



MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
IN PERSON AT THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
16 CROTON AVE – OSSINING, NEW YORK
AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

March 4, 2025

SPECIAL 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 Special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on March 4, 2025 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 Jennifer Fields-Tawil, Angelo A. Manicchio and Matthew J. Weiss. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, and Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- **Town Clerk Susanne Donnelly**
Departmental report was given by Town Clerk Susanne Donnelly.
- **Town Building Inspector Jon Turnquist**
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III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman said the following:

- **We have been experiencing some difficulty with our email system this week so we may not have received emails that were sent so, if you have sent an email to any of the Town of Ossining Offices and have not received a response, please re-send it. We apologize for any inconvenience.**
- **Councilmember Fields-Tawil announced that there will be a panel discussion on *Qualified Immunity* on Zoom on March 6, 2025 at 7:30 PM**
- **I hope everyone got a chance to see the Black History Month events throughout the community. “Black History & Culture: Eyes Wide Open” art exhibit is running through March 14th. The Gallery is open Monday-Saturday from 10am-4pm.**
- **This month is Irish Heritage Month. Look for events throughout the town, including in our own Public Library and many more.**
- **In honor of Women’s history month, Town Historian Caroline Curvan is running “Local Legends: A Celebration of Women’s History”. This exhibit showcases twenty local women who made significant contributions to our community and our world. This event will be running for the entirety of March, for more information please visit OssiningHistoryontheRun.com.**

- Westchester Community College is running a Civil Service Exam prep course on Mondays and Wednesdays from March 3rd through the 26th. This course includes everything from an introduction to the Civil Service Exam itself to State Government Laws. For more information call 914-606-6830.
- Registration for Muscoot Farm's Summer Camps are currently open. Head over to parks.westchestergov.com for more information on how to register.
- Teatown is starting up the "Sugaring Days" Events! Learn and experience everything from Tapping to Bottling, open on Saturdays and Sundays. If you want your own bottle of syrup from Teatown's own maple trees then join the "Rent-a-Bucket" program. Members will get their own 8-ounce bottle and two tickets to the annual Pancake Brunch on Saturday, March 15th! More information can be found at Teatown.org.
- Ossining Historic Cemeteries Conservancy and the Jug Tavern of Sparta will be running the "Trivia Time" event on Wednesday March 12 at 6:30pm. All proceeds from this event will go to the Ladew Plot Restoration Project. For more information, please visit Ossininghistoriccemeteries.org/ohcc-events
- Sing Sing Kill Brewery is partnering with the Ossining Matters Education Foundation to host the "Sip, Sing & Support" Fundraiser. On March 15th at 7pm enjoy karaoke and more with all proceeds of the event going to the Ossining Matters Education Foundation. For more information, please visit www.ossiningmatters.org.
- On Tuesday, March 18th at 2pm the Ossining Public Library will be presenting "Art Pioneers: Women of Abstract Expressionism". Celebrate women's history month by learning about these groundbreaking women. Register online at ossininglibrary.org.
- Westchester County is running a Free Tax Prep program currently running until April 15th. This program is open at 9 different locations including our very own Ossining High School and the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center. For more information, please call 1-800-899-1479.
- Bethany Arts Community will be opening their art workshops for older adults' programs. Please visit their website at Bethanyarts.org for more information.
- 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.
- The New York State Attorney General has released a list of resources with the goal of protecting the rights of New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status. For more information please visit, ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/immigrants-rights
- 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.

IV. LIAISON REPORTS

V. 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.

VI. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Environmental Advisory Board – Appointment – Sister Roberta Salvador

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

Resolved, that the Town Board appoints Sister Roberta Salvador, Ossining, to the Town Environmental Advisory Committee for a five-year term set to expire on December 31, 2029.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Finance- 2025 Highway Electric Vehicle and Parks Equipment Capital Project #2025-5263

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes adjusting the 2025 Capital Project #2025-5263, entitled “2025 Electric Vehicle and Equipment” for the Town Highways and Parks Department, with an original project budget of \$100,000 to \$105,991.10 for the planning and purchasing of an electric vehicle, equipment, and associated charging capabilities. The capital project will be funded from a New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Grant (NYSERDA) and a transfer from Highway and General Fund Balance.

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 5110.200.5263	2025 Electric Vehicle and Equipment	<u>\$ 69,323.10</u>
370 7110.200.5263	2025 Electric Vehicle and Equipment	<u>36,668.00</u>
Total Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$105,991.10
<u>Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0500.503100.5263	I/F Transfer General Fund	\$ 3,448.00
370 0500.503131.5263	I/F Transfer Highway Fund	2,543.10
370 0400.308900.5263	NYS NYSERDA Grant	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$105,991.10
<u>Increase General and Highway Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 9550.905	General Fund Transfer to Capital	\$ 3,448.00
310 9901.905	Highway Fund Transfer to Capital	<u>2,543.10</u>
Total Fund Appropriations		<u>\$ 5,991.10</u>
<u>Increase General and Highway Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 0600.4795	General Fund Balance	\$ 3,448.00
310 0600.4795	Highway Fund Balance	<u>2,543.10</u>
Total Fund Revenues		\$ 5,991.10

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. 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.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – TOWN HALL

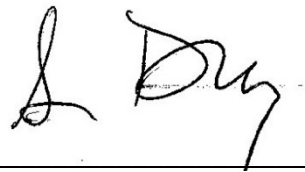
At 7:56 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of Personnel, Contracts and Advice of Counsel and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:52 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Donnelly', written over a horizontal line.

Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk