



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF OSSINING**  
**TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**16 CROTON AVE – OSSINING, NEW YORK**  
**MARCH 3, 2020**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**7:30 P.M.**

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

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

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

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on March 3, 2020 in the Town Municipal Building, 16 Croton Ave in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Jackie G. Shaw, Elizabeth R. Feldman, Gregory G. Meyer, and Northern Wilcher Jr. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona and Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Yesterday, we found out some tragic news from our neighbors in New Castle. Mattias Edstrom, the son of Supervisor Ivy Pool, passed away over the weekend following an accident in the Catskills. Over the past few years, I have gotten to know Ivy a little bit better over the last year in her positions first as Town Councilmember and now Supervisor for the Town of New Castle. Ivy is a dedicated public servant, always looking for opportunities to better serve her constituents. It is hard to even imagine what Ivy and her family are going through during this incredibly difficult time. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to Ivy and her family, as well as the entire New Castle community who are grieving the loss of this young life. Please join us in a moment of silence for Mattias Edstrom.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Levenberg made the following announcements:

We have been working closely with our partners in Westchester County and following updates from the State and Federal governments as the impacts from

Coronavirus get closer to home. Today, we learned of the first confirmed case in Westchester County. County Executive Latimer held a press conference this afternoon to discuss what we know and what steps are being taken. Governor Andrew Cuomo announced efforts that the State's Wadsworth Lab in Albany can now complete the test for the virus. Also, all they are working with all New York health insurers to waive cost sharing associated with testing for this virus. These sorts of actions will make fact-based decision making more accessible to all New Yorkers. The New York State Department of Health has set up a hotline at 888-364-3065 with staff on standby to help answer questions regarding Coronavirus. Additionally, the Westchester County Department of Health has a wealth of information on their website as well, visit [health.westchestergov.com](http://health.westchestergov.com). Most importantly, we should all take simple steps to curb the spread of this virus and other seasonal illnesses like the flu. Be sure to wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use alcohol based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash. Try to avoid touching surfaces that others may have touched by either wearing rubber gloves or using an elbow. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, and stay home. If you believe you need medical attention and have any symptoms, coughing, trouble breathing, etc. call first before going to any urgent care facility or ER so they can give you proper direction to be seen in a secure area. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, like your cell phone, door knobs, keyboards, computer mouse, using a cleaning product that contains bleach. These simple day to day actions can truly save lives.

Tomorrow morning, the Village and Town Emergency Management team will meet to discuss what additional steps we can take to make sure we offer as safe an environment as possible and conduct business as necessary. Also, I will be attending a program at Phelps Hospital later in the day tomorrow intended for leadership of local governments and other organizations who play a role in controlling the spread of disease. I look forward to learning more from our local experts, relaying that information to the public, and implementing any relevant recommendations at our Town offices. It is possible that we may choose, at some point, to cancel any public gatherings and to limit personal interactions to the best of our ability and conduct business remotely, but until such time, please be vigilant and stay tuned to our eblasts, nixles from our Police Department, messaging from the schools, county and state.

Now for some upcoming events:

This Thursday, March 5, Ossining High School is hosting an evening with high school parents as an opportunity for parents to ask all of the questions they might be afraid to ask! This event will cover topics ranging from mental health and social media, to substance abuse and the dangers of vaping. The event starts at 6:30pm with light refreshments before the presentations begin at 7pm.

**On Saturday, March 7 at 1pm at the Budarz Theater, join the Ossining Public Library Ancestry group for a presentation on the story of two local families who enlisted the help of this library group to discover their family histories. Spoiler alert: one of the families is related to someone famous! Come to hear these incredible stories and learn about how you can do research on your own family's history.**

**The Crossover Yoga Project is hosting their annual fundraiser at Bethany Arts Community on Sunday, March 8 from 2pm to 5pm. Join them to celebrate Crossover Yoga Project's mission of empowering vulnerable teen girls through trauma-informed yoga, mindfulness, and creative art expressions. I have had the pleasure of taking classes with some of the yoga instructors who work with the young women and they are absolutely fantastic, as is their mission. Tickets are available on EventBrite under Crossover Yoga Project.**

**Save the date for next Saturday, March 14 for the Green Ossining Repair Café at the Community Center from 11am to 3pm. Bring your broken, but beloved items, have them fixed for free by volunteers, and keep them out of the trash! The Green Ossining team can help with fabric repair, wood repair, electric appliances, tech support for computers and mobile devices, ceramic repair, bikes, costume jewelry, toys, and more. There is also a kid's table where kids can learn circuitry and how stuff work – maybe one day they can be Repair Café volunteers themselves! For more information, visit [www.greenossining.org](http://www.greenossining.org).**

### **III. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A. Approval of Repairs by Ossining Boat and Canoe Club**

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

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining approves the ceiling repairs detailed in a proposal provided to the Town on February 24, 2020 to be completed at the Ossining Boat and Canoe Club, with the value of the work to contribute to the Club's annual in-kind improvements in the amount of \$1,234.**

**Supervisor Levenberg said the following in regard to the resolution: We decided to have this Special Meeting to approve some work being done at OBCC, so the members can get to work getting the building in tip top shape by spring for events that are lined up in late March early April. Thank you to A.R. Swan, Councilwoman Feldman, and Town Counsel Addona for helping to ensure that we “checked all the boxes” in our lease to get this work underway.**

**Motion: Carried**

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION**

**At 7:42 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn Work Session and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**At 8:42 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to enter into Executive Session for advice of counsel, personnel, and contracts and Councilmember Shaw seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**At 9:48 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to leave Executive Session and return to Work Session and Councilmember Meyer seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**At 9:48 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn the Work Session and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**