



MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
IN PERSON AT THE
JOHN-PAUL RODRIGUES OSSINING OPERATIONS CENTER
101 ROUTE 9A – OSSINING, NEW YORK
AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

September 12, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Elizabeth R. Feldman

COUNCILMEMBERS
Gregory G. Meyer Angelo A. Manicchio
Jennifer Fields-Tawil Matthew J. Weiss

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

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on September 12, 2023 at the John-Paul Rodrigues Ossining Operations Center 101 Route 9A, Ossining, NY 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, Jennifer Fields-Tawil, Matthew J. Weiss. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca and Town Clerk Susanne Donnelly.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **The Briarcliff Manor Restaurant Cabaret License 2023 & 2024**

At 7:30 PM, the Public Hearing opened.

- **Mindy Lamar. 12 Tappan Terrace. Briarcliff Manor. NY 10510.**
 - **No opposing to the cabaret License to the Briarcliff Manor Restaurant but would like to remind everybody that this is a non-conforming property in a residential neighborhood. I been bother by noise occasionally no always.**
 - **I have called police to make a complaint, nobody responds.**
 - **Landscaping which the ordinances said no before 8 AM Monday to Friday, they start at 7:30 on Friday morning. Police were notified, I do not know ii it is in their reports or no.**
 - **Stipulation order of settlement from the federal lawsuit a while back states that food can be served on back patio, this no the case now it is all over the back lawn which is right up against my back property. Sometimes is very noisy they do have music outside whether it is violons or three-piece string combos. You put some drinks into some people sometimes they get rowdy. If they are now allowed to have full Food Service on the lawns, sidelines. Shouldn't there have been a public hearing.**
 - **It is extremely disturbing when my husband and I are trying to have a nice dinner in our backyard and we hear everything going on at the backyard from the Briarcliff Manor.**
 - **The other issue is the external lighting. They have strung up lights from their building all the way to their limit off their property. It is disturbing to my house because when there is no leaves like in the fall, my whole house is lit up from end to end.**

The lights are over their privacy fence and it is quite glaring, disturbing and it might be against the ordinance.

- The board please look into the lightning before issue the permit.
- Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona addressed some of the resident's issues.

At 7:40 PM, Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss to close the public hearing.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- Tax Receiver Holly Perlowitz mentioned how her department are keeping busy and how they are actively receiving 2023-2024 school taxes, up to today they have collected 11 million just in school taxes.
- Superintendent of Recreation & Parks Bill Garrison mentioned how the rec department had an incredible summer with the concerts and activities down at the Water Front and Parks, also the events that will be happening this fall.

IV. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Supervisor said the following:

A reminder that our weekly meetings are scheduled to take place at the John Paul Rodrigues Center and are available on zoom as well.

A message from our Tax Receiver: School Tax is due by September 30th. However, since September 30th falls on a Saturday, you can pay on October 2nd without incurring any penalty. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Some events happening around the Town this week include

- An Indian Point siren test is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, September 13, at 10:30 AM.
- There's a free Parkinson's dance class every Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 PM, starting today, September 12, at the Bethany Arts Community Center.
- Tomorrow, September 13, the Ossining Public Library will kick off its Spanish film series with a showing of "El Ultimo Traje."
- Explore a Jazz Picnic on Sunday, October 15, from 2 to 4 PM, hosted by the Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy at Dale Cemetery.
- This Friday, September 15, enjoy live music at Sing Sing Kill Brewery with the band Ursula Hansberry at 7 PM.
- Take a leisurely walk in our community and chat with Scott Cravern on Wednesday, September 20th, at 7 PM in the Budarz Theater.
- Sing Sing Kill Brewery invites you to a Green Drinks Night with a visit from our NYS Legislators, Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg and Senator Pete Harckham, on Wednesday, September 20, at 7:30 PM.
- Sing Sing Kill Brewery will host a 90's Vinyl Night on Friday, September 23rd, at 8 PM.

- Mark your calendars for the Multilingual Job Fair on September 28th, from 9 AM to 12 PM, at the Westchester County Center.
- The Golden Door Support Program offers free mental health support to all New York State residents, regardless of immigration status. The program started on August 17, 2023, and is held every Wednesday from 6 to 8 PM via the Microsoft Teams platform.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No member of the public addressed the board

VII. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes—Regular Meeting – August 22, 2023

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the August 22, 2023 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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 September 12, 2023 in the amount of \$278,550.04.

Motion: Carried

C. Reappointment - Town Clerk's Office - Intermediate Clerk (Part Time)

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 reappoints Jennifer Criollo, Montrose, to the part-time position of Intermediate Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office, 17.5 hours per week, \$18 per hour, effective September 15, 2023.

Motion: Carried

D. Personnel – Appointment – Highway Department – Intermediate Clerk (Part Time)

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 appoints Christie Maley, Ossining, to the part-time position of Intermediate Clerk in the Highway Department, 17.5 hours per week, \$18 per hour, effective September 18, 2023.

Motion: Carried

E. Personnel – Appointment – Court

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 appoints Corey Dawkins, Irvington, to the position of Court Attendant in the Town of Ossining Justice Court at an hourly rate of \$25, effective September 18, 2023.

Motion: Carried

F. Personnel—Appointment—Seasonal Laborer

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 appoints Brent Gamble, Ossining, to the seasonal position of Laborer in the Town Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$15, effective September 1, 2023.

Motion: Carried

G. Personnel—Appointment—Seasonal Laborer

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 appoints Xavier Hernandez, Ossining, to the seasonal position of Laborer in the Town Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$15, effective October 5, 2023.

Motion: Carried

H. Justice Court Assistance Program Application 2023-2024

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

Resolved, the Board of the Town of Ossining, NY authorizes the Ossining Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-2024 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

Motion: Carried

I. Finance- 2023 OBCC Parking Lot Capital Project #2023-5248 – Parks

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 establishing 2023 Capital Project #2023-5248, entitled “2023 OBCC Parking Lot” for the Town Parks Department, with a project budget of \$63,200. The capital project will be funded from Federal Emergency Disaster Assistance funds, and a transfer from General Fund Balance.

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5248	2023 OBCC Parking Lot	\$63,200.00
Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$63,200.00
<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0400.496000.5248	Federal Disaster Aid	\$47,059.63
370 0500.503100.5248	I/F Transfer from General	12,940.37
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$63,200.00
<u>Increase General Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 9550.905	I/F Transfer-Capital	\$12,940.37
Total Increases to General Fund Appropriations		\$12,940.37
<u>Increase General Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 0600.4795	General Fund Balance	\$12,940.37
Total Increase to General Fund Estimated Revenues		\$12,940.37

Motion: Carried

J. Transportation Alternatives Campaign

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

WHEREAS, the Summer of 2023 has been the hottest one on record with some of the highest levels of measured poor air quality in our region due to the drivers of a warming planet and climate change, with the resulting poor air quality causing the disruption of major public events across the northeastern US, and affecting day camps and entertainment here in Ossining; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector is recognized as one of top contributors to climate change worldwide; and

WHEREAS, addressing this has been a long standing goal in the Town and Village of Ossining with alternative transportation being established in Ossining's Climate Action Plan in 2011 which recommends "Measures and practices designed to promote the use of non-motorized modes of transportation such as walking and bicycling by Village and Town residents," and similar goals are echoed in the Village's Comprehensive Plan "Ossining Tomorrow" and the Town's Comprehensive Plan "Sustainable Ossining"; and

WHEREAS, since 2017, both the Town and Village of Ossining have been supporting International Car Free Day with focused promotion of alternative transportation options in acknowledgement of the need to reduce harmful emissions by reducing single-occupancy internal combustion engine car use; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ossining's 2022 Downtown Revitalization Project seeks to "revitalize and improve the quality of life for the Ossining Community:" The goals in the transportation component of this plan include increasing pedestrian and bicycle riding, as well as supporting cost effective transit improvements such as ride sharing, and residents resoundingly offered their support for road work to reduce traffic congestion (65%); improved sidewalks (51%), more crosswalks and or signals (38%), and more improved bicycle infrastructure (31%); and

WHEREAS, changing transportation habits in light of the COVID-19 pandemic have added to the in traffic congestion in Ossining as well as adding planet warming and pollution causing carbon to the environment and harmful particulates to the air we breathe; and

WHEREAS, the habit of driving rather than more physically active alternatives negatively impacts the health of all persons due to, in large part, tail-pipe pollution, which is most concentrated in areas of frequent vehicular idling, such as school bus pick-ups and drop-offs; and

WHEREAS, children, communities of color, low-income communities and immunocompromised populations are more likely to be exposed to this form of pollution and bear a disproportionate burden of the health harms of these particulates; and

WHEREAS, Ossining residents have the opportunity to reduce these harmful carbon emissions and reduce the air pollution that we are currently contributing to by driving by utilizing other options;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a transportation alternatives campaign will be launched to educate the public on pollution caused by driving and encourage residents to drive less and use alternatives

such as walking, cycling, using public transportation, including children riding school buses and using ride-sharing/carpooling.

Motion: Carried

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following correspondence:

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

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

- **GE Helicopter**
- **Town Clerk**
- **Town Supervisor**
- **Highway Department**
- **Dale Cemetery**
- **Town Building Department**

Motion: Carried

X. VISITOR RECOGNITION

No member of the public addressed the board.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for pending litigation, personnel, contract and advice of counsel, and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:30 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:30 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously