

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ONLY

JULY 19, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING
7:30 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Dana A. Levenberg

COUNCILMEMBERS
Elizabeth R. Feldman Gregory G. Meyer
Angelo A. Manicchio Jennifer Fields-Tawil

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

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on July 19, 2022 via video conference, pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 signed into law on September 2, 2021 by Governor Hochul and Executive Order 11.8. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Elizabeth R. Feldman, Gregory G. Meyer, Angelo A. Manicchio, and Jennifer Fields-Tawil. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona and Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli.

II. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

Ossining RiverJam, our rebranded summer concert and food truck Friday series, continues this Friday, July 22 with Ossining local and favorite KJ Denhart! I don't think KJ even needs an introduction – she has been a favorite act for the summer concert series for many years and we cannot wait to welcome her back this Friday. Food Trucks start serving at 5pm, and the awesome tunes start at 7pm. We'll post the Food Truck line-up on Friday! So far we have had great attendance and continue to enjoy the wonderful vibe at the waterfront. Bring friends, a blanket or some lawn chairs and get ready to enjoy a great night on the banks of the beautiful Hudson!

And there's more free summer entertainment with the Summer Acoustic Series at Market Square on Wednesday nights at 7pm – this week with Midnight Maizey. Also on Summer Mondays, Jazz at Henry Gourdine Park starts at 6:30pm--the next jazz concert is Monday, July 25 with the Mike Clark Organ Trio. On Tuesday nights at 7pm, bring the kids to the Family Summer Entertainment Series--next week there will be a Family Fun Night at Nelson Park. Don't forget to grab dinner from a local Ossining restaurant as you spend your summer nights in Ossining's beautiful parks!

And if that's not enough, tomorrow night, Wednesday, July 20 is a the return of the ever popular Summer Block Parties, co-hosted by the Ossining School District and the Ossining Police Department! The first block party of this summer will take place on Broad Avenue from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, with a pop up circus, a DJ, freebie giveaways, games, a mobile food pantry, job info opportunities, adult resources, school supply giveaways, and much, much more fun! Can't wait to see you there!

Also, this week, Wednesday July 20 through Friday July 23 is another family fave: St. Augustine's Festival! From 6pm to 11pm, head over to St. Augustine's

grounds on North Highland for food, rides, games, entertainment, raffles and more. It's sure to be a fun couple of nights celebrating this Ossining favorite.

And another one of my faves returns for the second year: Westchester Collaborative Theater will be holding Parking Lot Plays: An Outdoor Short Original Play Festival this weekend and next, July 22-31. Performances will be Fridays & Saturdays at 7pm, Saturdays at 2pm, and Sundays at 3pm. Grab your tickets now at www.wctheater.org!

This Sunday, July 24, more than 50 Westchester County residents are opening up their gardens to showcase pollinator-friendly landscaping practices. Visit www.healthyyards.org/tour to learn more and plan to visit a few gardens to learn the tricks of the trade. There are a few featured in Ossining and Briarcliff!

A quick note about an upcoming road closure. The Town of New Castle will be closing Hawkes Avenue from July 27th through August 2nd, excluding Saturday and Sunday, for the hours of 7am to 5pm to complete some repairs necessary for paving. A large excavator and other machinery will be working on the road. Provisions for emergency vehicles will be made. We are also trying to get more information from ConEd about work they are doing in the Town which has also seen road disruptions and will share more details when we can get them.

Finally, today's hot weather is only going to continue and likely get more severe as the week goes along. The Joseph G. Caputo Community Center will be open as a cooling center through Friday from 9am to 9pm, Saturday from 9am to 6pm, and Sunday from 9am to 3pm. The pool will be available for open swim through Friday from 7-8:45pm, Saturday from 12noon-5:45pm, and Sunday from 12noon-2:45pm. There is a fee of \$5 per person for those in the community that are not members. The spray park at Louis Engel Park will also be open extended hours from 11am to 8pm during the heatwave.

Please remember that swimming is not allowed at the Louis Engel Park beach – there is no lifeguard on duty and we cannot determine that the water quality is safe for swimming, especially following a heavy rain event like we had yesterday and last night. Please be safe out there, hydrate, and if you can, try to enjoy summer until we're complaining about the cold weather again!

III. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval Personnel – Seasonal Parks Groundskeeper

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining appoints Edward Breil, Ossining, to the seasonal position of Parks Groundskeeper at an hourly rate of \$15, effective July 18, 2022.

Supervisor Levenberg said the following: Yesterday was the first day for Edward Breil, a rising OHS senior who will be helping out in our parks for the rest of the summer. So far we've gotten good reports from our Parks crew, he's quickly learning the ropes. Welcome Edward!

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IV. ADJOURNMENT – WORK SESSION

At 7:36 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn to Work Session and Councilmember Meyer seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

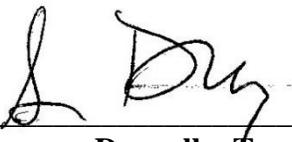
At 8:31 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for advice of counsel and Councilmember Meyer seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:09 P.M., Councilmember Feldman motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and Councilmember Meyer seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk