



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

April 22, 2025

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 April 22, 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, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca and Deputy Town Clerk Jeaneth V. Guinansaca.

II. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

- Green Ossining's 15th Annual Earth Day Festival is this weekend! Join us at the Louis Engle Waterfront Park on Saturday, April 26th from 10am to 6pm for food, activities, learning, live music and much more!
- On Sunday, April 27th Briarcliff will be having their Earth Day Festival from 12-4pm at law Park Pavilion. There will be many activities including music, food trucks, and a community clean up event.
- Come see the preliminary design plans for the redesign of the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center! There will be staff on hand to discuss the new plans on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00am – 11:00am and on Monday, April 28th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.
- This weekend will be the Hudson River Potters Spring Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday from 10am – 4pm shop the handcrafted work of our talented Hudson Valley potters during the live show and sale at Bethany Arts Community.
- Reminder that the Senior Citizen Exemption property tax benefit applications are due by May 1st. For more information please the Assessor's webpage on the Town of Ossining website.
- Reminder that the Town and County Taxes are due by April 30th.
- We are thrilled to announce that two exceptional elementary teams from Ossining have won their state tournament in Destination Imagination, a prestigious project-based STEAM learning competition! This incredible achievement has earned them the opportunity to showcase their creative solutions on the global stage this May. There is a fundraiser going on in order to help get these kids to the grand finals in Kansas City. If you would like to donate or support, please reach out to ossiningdi@gmail.com.

- On Wednesday, April 23rd at 7pm the Ossining Public Library will be welcoming Raditia Lasry for an Author Visit to discuss her book “Be human, be happy, be you!”.
- Woodfest will be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 11am-4pm at Bethany Arts Community. Enjoy music, food, arts, crafts and demos. For more information visit bethanyarts.org.
- Saturday, May 3rd also marks the start of the “Riverkeeper Sweep”. A 100+ shoreline cleanup project throughout NYC and the Hudson Valley. For more information, please visit riverkeeper.org/sweep.
- Ossining Summer Camp registration is open! The camp runs from June 30th through August 8th. For more information regarding prices and registration please visit villageofossining.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.
- 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.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

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 – April 8, 2025

Councilmember Manicchio 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 hereby approves the April 8, 2025 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Manicchio 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 hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated April 22, 2025 in the amount of \$359,939.18.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Town Planning Board/Architectural Review Board – Resignation (Alternate Position) – Kimberlie Jacobs

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Kimberlie Jacobs, Ossining, from her one-year term to the Alternate Position on the Town Planning Board/Architectural Review Board.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Call for Public Hearing – Approval of Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement between the Town of Ossining and Verizon New York, Inc.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:30 PM at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY 10562 and via Zoom videoconferencing (which information will be available at www.townofossining.com), in the matter of renewing the cable television franchise agreement between the Town of Ossining and Verizon New York, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the cable television franchise renewal agreement is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's office, Municipal Hall, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Call for Public Hearing – Local Law to Amend Chapter 180 of the Town Code

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby calls for a public hearing to be held on May 13, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY 10562 and via Zoom videoconferencing (which information will be available at www.townofossining.com), to consider a local law to amend Chapter 180 of the Town Code to permit property owned by a person with a disability who has their primary residence in a special needs trust or a property owner who has a tenant with a disability whose lease provides them with a life interest in the property as long as the tenant remains in residence, to be eligible for a real property tax exemption under NY Real Property Tax Law S. 459-c.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Call for Public Hearing – Crotonville Conference Center

Councilmember Manicchio 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 hereby calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:30 PM at the Birdsall-Fagan Police/Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY 10562 and via Zoom videoconferencing (which information will be available at www.townofossining.com), in the matter of the 2025 Cabaret License for the Crotonville Conference Center, 1 Old Albany Post RD, Ossining, NY 10562.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Proposal – Davey Resource Group

Councilmember Manicchio 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 the Supervisor to sign the proposal dated March 18, 2025 from Davey Resource Group, Kent, Ohio, for tree inventory services.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Resolution – Declaration of Surplus – Highway Truck #66

Councilmember Manicchio 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 hereby declares the following vehicle from the Town Highway Department as surplus and authorizes the sale of, to the best offer made:

- Truck #66, 2008 GMC 5500, Vin #1GDE5C3998F404518, with attached salt spreader (Serial #12743)**

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Resolution – Tax Certiorari Settlement – Wisiki LLC

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

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Town Assessor and the Town Counsel and finding it to be in the best interest of the Town, the Town Board approves the settlement of the tax certiorari proceedings pending as Wisiki LLC v. The Assessor of the Town of Ossining et al. (Westchester County Supreme Court No. 72653/2024) for the property located at 57 Ridgecrest Road, Village of Briarcliff Manor and Town of Ossining (104.08-1-81) as set forth in the proposed consent judgment covering the assessment for 2024 with a total Town refund of \$49.68 and the 2025 assessment roll to be set at \$915,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor, Town Assessor, Town Receiver of Taxes, Town Comptroller, Town Counsel and other relevant staff are authorized to take the necessary and appropriate actions to execute, file, process and make payment of the aforementioned settlement.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

J. Resolution – Tax Certiorari Settlement – Main/Broadway LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Town Assessor and the Town Counsel and finding it to be in the best interest of the Town, the Town Board approves the settlement of the tax certiorari proceedings pending as Main/Broadway LLC v. Town of Ossining et al. (Westchester County

Supreme Court No. 72693/2024) for the property located at 197 South Highland Avenue, Village and Town of Ossining (97.15-3-28 and -29) as set forth in the proposed consent judgment covering the assessment years 2019 through 2024 with a total Town refund of \$270.40 for both parcels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor, Town Assessor, Town Receiver of Taxes, Town Comptroller, Town Counsel and other relevant staff are authorized to take the necessary and appropriate actions to execute, file, process and make payment of the aforementioned settlement.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

K. Support for the New York State Assembly and Senate to Pass a Strong Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (Senate Bill 1464/Assembly Bill 1749)

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

[Senate Bill 1464 & Assembly Bill 1749](#)

WHEREAS, packaging makes up approximately 40% of the waste in New York state, and;

WHEREAS, managing waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and;

WHEREAS, most plastic packaging is not recyclable, and reusable and refillable packaging systems are not widely available, and;

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution, including litter and use of toxic chemicals, and;

WHEREAS, companies that produce packaging should be responsible for the costs of managing packaging waste, not just taxpayers, and;

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, pending in the New York Assembly and the New York Senate, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in packaging, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining urges the New York state legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, Senate Bill 1464/Assembly Bill 1749, and;

RESOLVED, further, that the Town of Ossining shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the local state assemblymember, the local state senator, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Motion: Carried
Abstain: Weiss

VI. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED & FILED

Councilmember Manicchio moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-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:

- Planning Board Minutes – February 19, 2025

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

At 7:51 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of Advice of Counsel and Contract and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

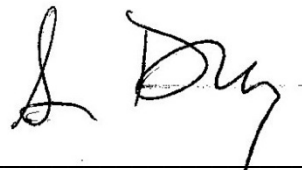
At 9:19 P.M., Councilmember Fields-Tawil motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Manicchio seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:19 P.M., Councilmember Fields-Tawil motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Manicchio 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