

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 28, 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 July 28, 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 7:32 PM by Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman, Members of the Board present were: Councilmember Angelo Manicchio, Councilmember Jennifer Fields-Tawil and Councilmember Matthew J. Weiss. Deputy Supervisor Gregory G. Meyer was absent. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca and Deputy Town Clerk Jeaneth Guinansaca.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- Senior Nutrition Manager Patricia Berrezueta
A departmental report was given by Senior Nutrition Manager Patricia Berrezueta.

III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Feldman said the following:

Town Updates

- The Ossining RiverJam summer concert series continues this Friday with another great evening of live music on the waterfront. This week's featured performer is KJ Denhart, a local legend performing her signature style of urban folk and jazz. Food trucks will begin serving at 5:00 p.m., and the concert starts at 7:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us for another wonderful community event.
- The Louis Engel Spray Park remains open seven days a week from noon until 7:00 p.m. through Labor Day. Please remember that on Wednesdays the park is reserved for our summer camp until 3:00 p.m., after which it reopens to the public. During periods of extreme heat, the Town may extend operating hours. Any schedule changes will be announced on the Town website and Facebook page.
- Residents visiting the John Paul Rodrigues Ossining Operations Center at 101 Route 9A are reminded that the building is secured daily at 3:30 p.m. Appointments are available between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. for Town applications and submissions by contacting the Building Department in advance at (914) 762-8419.
- We're also pleased to remind residents that the Haverstraw-Ossining Ferry is offering hourly weekend service on Saturdays and Sundays through October 31, making it easier than ever to connect with Metro-North trains and enjoy our scenic waterfront.

Community Events

- On Wednesday, July 29, the Ossining Public Library will host "Voices of the Hudson Valley's Indigenous People." Beginning at 7:00 p.m., local historian Jean Klurfeld will discuss the history and culture of the Lenape people.

- Westchester Collaborative Theater's Music in the Box program continues with The Alexis Cole Trio, on Saturday, August 1st starting at 7:30pm. For more information or to get tickets, please visit wetheater.org.
- This years National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday August 4th from 6pm to 10 pm at the Ossining High School. This community event will allow you to meet folks from the Police Department, Fire Department, and Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps. This free event will have burgers and hot dogs and fun activities (including face painting and games) for the kids!
- The annual Ossining Fire Department Parade is set for Friday, August 7th starting at 7pm. The Parade route will begin at Roosevelt Square (Pleasantville Rd. & Croton Ave.) proceed down Croton Ave., cross over Route 9 through to Main St. and end down at the Waterfront. Get out there early, get a spot, and enjoy the parade!
- On August 15th the Back-to-School Summer Festival will be running from 12-4pm at Nelson Park. This event is a collaboration between the Star of Bethlehem First Baptist church, the Ossining Youth Bureau and the Kindle Community. This event is an amazing showing of the strength of the community coming together. There will be school supplies and sneaker giveaways, free food, arts and crafts, games and even basketball and soccer tournaments.

Community Resources

- Eligible moderate-income households may qualify for monthly utility bill discounts through New York State's Expanded Energy Affordability Program. To learn more, please visit NYEEAP.com/program.
- Jazz at the Lodge continues every Thursday evening. Visit JazzAtTheLodge.com for the performance schedule and additional details.
- Sustainable Westchester reminds residents that its free Grid Rewards program allows participants to earn incentives by reducing electricity use during periods of peak demand. Additional information is available at SustainableWestchester.org.
- Neighbors Link continues to provide valuable services and trusted resources for our immigrant community, including Know Your Rights webinars offered in both English and Spanish. Residents can also find information for trusted local professionals by visiting NeighborsLink.org and selecting the Resources page.
- The Ossining Public Library continues to offer outstanding educational, cultural, and family programming throughout the year. For the latest calendar of events, please visit the library's website or follow its official Facebook page.
- The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center offers a wide range of programs, support groups, educational opportunities, and community resources for LGBTQ+ individuals and families. More information is available at LoftGayCenter.org.

Closing

- As always, there are many more exciting events taking place throughout our community than we have time to mention this evening. I encourage everyone to visit the weekly Supervisor's Update on the Supervisor's webpage to stay informed about upcoming events, programs, and opportunities throughout the Town of Ossining.
- Thank you for your attention, and with that, we'll move on to tonight's agenda.

IV. WORK SESSION

At 7:40 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to adjourn into Work Session and Councilmember Field-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

- Discussion – [Local Law Regulating Drones](#)
Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona briefly explained the Local Law to the board.

At 7:54 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to adjourn Work Session into the regular meeting and Councilmember Field-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

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 – July 14, 2026

Councilmember Manicchio 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 hereby approves the July 14, 2026 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 Field-Tawil that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated July 28, 2026 in the amount of \$291,098.68

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Call for Public Hearing – Local Law Regulating Drones

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby calls for a public hearing to be held on August 11, 2026 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.townofossiningny.gov), to consider a local law regulating drones in the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Call for Public Hearing – Proposed Design Upgrades to the Louis Engel Waterfront Park Performance Stage

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby calls for a public hearing to be held on August 11, 2026 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.townofossiningny.gov), to consider public feedback on the proposed design upgrades to the Louis Engel Waterfront Park Performance Stage.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Resolution – Daniel G. Vincelette, PC

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby retains Daniel G. Vincelette, PC to serve as counsel of record for the Town of Ossining and all other Town respondents in the matters of Sapphire HC Realty LLC (Westchester County Supreme Court Index Nos. 62860/2021, 65609/2022, 67656/2023, 70596/2024, 70862/2025) and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor and any other appropriate Town personnel to execute any documentation and take any action necessary to facilitate this representation

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Proposal – Joseph A. Lecce P.E., P.C.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the proposal from Joseph A. Lecce P.E., P.C. for engineering design and construction administration services for the Mechanical Specifications and Permit Plan work scope for Boiler and Steam Trap Installations at the Highway Department.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Finance—Audit—Town of Ossining 2025

Councilmember Manicchio 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 hereby acknowledges that in accordance with Section 35 of the General Municipal Law, the 2025 Audit of the Town of Ossining Financial Statements and Supplementary Information and 2025 Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Cash Balances for the Town Justice Court have been distributed to and reviewed by the Town Board and said report shall be on file with the Office of the Town Clerk.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Approving the Submission of Grant Application – NY KICKS

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining is committed to seeking funding opportunities that support and enhance community development, infrastructure, and municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the NY KICKS is available through New York Empire State Development to provide financial assistance for projects that support the creation, expansion, and enhancement of community soccer fields for youth and players of all ages across New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining will request funding for the Gerlach Park Field Lighting Project in a request amount not to exceed \$200,000, and provide a match of 50% up to \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining has determined that applying for this grant is in the best interest of the Town and its residents as it aligns with the Town of Ossining’s strategic goals and objectives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes and approves the submission of the NY KICKS Grant application to the New York State Empire State Development for the purpose of securing funding for Gerlach Park Field Lighting for Town of Ossining; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town of Ossining will request up to \$200,000 and provide a match of 50%; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman and/or her designee is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents related to the submission of the grant application and to take all necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately on this 28th of July, 2026.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Finance- 2026 Capital Project #2026-5270 – 2026 Street Paving and Curbs - Highway

Councilmember Manicchio 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 opening a 2026 Capital Project #2026-5270, entitled “2026 Street Paving and Curbs” for the Town Highway Department, with a project budget of \$175,000.00 for Gualtiere Lane. The project will be funded from NYS Department of Transportation grant

funding of \$125,000.00 and a transfer from the Highway fund balance of \$50,000.00.

Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 5110.200.5270	2026 Street Paving and Curbs	<u>\$175,000.00</u>

Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations \$175,000.00

Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0300.3501.5270	2026 NYS CHIPS/EWR/PAVE	\$125,000.00
370 0500.503131.5270	NY	<u>50,000.00</u>

Interfund Transfer-Highway
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues \$175,000.00

Increase Highway Fund Appropriations:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
310 9901.905	Interfund Transfer-Capital	<u>\$50,000.00</u>

Total Increases to Highway Fund Appropriations \$50,000.00

Increase Highway Fund Revenues:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
310 0600.4795	Highway-Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$50,000.00</u>

Total Adjustment to Highway Fund Revenues \$50,000.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

- Town Clerk

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 8:02 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Field-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

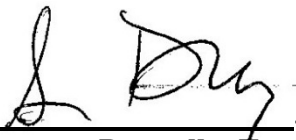
At 8:02 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to adjourn into to Executive Session for Advice of Counsel, personnel and pending litigation and Councilmember Field-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:26 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk