



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

February 24, 2026

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 February 24, 2026 at 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 Feldman, Members of the Board present were: Deputy Supervisor Gregory G. Meyer, Councilmembers Angelo Manicchio, Councilmember Jennifer Fields-Tawil and Matthew J. Weiss (entered meeting at 7:48 PM). Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca and Town Deputy Clerk Jeaneth Guinansaca.

II. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Feldman said the following:

- The Snow emergency is still in effect. This means you may not park on the street on any roads in the town of Ossining. For a list of affected roads in the Village of Ossining please check the village website or facebook page.
- February is Black History month and Westchester County is proudly celebrating that fact with exhibits and events happening all month long. Including many events being held locally by the Ossining Public Library, Bethany Arts Community, and Westchester Collaborative Theater. You can find specific information on different events on their respective websites or on my supervisor's update.
- Moderate income households in New York State may now qualify for monthly discounts on their utility bills through the Expanded Energy Affordability Program (EEAP). To learn more, visit nyeeap.com/program.
- AARP Tax-Aide is running free tax prep on Thursdays in the Ossining Public Library through April 9th. To make an appointment please visit freetaxhelpwestchester.com or call 914-353-0345.
- The Ossining Farmers Market is closed for the winter season. It will be reopening on May 2nd.
- The Westchester County Bee-line busses now accept Tap-to-pay. Simply tap your phone, credit/debt card or OMNY card to ride.
- BAC Docent program will be running from January 31st to March 4th. The program aims to expand volunteers' knowledge of art and history while strengthening communication, critical thinking and leadership skills. Please visit bethanyarts.org for more information.
- The Ossining Public Library and the NAACP Ossining branch have partnered to present "The Hidden History of Slavery in New York". This will be a documentary featuring Bryan Stevenson, the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. Hosted in the Budarz theater on February 25th starting at 7:00pm.
- Westchester Community Gardener Meet-Up is scheduled for February 27th from 12:30-4:30 PM. Located at the Westchester County center in white

plains, this event is a great opportunity for individuals and organizations alike.

- **Bethany Arts Community is running the Emerging Artists Fellowship where they seek to provide an encouraging community and creative home for emerging artists seeking to further their practice. To learn more or to apply visit bethanyarts.org.**
- **Ossining Matters Sip, Sing and Support Karaoke Fundraiser will be held on Friday, March 6th at the Sing Sing kill brewery. For tickets or more information please visit OssiningMatters.org.**
- **Bethany Arts Community will be continuing their Revolutionary Legacies exhibit. Explore black history and culture through interactive, and imaginative experiences. The exhibit will be open from January 31st until March 6th. For more information visit bethanyarts.org.**
- **Please remember Neighbors Link is a great source for information and community resources for our immigrant population. Please visit their website www.neighborslink.org and click Resources to register to attend informational webinars about Knowing Your Rights in English and in Spanish and to find contact information for trusted professionals.**
- **As always, our Ossining Public Library will be hosting many events including movies, craft events, meditation, tutoring, yoga, book clubs and more. Please see their website at ossininglibrary.org for more information.**
- **The Loft LGBTQ+ Community Center has everything from events and programs to resources and presentations all dedicated to providing support to everyone who is a part of the LGBTQ+ Community, including many virtual and in person support groups and clubs for a multitude of different topics. Please check out their website at loftgaycenter.org for more information.**
- **There are many fun and interesting events being held locally, and you can look at the weekly Supervisor's Update on the Supervisor's webpage to see them.**

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Tax Receiver Holly Perlowitz said the following:

- **January was chock full of 2nd half school tax collections – we collected \$35 million for our schools. That collection concludes our 2025 warrant collections and as you can see – we collected 97.7% of the 2025 warrants- a total of almost \$157 million. Delinquent letters have gone out and those usually result in additional collections from people who have just forgotten! My email alerts do work --- but only if people take the time to read them!**
- **Additionally in January the owner, of a very delinquent property – 56 Stormytown Rd – sold and that sale resulted in \$360,000 in delinquent taxes being paid between liens and 2025 taxes.**
- **Last time I was here I told you about the impact of the decision to stop pressing pennies on the Tax Office. Since then, the Federal Postmark rules changed with regard to the timing of their “machine” postmarks. It used to be that they would postmark in the local post offices – but now – the mail is being delivered to their regional facilities and it is there that the mail gets it's first postmark. A person can, however, go to the counter in their local post office and ask for a hand-postmark to ensure that the deadline date is met via the postmark date. Truly – this is something I always encouraged our taxpayers to do if they were mailing their payments and especially if it was close to the due date. We did inform our taxpayers of this through email alerts and the Supervisor's Update. I attended the Association of Towns conference last week and this came up as a very big deal to some of our rural towns in NYS that use mailboxes– because they can see 1-2 day delays in getting a postmark – so they really have to think ahead or if possible, pay online!**
- **We will start working on the 2026 Town and County Bills in March as the Tax Office moves on to our next task**
- **IN CONCLUSION**
- **As always – I want to assure you that the tax office is operating without issue behind “your scenes” and I am grateful for my**

colleagues, Patti Cunningham and Erin Zebelman and the entire 16 Croton Ave staff.

- I am happy to answer any questions or address any comments you have!
- Stay warm and well!!!

TOWN TAX OFFICE COLLECTIONS				
OUTSTANDING TAXES AS OF 2/24/2026				
	TOTAL WARRANT	OUTSTANDING TAX RECEIVABLES	COLLECTIONS	% OF WARRANT COLLECTED
2025 TOWN AND COUNTY	\$ 35,753,760.52	\$ 234,191.17	\$ 35,519,569.35	99.3%
2025/2026 SCHOOL/LIBRARY TAX WARRANT				
TOTAL SCHOOL LIBRARY TAX	\$ 124,644,921.92	\$ 3,411,355.52	121,233,566.40	97.3%
TOTAL 2025 WARRANTS *	\$ 160,398,682.44	\$ 3,645,546.69	\$156,753,135.75	97.7%
DELINQUENT TAX LIENS				
2017	2,738.30	1 PROPERTY	TITLE ISSUE BEING ADDRESSED BY THE TOWN/VILLAGE	
2019	369.35	2 PROPERTIES	ONE PARCEL THAT OWNER WANTS TO FORFEIT	
2020	14,254.69	3 PROPERTIES	1 BEING FORFEITED, 1 ON A PAYMENT PLAN & 11 BRANDRETH ST	
2021	89,910.56	11 PROPERTIES	1 BEING FORFEITED, 1 ON A PAYMENT PLAN	
2022	159,299.83	19 PROPERTIES	1 BEING FORFEITED	
2023	255,980.56	27 PROPERTIES	DOWN FROM 96 SINCE FILING LIEN ON 7/1/2023- 69 HAVE REDEEMED	
2024	456,825.16	40 PROPERTIES	DOWN FROM 111 SINCE FILING LIEN ON 7/1/2024- 71 HAVE REDEEMED	
2025	625,073.46	60 PROPERTIES	DOWN FROM 103 SINCE FILING LIEN ON 8/1/2025- 43 HAVE REDEEMED	
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAX LIENS	1,604,451.91			
TOTAL OUTSTANDING TAXES	\$ 5,249,998.60			

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Visitors shall be accorded one (1) four (4) minute opportunity to address the Board on any of the resolutions on the agenda.

V. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2026

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the February 10, 2026 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried
Absent: Weiss
Abstain: Field-Tawil

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated February 24, 2026 in the amount of \$432,648.20

Motion Carried
Absent: Weiss

C. Contract – Tyler Technologies

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Tyler Technologies, Moraine, OH 45439 for Appraisal Services for 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$27,000 subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Motion Carried
Absent: Weiss

D. Personnel – Appointment – Town Court– Intermediate Clerk PT

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining appoints Jhesenia Ayora, Peekskill, to the part-time position of Intermediate Clerk in the Town Court, 17.5 hours per week, \$18 per hour, effective February 24, 2026.

Motion Carried
Absent: Weiss

E. Personnel – Policies - Non-Union and Elected Personnel Manual

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following resolution be tabled.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining herby approves the updated terms and conditions set forth in the "Town Elected and Appointed Non-Union Personnel" and approves the guidelines in the handbook for all elected officials and officers/employees appointed by the Town Board; and

Be it Further Resolved, that this version supersedes the previously adopted handbook.

Motion Carried
Absent: Weiss

F. Finance- Adjust and Close 2023 Louis Engel Park WIFI Capital Project #2023-5249 – Parks

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes adjusting the 2023 Capital Project #2023-5249, entitled “2023 Louis Engel Park WIFI” for the Town Parks Department, with an original project budget of \$57,644 to \$0 and closed as project completed under Village Police.

<u>Adjust Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5249	2023 Louis Engel Park WIFI	\$ 0.00
Total Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$ 0.00
<u>Adjust Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0400.498900.5249	Federal CDBG Grant	\$ 0.00
Total Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$ 0.00
Motion Carried Absent: Weiss		

G. Finance- 2025 Adjust and Close Capital Project #2024-5251 – 2024 Dale Cemetery Retaining Wall-Cemetery

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes adjusting the 2024 Capital Project #2024-5251, entitled “2024 Dale Cemetery Retaining Wall” for Dale Cemetery Fund, with an original project budget of \$100,000 to \$106,500. The additional amount of \$6,500.00 will be funded from a transfer from Dale Cemetery Fund Balance and closed.

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 8810.200.5251	2024 Dale Cemetery Retaining Wall	\$ 6,500.00
Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$ 6,500.00

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0500.503132.5251	I/F Transfer-Dale Cemetery	<u>\$ 6,500.00</u>
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$ 6,500.00

<u>Increase Dale Cemetery Fund Estimated Expenditures:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
320 9901.905	I/F Transfer to Capital Fund	<u>\$ 6,500.00</u>
Total Increase to Dale Cemetery Estimated Expenditures		\$ 6,500.00

<u>Increase Dale Cemetery Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
320 0600.4795	Fund Balance – Dale Cemetery Fund	<u>\$ 6,500.00</u>
Total Increase to Dale Cemetery Fund Estimated Revenues		\$ 6,500.00

Motion Carried
Absent: Weiss

H. Finance- 2025 Adjust and Close 2024 Solar Lighting Cedar Lane Parking Lot and Dog Park - Project #2024-5261 - Parks

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes adjusting 2024 Capital Project #2024-5261, entitled “2024 Solar Lighting Cedar Lane Parking Lot and Dog Park” for the Town Parks Department, with an original project budget of \$40,000 adjusted to \$50,000 in 2024 be adjusted an additional \$1,743.16 and closed. The additional amount will be funded from a transfer from the General Fund for \$1,743.16.

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5261	2024 Solar Lighting Cedar Ln Parking Lot & Dog Park	<u>\$1,743.16</u>
Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$1,743.16

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0500.503100.5261	Interfund Transfer-G/F	<u>\$1,743.16</u>
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$1,743.16

<u>Increase General Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 9550.905	I/F Transfer-Capital	<u>\$1,743.16</u>
Total Increases to General Fund Appropriations		\$1,743.16

<u>Increase General Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 600.4795	General Fund Balance	<u>\$1,743.16</u>
Total Increase to General Fund Estimated Revenues		\$1,743.16

Motion Carried
Absent: Weiss

I. Finance- 2025 Adjust and Close 2024 Cedar Lane Art Center Roof - Project #2024-5255 - Parks

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes adjusting the 2024 Capital Project #2024-5255, entitled “2024 Cedar Lane Art Center Roof” for the Town Parks Department, with an original project budget of \$60,000 to transfer balance of \$3,500.00 back to General Fund. The capital project was funded from a NYS Dormitory Authority (DASNY) Grant of \$50,000 and \$10,000.00 transfer from General Fund.

Adjust Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 9910.200.5255	2025 I/F Transfer-GF - 2024 Cedar Roof	\$ 3,500.00
370 7110.200.5255	2024 Cedar Ln Art Center Roof	<u>\$56,500.00</u>

Total Adjusted Capital Projects Fund Appropriations \$60,000.00

Motion Carried
Absent: Weiss

J. Finance- Capital Project #2024-5260 – 2025 Adjust and Close 2024 Ryder Park Multi-Sport Court-Parks

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes adjusting and closing the 2024 Capital Project #2024-5260, entitled “2024 Ryder Park Multi-Sport Court” for the Parks Department to create a new multi-sport court and tennis court fence, with an original project budget of \$575,105 funded from ARPA Funds of \$568,203.42 and General Fund Balance of \$6,901.58 to \$575,749.77 with the increase of \$644.77 funded from a transfer from General Fund Balance. The remaining ARPA funds balance recognized in the original budget received under the lost revenue category of \$384,573.65, and balance transfer from General Fund balance adjustments are as follows:

Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5260	2024 Ryder Park Multi-Sport Court	<u>\$644.77</u>

Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations \$644.77

Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0500.503100.5260	I/F Transfer-General Fund	<u>\$644.77</u>

Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues \$644.77

Increase General Fund Estimated Expenditures:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 9550.905	I/F Transfer to Capital Fund	<u>\$385,218.42</u>

Total Increase to General Fund Estimated Expenditures \$385,218.42

Increase General Fund Estimated Revenues:

100 0400.4089	General Fund Federal Aid/ARPA	\$384,573.65
100 0600.4795	General Fund Balance	<u>\$ 644.77</u>

Total Increase to General Fund Estimated Revenues \$385,218.42

Capital Project Budget – 2024 Ryder Park Multi-Sport Court		
Description:	Current Budget	Amended Budget
Revenue Sources:		
• Interfund Transfers – from General Fund	\$6,901.58	\$7,546.35
• Federal ARPA Grant Funds	\$568,203.42	\$568,203.42
Total Revenue/Financing Sources	<u>\$575,105.00</u>	<u>\$575,749.77</u>

Motion Carried: Unanimously

K. Finance- 2025 Adjust and Close Capital Project #2023-5246 – 2023 Ryder Park Playground Equipment-Parks

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes adjusting the 2023 Capital Project #2023-5246, entitled “2023 Ryder Park Playground Equipment” for the Town Parks Department, with an original project budget of \$100,000 to actual expenses of \$99,998.35 and closed. The project was funded from a NYS CREST (Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program) Grant.

Decrease Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5246	2023 Ryder Park Playground Equipment	<u>\$ 1.65</u>

Total Decreases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations \$ 1.65

Decrease Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0300.3089.5246	NYS CREST Grant	<u>\$ 1.65</u>

Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues \$ 1.65

Motion Carried: Unanimously

L. Finance- 2025 Adjust and Close Capital Project #2023-5247 – 2023 Ryder Park Playground Resurfacing-Parks

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes adjusting the 2023 Capital Project #2023-5247, entitled “2023 Ryder Park Playground Resurfacing” for the Town Parks Department, with an original project budget of \$100,000 to \$99,973.71 actual expenses transferring \$25,000 back to General Fund and reducing \$26.29 from NYS Crest Grant revenues and close. The project was funded from a NYS CREST (Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program) Grant in full.

Decrease and Adjust Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 9910.200.5247	2025 GF Transfer-2023 Ryder Park	\$ 25,000.00
370 7110.200.5247	Resurfacing	<u>74,973.71</u>
	2023 Ryder Park Playground Equipment	

Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations \$ 99,973.71

Decrease Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0300.3089.5246	NYS CREST Grant	<u>\$ 26.29</u>

Total Decrease to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues \$ 26.29

Motion Carried: Unanimously

M. Finance- 2025 Adjust and Close Capital Project #2023-5244 – 2023 Gerlach Park Playground-Parks

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes adjusting the 2023 Capital Project #2023-5244, entitled “2023 Gerlach Park Playground” for the Town Highway Department, with an original project budget of \$100,000 to the final budget of \$99,773.74 and closed. The project was funded from a NYS CREST (Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program) Grant.

<u>Decrease Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5244	2023 Gerlach Park Playground	<u>\$226.26</u>
Total Decreases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$226.26
<u>Decrease Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0300.3089.5244	NYS CREST Grant	<u>\$226.26</u>
Total Decrease to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$226.26

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED & FILED

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following correspondence to be received and filed.

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

- Zoning Board of Appeals Transcript – 4 Pheasant Ridge RD 2/2/26

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Field-Tawil that the following monthly reports be accepted.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of January 2026:

- Tax Receiver

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VIII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Visitors shall be accorded one (1) four (4) minute opportunity to address the Board on issues not relating to the agenda, but of relevance to the common good of the Town.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:00 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for Pending Litigation, Personnel, Contract and Advice of Counsel and Councilmember Field-Tawil seconded. Supervisor Feldman was absent from Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:00 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:


