



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

July 09, 2024
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 July 9, 2024 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 R. Feldman. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Gregory G. Meyer, 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Code Text Amendment for Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Inter-Municipal Watershed Protection Overlay District**

Public Hearing opened at 7:31 PM.

No comments.

At 7:32 PM Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the Public Hearing be closed.

- **Zoning Petition for BE Zoning District**

Public Hearing opened at 7:32 PM.

The following people commented at the Public Hearing:

- **Brad Schwartz – Law Firm Zarin and Steinert**
- **Bonni VonOlsen – Kimley - Horn**
- **John Cannung – Kimley - Horn**
- **Lynn Peterson – 7 Reservoir Rd.**
- **Violet Benny**
- **Supervisor Elizabeth R. Feldman commented and addressed the Law Firm with some questions.**
- **Councilmember Angelo A. Manicchio also addressed the Law Firm.**

At 7:59 PM Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the Public Hearing be adjourn to the July 23rd, 2024 Legislative Meeting.

III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Spray Park at Louis Engel Waterfront Park is open for the summer. The park is open seven days a week, noon-7:00pm. There are some Wednesday exceptions. On the following Wednesdays – July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and August 7th the Spray Park will be open to the public 3:00-7:00pm.
- RiverJam is has begun! The fireworks and dual concert event was a big success. This Friday we'll have The Boomer Brothers Band on the stage at 7:00pm. The food trucks and the craft beverage corral will be open at 5:00pm. Check our website at OssiningRiverJam.com for more details.
- For the first time, there is a Waterfront Shuttle Bus for Ossining RiverJam! Beginning on July 12th, Ossining Recreation & Parks will have a free shuttle on Fridays for RiverJam. The shuttle will loop around Westerly Road and Water Streets from 5:30pm-9:30pm at these stops:
 - Louis Engel Park
 - 3 Westerly/Gourdine Park
 - The Boathouse
 - Water Street/Central Avenue
 - Quimby/Main
- If you've not yet heard, the Ossining High School Band has been selected to play in the 2024 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Hawaii. There are many fundraising efforts in the works. If you are interested in donating, please see my Supervisor's Update for a QR Code to their donation page.
- The Juneteenth Council is celebrating Bethany Arts Community for all they do for the community. This event will be held at the Ossining Public Library on Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- The Summer Acoustic Music Series begins on Wednesday with Jamie Cairney. The shows are at Market Square and begin at 7:00pm.
- Thursday down at Louis Engel Waterfront Park the Logrea Dance Academy and Mike Risko Band will be performing at an evening of music and dance. The event starts at 6:00pm.
- Saturday at the Bethany Arts Community, The Springing Into Action Workshop for kids 12 and under will be held in two sessions – one at 10:00am and one at 2:00pm.
- Saturday you can see "La Pompe Attack" performing as part of the Music in the Box series at Westchester Collaborative Theater at 7:30pm.
- MRB at the Boathouse will be Saturday July 13th at 8:00pm. See the Mike Risko Band perform at the Ossining Boathouse.
- Sunday, July 14th the Here Here Music & Art Festival will begin at 12:00noon down at Louis Engel Park with free live music, art and dance performances and will have food/drink/dessert vendors.
- Spark, a theatrical experience at Bethany Arts Community, will have three shows this weekend, Friday Saturday and Sunday. More information and tickets are available at BethanyArts.org.
- The Monday Summer Jazz Concert Series begins on Monday, July 15th with a performance by Nilson Matta. All shows are at Henry Gourdine Park.
- As always, our Ossining Public Library will be hosting a bevy of events including movies, craft events, meditation, tutoring and homework help, yoga, book clubs and more. Please see their website at ossininglibrary.org.
- There are many fun and interesting events being held locally, and you can look at my 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. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2024

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 June 25, 2024 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

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 July 9, 2024 in the amount of \$473,988.64

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Dale Cemetery Association – Bank Resolution

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

Whereas, the Town of Ossining was recently notified of two Wells Fargo accounts in the Town's name that have no designated signatory; and
Whereas, Wells Fargo has explained that the accounts in question were initially opened by the Dale Cemetery Association, which no longer exists, as it was absorbed by the Town in 2004;

Now, therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman as the key executive with control of Wells Fargo accounts ending in 1261 and 6295 and to be signatory on both accounts.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. New York State Liquor Authority Special Event Permit Application— Hear Here Music & Arts Festival

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 authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Landlord Authorization Form for the New York State Liquor Authority Special Event Permit Application made by Here Coffee + Beer for the Hear Here Music & Arts Festival on July 14, 2024 at Louis Engel Park; and

Be it further Resolved, that the applicant will provide proof of insurance and the letter of indemnity to the Town in a form acceptable to Counsel to the Town.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Resolution – Authorizing Grant Agreement for Installation of a Solar PV System on Roof and Solar PV Lighting in Parking Lot and Dog Park

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor and any other applicable Town officials, staff and/or contractors to execute a Grant Disbursement Agreement and all associated documents with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York for a \$100,000 grant for installation of a Solar PV System on Roof and Solar PV Lighting in Parking Lot and Dog Park.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Resolution – Authorizing Grant Agreement for Renovations to the Ryder Park Playground

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor and any other applicable Town officials, staff and/or contractors to execute a Grant Disbursement Agreement and all associated documents with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York for a \$75,000 grant for Renovations to the Ryder Park Playground.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Contract – Tyler Technologies

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 the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Tyler Technologies, Moraine, OH 45439 for the Town-wide Assessment Revaluation at a cost not to exceed \$357,650.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Finance- Capital Project #2024-5259 – 2024 Town-wide Assessment Revaluation-Assessor

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 opening a 2024 Capital Project #2024-5259, entitled “2024 Town-wide Assessment Revaluation” for the Assessors Department, with a project budget of \$380,000. The project will be funded from a transfer from Capital project 5187 Town-wide Reassessment balance of \$55,664.11, and a transfer from General Fund balance of \$324,335.89.

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 1355.200.5259	2024 Town-wide Assessment Revaluation	<u>\$380,000.00</u>
Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$380,000.00
<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0500.503137.5259	Inter-Project Transfer	<u>\$ 55,664.11</u>
370 0500.503132.5251	I/F Transfer-General Fund	<u>324,335.89</u>
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$380,000.00
<u>Increase General Fund Estimated Expenditures:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 9550.905	I/F Transfer to Capital Fund	<u>\$324,335.89</u>
Total Increase to General Fund Estimated Expenditures		\$324,335.89
<u>Increase General Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 0600.4795	General Fund Balance	<u>\$324,335.89</u>
Total Increase to General Fund Estimated Revenues		\$324,335.89

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Finance- 2024 Louis Engel Park Restrooms (Construction) Capital Project #2024-5258 – 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 adjusting the 2024 Capital Project #2024-5258, entitled “2024 Louis Engel Park Restrooms (Construction)” for the Town Parks Department, with an original project budget of \$400,000 to an adjusted project budget of \$487,500. The capital project will be funded from a Federal Community Block Development Grant (CDBG).

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5258	2024 Louis Engel Park Restrooms Cnstrctn	<u>\$487,500.00</u>
Total Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$487,500.00
<u>Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0500.503100.5258	I/F Transfer General Fund	<u>\$287,500.00</u>
370 0400.408900.5258	Federal CDBG Grant	<u>200,000.00</u>
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$487,500.00
<u>Increase General Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100 9550.905	I/F Transfer-Capital	<u>\$287,500.00</u>
Total Increases to General Fund Appropriations		\$487,500.00
<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>\$287,500.00</u>
Total Increase to General Fund Estimated Revenues		\$287,500.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS

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 accepts the following monthly reports for the month of June 2024:

- Supervisor’s Office
- 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 – WORK SESSION

At 8:11 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Work Session for and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:18 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of personnel, advice of counsel, and contracts, and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:36 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Manicchio seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:36 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Manicchio seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk