



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

August 6, 2024
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 August 6, 2024 at the Municipal Building, 1st Floor, Conference Room, 16 Croton Ave. – 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, and Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **2025 -2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects**

Public Hearing opened at 7:32 PM.

No comments.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:32 PM.

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss to close the Public Hearing.

III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Westchester County, via the US Department of Agriculture, has released a warning about a Lysteria Outbreak as a result of both Boar's Head and Old Country brand deli meats produced in the state of Virginia. Residents should discard or seek a refund for any Boar's Head or Old Country deli meat they have and discard any other products at risk of cross contamination by these deli meats. There is a fact sheet on the Westchester County website and a link to the fact sheet on my Supervisor's Update online.**
- **Ossining Police Department is reminding residents to lock their cars after there were several break-ins and thefts recently. Don't leave keys in your car and remove any valuables.**
- **Please continue to be vigilant against the Spotted Lanternfly as it is an invasive species and threatens local plant life. If you see one – squash it!**
- **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 this Friday we'll have Heard Immunity on the stage at 7:00pm, weather permitting. The food trucks and the craft beverage corral will be open at 5:00pm. Check our website at OssiningRiverJam.com for more details. I am aware of possible rain and a decision will be made later in the week.
- For the first time, there is a Waterfront Shuttle Bus for Ossining RiverJam! Ossining Recreation & Parks is running 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
- The OHS Alumni Music Festival is Saturday August 10th from noon until 6:00pm at Louis Engel Waterfront Park. There are ten acts lined up for your entertainment. This event benefits the OHS Marching Band as they raise funds for their trip to Hawaii.
- The Bee Line Busses are free until September 2nd courtesy of Westchester County.
- The Town of Ossining is plugging into Westchester Power. Along with Sustainable Westchester, we will host an information session on August 28th at 7:00pm in the Ossining Public Library. This is open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.
- There will be a Bond Vote on Tuesday September 24th regarding The Ossining Building Blueprint, an Ossining school district initiative.
- The Summer Acoustic Music Series this Wednesday features The Jacobs with their brand of pop rock. The shows are at Market Square and begin at 7:00pm.
- The Monday Summer Jazz Concert Series continues on Monday, July 29th with a performance by Judi Silvano Quintet. All shows are at Henry Gourdine Park.
- We're excited that 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.
- Sing Sing Kill Brewery will have two singer/songwriters performing on Thursday, August 8th at 7:00pm. Catch Eli Musser and Cat Yost performing live.
- As always, our Ossining Public Library will be hosting a bevy of events including movies, craft events, meditation, tutoring, 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. CDBG Application, 2025-2027 Cycle, Louis Engel Park Playground Equipment and Surfacing

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 endorses the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) application entitled Louis Engel Park Playground Equipment and Surfacing, at a total project cost of \$603,000, with \$301,500 requested from the CDBG program and \$301,500 provided as a local match by the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. CDBG Application, 2025-2027 Cycle, Louis Engel Park Decks and Fishing Piers

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 endorses the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) application entitled Louis Engel Park Decks and Fishing Piers, at a total project cost of \$267,000, with \$133,500 requested from the CDBG program and \$133,500 provided as a local match by the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. CDBG Application, 2025-2027 Cycle, Bathrooms at Northern End of Louis Engel Park

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 endorses the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) application entitled Bathrooms at Northern End of Louis Engel Park, at a total project cost of \$294,000, with \$147,000 requested from the CDBG program and \$147,000 provided as a local match by the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. CDBG Application, 2025-2027 Cycle, Louis Engel Park Sidewalk Repairs, Shade Trees, and Seating

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 endorses the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) application entitled Louis Engel Park Sidewalk Repairs, Shade Trees, and Seating, at a total project cost of \$250,000, with \$133,500 requested from the CDBG program and \$133,500 provided as a local match by the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Agreement – Recycle Coach

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 Westchester County for Recycle Coach, a new recycling education and outreach web and mobile app program that makes recycling and refuse information more accessible to County residents.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. New York State Liquor Authority Special Event Permit – Up the River Blues Fest

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 a Landlord Authorization Form for the New York State Liquor Authority Special Event Permit Application for each of the following vendors:

- 6° Or Less Brewery
- Here Now Coffee
- The Green Growler
- Wanna Sip

for the craft beverage corral at the Up the River Blues Fest event on September 14, 2024 at Louis Engel Park; and

Be it further resolved, that each 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

G. Resolution – Contract to Hold Foreclosure Auction

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

WHEREAS, by Judgment dated and filed with the County Clerk on February 7, 2023, the Supreme Court (Hon. Joan B. Lefkowitz, J.S.C.) authorized the Town Receiver of Taxes to convey all right title and interest in the property known as 38-40 Lincoln Place (97.7-6-54) (the “Property”) to the Town as a result of outstanding real property tax liens; and
WHEREAS, the Town has afforded the owner, the tenant and their respective representatives ample time and opportunity to resolve the outstanding tax liens, but without success; and
WHEREAS, the Town desires to sell the Property at auction in order to reimburse the Town and its taxpayers for those taxes that have been paid to the School District and County, and those taxes that have not been paid to the Town; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 24, 2021, the Town entered into a Real Property Auction Agreement – Base Agreement with Maltz Auctions, Inc. d/b/a Maltz Auctions (“Maltz”) for Maltz to advertise, coordinate and hold an online auction for the sale of specific parcels for which the Town acquires foreclosure judgments; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to utilize Maltz’s services in auctioning the Property; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Receiver of Taxes to enter into a Property Insertion Agreement with Maltz Auctions, Inc. d/b/a Maltz Auctions and execute the Online Bidding Authorization Form for the public auction of the property known as 38-40 Lincoln Place (97.7-6-54) at a starting bid price of not less than \$210,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all Town staff, officers and consultants are hereby authorized to execute any and all further documentation reasonably necessary to effectuate the objectives of this resolution.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Personnel – Resignation – Town Supervisor’s Office - Confidential Secretary

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 accepts the resignation of Paige Flanagan from the position of Confidential Secretary in the Town Supervisor’s Office effective end of business day on August 7, 2024.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Resolution – Adoption of Government Operations Climate Action Plan

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining pledged to take part in the NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Certification Program with pledges including reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, a Government Operations Climate Action Plan sets concrete emission-reduction goals for the Town of Ossining and identifies priority actions to achieve those goals; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Task Force, comprised of municipal officials and environmental volunteer community leaders, collaborated with the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) in the development of this document, reviewed drafts, and provided valuable feedback on iterations that resulted in the final draft; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining hereby adopts the Government Operations Climate Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Board authorizes submission of these documents to the NYS DEC Office for Climate Change for consideration of points toward Climate Smart Communities certification for the Town of Ossining.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

J. Resolution – Declaration of Surplus

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

WHEREAS, for many years the Highway Department has had a wood chipper – 2002 Morback Model 2400 XL Hurricane Wood Chipper Serial Number 50260 (“2002 Wood Chipper”); and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Wood Chipper has depreciated considerably in utility and has exceeded its useful life; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has purchased a new wood chipper, which it can acquire for a lesser price by trading in the 2002 Wood Chipper; and

WHEREAS, with the new wood chipper, the Highway Department no longer has a need for the 2002 Wood Chipper; and

WHEREAS, there are no other Town departments or staff that can utilize the 2002 Wood Chipper as part of Town operations; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby declares the 2002 Morback Model 2400 XL Hurricane Wood Chipper Serial Number 50260 surplus Town property for which the Town has no use.

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 7:44 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for Advice of Counsel, Litigation and Contracts, and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:39 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:39 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk