
470 difficult to do, and we can all make our own masks if you don't have one.

471 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Tomorrow at noon is the deadline if you have not yet
472 received your economic impact payment from the federal government from
473 the first round to get them your direct deposit information if you go online to
474 the IRS website at irs.gov and click on 'Get my Payment,' you can make
475 sure they have your bank information and any other special information
476 they might need to release the money to your bank. Make sure you take
477 advantage of this money that has been designated to help all of us at this
478 difficult time.

479 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Many of our neighbors are facing increased a food
480 insecurity as a coronavirus [crisis] continues. The Town of Ossining is
481 sharing food distribution information on our website and our Facebook
482 page. Meals are available at many different times and in many locations
483 during the week to help reach as many neighborhoods as possible. If you
484 can help support these distribution efforts, we ask that you please do
485 restaurants interested in supplying meals can reach out to
486 GullottaHouse.org with two L's and two T's. Otherwise, you get to a
487 different one.

488 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Donations the Ossining Food Pantry are also greatly
489 appreciated and food pantry has been partnering with Feeding Westchester
490 and also with many local venues to provide gift cards to our residents who
491 are having trouble at this time. And they also you can also go to the Food
492 Pantry's website for more information about how to sign up for their
493 program.

494 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I would also like to remind our residents and
495 business owners that all town offices remain close to the public. We have
496 contact information for our departments easily available on our website as
497 well as many functions that you can complete online. If you have any
498 issues contacting a town department, you can always call the supervisors
499 office directly at 914-762-6001 or 6002 and we will be happy to help.

500 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Also as a reminder, we are going to see a primary on
501 June 23. And you should be receiving this week, an absentee ballot
502 application in mail you check the box that I believe says that you have a
503 temporary illness - COVID is considered temporary on this for all of us that
504 we're all experiencing. That's the way that the State got around the
505 constitution to allow everybody to receive an absentee ballot. It's our
506 understanding that there also will be some polling places will be open, but
507 right now they don't know if they're going to be able to reduce those or not,
508 but they know that they're having problems securing polling places as well
509 as securing poll workers. So look for more information about that as we get
510 closer to the primary date and think very seriously about signing up to get
511 your absentee ballot. You should also get a return envelope that will go
512 directly to the Board of Elections with a stamp so that you can apply for
513 your absentee ballot. It's not, you're not getting the actual absentee ballot in
514 the mail. You're getting the application and then you would mail that in back
515 to the Board of Elections.

516 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Later in our meeting, we will be addressing some
517 changes to our assessment calendar which we hope will help property
518 owners better respond to changes in their assessed values. However, we
519 still encourage you to schedule an informal review with Tyler technologies
520 at [www Tyler tech.com/schedule](http://www.Tyler tech.com/schedule) or by calling 800-829-4235 if you feel your
521 preliminary assessment does not accurately reflect the value of your
522 property as of July 1 2019. Last year, last July. These informal reviews will
523 help us ensure the accuracy of the Town Roll and they're a vital part of the
524 reappraisal process. That's right, you're meeting with Tyler is part of the
525 process. And we want to make sure that we keep our tax roll at full value
526 and our values are correct. So please do set up those meetings so that you
527 can make sure that your value for your property is correct.

528 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Finally, I would be remiss if I did not make my
529 weekly plug and it's a very important one for the census as of this week I
530 learned just today that we finally hit 60 of our residents in the
531 unincorporated town who have responded to the US Census. The Village of
532 Ossining is at 55.2% and Briarcliff is in the top four of all the communities in
533 Westchester at 74.2% and they are inching closer to their total response
534 rate I think through like 3.7% off of their total response rate from 2010. We
535 do have a little longer this time, but no, no reason to put off till tomorrow
536 what you can do today. So please, you can do it with your phone, you can
537 go to mycenus - my2020census.gov and pull up your property information if
538 you don't have your census number with you, you, you don't need to have
539 it, but it is helpful. If you got the mailing, or the second mailing or the third,
540 you might have - I think at this point on the fourth mailing you can mail it in,
541 you can call or you can go on to online. You can do it with - with your
542 phone. That's right, with your phone. It's that easy there about nine
543 questions and it does not take more than 10 minutes to do. So please
544 make sure that you encourage everyone you know to do the same. Your
545 neighbors, families, friends, coworkers - anyone on your zoom calls - and
546 more. Text a friend right now to remind them. Omar Lopez was suggesting
547 that last night, text a friend right now, we lose \$2500 per uncounted
548 resident - that's what we lost in the 2010 census. And we just cannot afford
549 to lose that this time around.

550 **DANA LEVENBERG:** The coronavirus pandemic has shown us just how
551 much we rely on our federal, state, and county funding, especially during
552 crises and so much of the - this funding is distributed based on our census
553 count. So please, please fill out the census. With that, I will ask if any of my
554 board colleagues have any other announcements.

555 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I didn't – I di - I didn't mention anything about
556 Memorial Day. We are going to have a little bit more information. But right
557 now, our Memorial Day ceremonies are going to be limited, there will be
558 some – Legion -you know the Legion is - is hosting ceremony in Briarcliff
559 and in Ossining we have two different legions hosted ceremonies.

560 **DANA LEVENBERG:** But they're going to be very small. And I don't
561 anticipate that they're going to really be inviting the public, we will be - we
562 will have wreaths represented in town at both of them. And I do believe

563 thanks to Victoria Cafarelli we are going to have some Girl Scout made
564 wreaths this year, and two and our boy scouts are helping place flags. So
565 we're glad to have continued involvement as long as everybody can be
566 safe and do it safely. So, okay, I'm sorry, I'm going to now open it up.
567 Councilwoman Feldman do you have something that you wanted to say,
568 your box is lit?

569 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** It is, um, I wanted to remind everybody that EMS
570 week is coming up next week from the 17th to the 23rd. And you know, we
571 want to give a huge shout out to Nick Franzoso and all of our OVAC and
572 EMS crew in the mid-Hudson ambulance district. They've been very busy.
573 They've been really, you know, taking good care of our community and we
574 appreciate them even more this year than we do regularly.

575 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** The good news is the blood drive. They're having
576 on Friday, the 22nd is all filled up but they are having a second blood drive
577 on June 13 they're asking people to register at the Red Cross website to be
578 able to help donate blood to your neighbors in need.

579 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I do know that the food drive organize - the food
580 drive that we've been doing that has been supporting the local restaurants,
581 as well as feeding our first responders and Phelps hospital people –

582 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Meal Train?

583 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** - the -

584 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Meal Train?

585 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Meal Train, that's it, thank you – The Meal Train
586 will be doing special for EMS Week. And OVAC who usually gets a meal
587 delivered every other day will be getting something special from our local
588 restaurants every day in an effort to show them how much we appreciate
589 them and how much, you know, we are thankful.

590 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I think there's a there's a funding site on Facebook
591 that meal train funding through go fund a GoFundMe campaign. If you want
592 to help out with that and help to make sure that we take care of our first
593 responders. I know that it had also been helping feed Phelps workers as
594 well. And I think that just I think they just ran out of - they came to the end
595 of May - or they're looking at to end the program at the end of May. But for

596 EMS week, they're going to do something special for OVAC. So we're all
597 with that. And I know that I just signed on for an extra donation today so
598 that we can make sure that we can take care of them next week.

599 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Good. And it's really been very helpful to our
600 restaurants. We've been very careful to try to hit every restaurant that's
601 currently open and try to get keep them working and keep them, you know,
602 try to support our local restaurants as well and breweries. So it's been
603 working out really well for everybody.

604 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Any other announcements? All right, hearing none.
605 We're going to go on to liaison reports. Do we have any?

606 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Hearing and seeing none, we can move into public
607 comment on agenda items only. So on the agenda items on for right now.
608 We'll have additional visitor recognition at the end of this meeting. Anything
609 on the agenda items? And any of the resolutions?

610 **DANA LEVENBERG:** If you do have something to say. And just again raise
611 your electronic hand... Please. Okay. Hearing them we go into our
612 resolutions and our Deputy Clerk, Martha, you want to take us through?

613 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Sure. I'm also we didn't take attendance.

614 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Oh! Roll Call!

615 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Yes.

616 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Roll call, yes sorry about that.

617 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** It's okay.

618 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Go ahead.

619 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** So, do it now or just, I mean, everybody's here.

620 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes, go ahead. Why not do the official roll call.

621 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Um, Councilmember Feldman?

622 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Present.

623 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Councilmember Shaw?

624 **JACKIE SHAW:** Present.

625 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Councilmember Meyer?

626 **GREG MEYER:** Present.

627 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** And Councilmember Wilcher?

628 **NORTHERN WILCHER:** Present.

629 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** And Supervisor Levenberg?

630 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Here I am. You think after all these years, I would
631 know that we missed a Roll Call. Sorry about that.

632 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Okay so approval of minutes, Regular Meeting
633 April 20 2020 resolve that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining and
634 nearby approves the April 28 2020 minutes of the Regular Meeting, as
635 presented.

636 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Do I have a motion?

637 **JACKIE SHAW:** So moved.

638 **NORTHERN WILCHER:** So moved.

639 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Second.

640 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We can take either one of those as a second. Okay,
641 all those in favor of approving minutes from April – April?

642 **NORTHERN WILCHER, JACKIE SHAW, ELIZABETH FELDMAN, GREG**
643 **MEYER:** Aye.

644 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Anybody opposed? Thank you.

645 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Approval about your detail report is all the Town
646 Boards, of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the voucher detailed
647 report date and May 12th 2020 and the amount of 1,523,854 dollar and 33
648 cents.

649 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Do I have a motion?

650 **NORTHERN WILCHER:** So moved.

651 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Second.

652 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So just want to note that this Voucher Detail Report
653 is particularly high and that is in large part due to our first payment of 2020

654 to the Village [of Ossining] for police services. Each year the Village waits
655 until after our Town/County Tax Collection to build us for the first few
656 months of police services. So this is the first check run in May and it's
657 always particularly high which makes a lot of sense. And we're very grateful
658 to our office and police department for all that they're also doing at this time
659 during that pandemic.

660 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Any questions? Discussion? All those in favor.

661 **NORTHERN WILCHER, JACKIE SHAW, ELIZABETH FELDMAN, GREG**
662 **MEYER:** Aye.

663 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Anybody opposed?

664 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Okay. Planning Board alternate is all the time,
665 board of the ton of offsetting appoints Jesus Lopez as an alternate member
666 the Town of Ossining Planning Board and Architectural Review Board,
667 which are active to May 1, 2024 turn to expire April 30, 2021.

668 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Do I have a motion?

669 **NORTHERN WILCHER, ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So moved.

670 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So if you viewed the May 6 Planning Board meeting,
671 you may have noticed a new face. Jesus Lopez served on Land Use
672 Boards I think both zoning and planning in the Village of Ossining before he
673 moved to the unincorporated town where he now resides. We feel he will
674 be a great asset to the Planning Board / Architectural Review Board
675 because he will be on - They're sort of one in the same. But they - they
676 operate as separate entities, but they're the same people. So we are happy
677 to have him as the alternate for this year org.

678 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Questions? Discussion? All those in favor?

679 **NORTHERN WILCHER, JACKIE SHAW, ELIZABETH FELDMAN, GREG**
680 **MEYER:** Aye.

681 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Any opposed.

682 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Modifications to the Town's 2020 assessment
683 procedure, whereas in April 20, 2020 Governor Cuomo issued an
684 Executive Order to 202.22 related to the COVID-19 pandemic then
685 included, among other things, suspension or modification of Article Five of

686 the real property tax law to the extent to allow certain modifications to the
687 property assessment procedure to be exercised where the local
688 municipalities at their option; and

689 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Whereas the Town Board with these in light of
690 the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the prohibition on -
691 on non-essential gathering and restrictions on municipal operations. And
692 the social distancing practices in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19
693 that it will be beneficial to implement the provisions and Executive Order
694 202.22 to get the public additional time to review their assessments and
695 take the appropriate actions and to provide the public and town officials a
696 safe and effective means to effectuate the assessment process; and

697 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Now, therefore be it resolved in accordance with
698 Executive Order 202.22, the Town Board hereby establishes a following
699 dates to the 2020 Assessment Roll. The Town's tentative Assessment Roll
700 will be filed on Monday, June 30 2020, instead of June 1 2020. The date for
701 the Board of Assessment Review Hearing assessment complaints
702 Grievance Day will be Tuesday, July 21 2020 instead of June 16 2020.

703 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Be it further resolved in accordance with the
704 Executive Order 202.22 the Town Board hereby directs the following
705 procedures to be followed with respect to the 2020 Assessment Roll.
706 Notice of the finding of the Tentative Roll will be published and available for
707 inspection solely online, but the date for steering complaints Grievance Day
708 probably displayed on the [UNCLEAR] Tentative Roll.

709 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** The Board of Assessment Review will hear
710 complaints grievance day remotely via – via - via video conferencing and/or
711 teleconferencing and the means of doing so will be prominently displayed
712 with the publishing of the Tentative Roll.

713 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Be it further resolved that the day for find the final
714 Assessment Roll shall remain September 15 2020. However, the Town
715 Board reserves the right to revisit this an extended date in accordance with
716 the Executive Order 202.22. It determined to be reasonably necessary by
717 the Town Assessor and be it further resolved the Supervisor and her staff,
718 the Town Assessor and his staff and the Board of Assessment Review and
719 any other necessary Town Officers and staff are hereby authorized to take
720 any and all necessary steps to implement the directives of this resolutions.

721 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Do I have a motion?

722 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So moved.

723 **NORTHERN WILCHER:** Second.

724 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, all those in favor, or oh - I actually just want to
725 talk about this a little bit. Sorry. So as we discussed at our last legislative
726 session, the Town Board has decided to adjust the 2020 assessment
727 calendar pursuant to Executive Order 202.22 as the resolution reads, we
728 will shift the Tentative Roll filing date from June 1 to June 30 or shifting
729 Grievance Day from June 16 to July 21. And we are hoping that this
730 deadline extension which we have been publicizing even before we - we're
731 we took this take this vote tonight, will allow property owners the time they
732 need to more thoroughly review their preliminary change of assessment
733 notice to schedule an informal review with Tyler technologies or
734 Assessment staff and ultimately if necessary to file a grievance. And again,
735 that would be on July 24 the - the Board of assessment review will be
736 meeting on July 21 that would have to be filed by July 21. If you have any
737 questions, please do contact our Assessor's Office at 914-762-8274.

738 **DANA LEVENBERG:** As I mentioned earlier, our offices remain close to
739 the public, so you're not going to be going into the office, but stay tuned for
740 specific instructions with how you can properly file a grievance without
741 coming into the office. I do believe that they're accepting everything by
742 email, we will be holding Grievance Day remotely via zoom and we will be
743 publishing the access information within the next few weeks.

744 **DANA LEVENBERG:** As always, we encourage our residents to be wary of
745 advertisements from representatives promising decreased assessments
746 and taxes. Our Assessor's Office is always happy to assist our residents as
747 best as possible. So if you want to receive the help that you need without
748 spending a lot of money on the representative simply sit down with our staff
749 and discuss in detail. And we are hopeful that we can get the Roll right. So
750 with that, any further discussion or comments? If not, I would ask to take a
751 vote.

752 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** All those in favor?

753 **NORTHERN WILCHER, JACKIE SHAW, ELIZABETH FELDMAN, GREG**
754 **MEYER:** Aye.

755 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Anybody opposed?

756 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, thank you.

757 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Uh... Radio license agreement with Westchester
758 County. Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorized
759 to the Supervisor to sign a license agreement with Westchester County for
760 the purposes of supplying the ton of Ossining with emergency
761 communications equipment by the Westchester County Department of
762 Emergency Services, subject to approval by Council to the Town us to
763 form.

764 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Do you have motion?

765 **JACKIE SHAW, ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So moved.

766 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And a second?

767 **NORTHERN WILCHER:** Second.

768 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Alright thank you. So Town is signing this contract on
769 behalf of OVAC back so that they can receive upgraded radio equipment
770 from the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services. We're -
771 municipalities are required to be the ones to sign the contract. We hope
772 that this new equipment will assist OVAC in their life saving operations and
773 our chief has reviewed this, our Council has reviewed this or made the
774 additional tweaks and that's why it says approval by Council to the town.
775 So for all those in favor?

776 **NORTHERN WILCHER, JACKIE SHAW, ELIZABETH FELDMAN, GREG
777 MEYER:** Aye.

778 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Any opposed?

779 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Alright so correspondence, we received and filed.
780 We have none. Monthly reports?

781 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of
782 Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly report to the month March
783 2020, Town Clerk's office, and Town Receivers Office.

784 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Do I have a motion?

785 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So moved.

786 **JACKIE SHAW:** Second.

787 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I just want to note that I think 'April' - that might
788 have been an error.

789 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** My apologies. April. Yes, so...

790 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** As amended.

791 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** Yes, sorry. As amended.

792 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. So...

793 **MARTHA QUITUISACA:** The months are just blurring.

794 **DANA LEVENBERG:** They certainly are. They are certainly are so. Okay,
795 all those in favor?

796 **DANA LEVENBERG, NORTHERN WILCHER, JACKIE SHAW,**
797 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN, GREG MEYER:** Aye.

798 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Opposed, as amended? Thank you.

799 **DANA LEVENBERG:** All right. And now we get to the point in our meeting
800 when we have visitor recognition on any subject whatsoever. And we still
801 ask that you limit your comments to four minutes.

802 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Is there anybody who has any comments? Mindy, I
803 know I saw you there before. Are you still -

804 **MINDY:** Can you hear me now?

805 **DANA LEVENBERG:** - so either before...

806 **MINDY:** Am I? Yes, I do have a question.

807 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okee-dockie.

808 [SILENCE]

809 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Now I can't hear you.

810 **MINDY:** Okay.

811 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Now I can hear you.

812 **MINDY:** Okay, the school board budget and election is June 9th. And I
813 understand that all voting will be- be by ballot. Could you tell us when those
814 ballots will be mailed? Approximately?

815 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I do not actually think I know that information.
816 Exactly when the school... Did they just say something about it on the
817 County Call yesterday... Victoria, do you remember?

818 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** The school district did - did send, send
819 something. Let me see how fast I can pull up um...

820 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We know that they're all scrambling. I can tell you
821 that much. That is very, it's been very difficult for them.

822 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yeah the – the

823 **MINDY:** I'm sure. But are you aware that we have mail issues with [the]
824 Briarcliff Post Office. Um, we often don't get delivery at all.

825 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I'm not aware of it. But I do think that your best bet
826 would be to reach out to the Clerk in the school district. Because they will
827 be responsible for the school district voting, not the Town.

828 **MINDY:** Okay.

829 **DANA LEVENBERG:** For school - for school, you know, school elections
830 are separate from Town government. So again, I think Ileana Ortiz is the
831 Clerk for the school district in Ossining.

832 **MINDY:** Okay.

833 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And the number is 941-7700 extension 317.

834 **MINDY:** Okay.

835 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Um, the -

836 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Just the fact that I knew that off the top of my head is
837 because I was on the School Board for many years.

838 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I want to note that what the school - the school
839 district did put out at the maps absentee ballots will be mailed directly to all
840 qualified voters service announcing school district and the Briarcliff Schools
841 as well with all the propositions pertaining to the budget as well as the

842 names for running for three seats on the board of education in two seats on
843 the on the library board of directors. When you receive the absentee ballot,
844 you have to complete it and mail it in and the absentee ballot must be
845 received by the School District no later than 5pm on June 9th. There will be
846 in the inspectors our school cafeteria area, but you cannot submit your
847 ballot in person. You also there's also no personal voter registering
848 happening.

849 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** In the email, they did also note that, that the email
850 address for Miss Ortiz which is IOrtiz@OssiningUFSD.org she can be can
851 be called for questions. And I think we did include this information in your
852 update this past week. And the contact information for the work Clerk for
853 Briarcliff Schools is also in there. I don't remember it off top my head, my
854 head -

855 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Victoria, we're hearing you in double.

856 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Oh.

857 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Double. Double. Double. Double...

858 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I don't know why that is. Sorry. But -

859 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So it's IOrtiz – I O R T I Z – at, what is it?

860 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** OssiningUFSD.org.

861 **DANA LEVENBERG:** UFSD.org. You know you're just coming in blurry.

862 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I don't know –

863 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Not just double.

864 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yeah. I gotta deal with that, but

865 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay.

866 **MINDY:** Thank you.

867 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Is that it? Alright. Fantastic. So with that, I would ask
868 for a motion to adjourn to executive session for advice of counsel and
869 personnel.

870 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So moved.

871 **JACKIE SHAW:** Second?

872 **DANA LEVENBERG:** All those in favor,

873 **NORTHERN WILCHER, JACKIE SHAW, ELIZABETH FELDMAN, GREG**
874 **MEYER:** Aye.

875 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Any opposed? Okay. So please join us next week
876 via zoom for our Work Session, which will take place on May 19 - same bat
877 channel. Look forward to seeing everybody have a safe and healthy week.
878 Please continue to practice social distancing. Please think about our
879 environment, our parks and all the other public spaces that you inhabit and
880 be careful. Thanks everybody. Have a great week.