

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

October 28, 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 October 28, 2025 at Birdsell-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 Angelo Manicchio, and Councilmember Jennifer Fields-Tawil. Matthew J. Weiss was absent. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tamm-Addona, Budget Officer Martha C. Quitusaca and Town Clerk Susanne Donnelly.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- Approval of Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement between the Town of Ossining and Cablevision of Ossining, L.P.

Public Hearing opened at 7:32 PM.

At 7:32 PM Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Manicchio that the Public Hearing be adjourned to November 25, 2025.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 2026 Tentative Budget Presentation

Budget Officer Martha Quitusaca gave a presentation on the 2026 Tentative Budget Presentation.

IV. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Feldman said the following:

- Early voting in Ossining will continue until Sunday, November 2nd from 10am -6pm at the Joseph G. Caputo community center. Visit any of our websites or facebook pages for a full list of dates and times for early voting.
- Westchester Collaborative Theater is presenting their new show “Terror Tales”. This collection of chilling short stories will be performed this weekend at various times. Please visit wctheater.org for more information.
- Women’s Small Business Networking Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, October 29th at 8:30AM. Hosted by the Ossining Chamber of

Commerce and featuring Assemblymember Dana Levenberg. Please go to GreaterOssiningChamber.org for more information and to RSVP.

- The Trunk or Treat event returns this year thanks to the Ossining Parks & Recreation Department. The event will be on October 31st from 6PM – 8PM at the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center Lower parking lot. Enjoy games, candy and the live DJ! Remember this event is geared toward younger kids in the community so everything will be family friendly.
- Bethany Arts Community “Little Explorers Studio” will be returning on November 1st! Children can enjoy hands on crafts, performing arts and collaborative play. For more information, please visit www.bethanyarts.org.
- Starting November 1st SNAP benefit eligibility may be changed by the federal government. For more information, please call 914-995-3333 or visit socialservices.westchestergov.com/snap.
- Westchester County Veterans Day Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 7th at noon. It will take place at the Lasdon Public Gardens and Veterans Memorial in Katonah.
- Project Mover will be running a free bike skills class on Saturday, November 8th in the Joseph Caputo Community Center from 10am-1:30pm. This class will include a presentation and optional on-bike portion. If you don’t have a bike then you can request one when you register at bikeleague.org.
- The Town and Village of Ossining Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 11th in Nelson Park at 11am.
- The 2nd Annual Art for the River Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, November 14th from 7pm-9pm at Ossining Riverworks. This art auction will directly support Riverkeeper and the Ossining Arts Council. For tickets or more information please visit Ossiningriverworks.com.
- Gullotta House is partnering with St Ann’s to provide a Thanksgiving meal to members of our community. This year’s festivities will be held on Sunday, November 23rd from 1pm-4pm. In addition to providing 1000 sit down meals, they will also be delivering 700 meals to disabled and seniors throughout Westchester.
- 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.
- 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.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

VI. 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.

VII. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2025

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the October 14, 2025 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 Manicchio that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated October 28, 2025 in the amount of \$110,370.74.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of the 2026 Preliminary Budget

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Manicchio 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, November 25, 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.townofossiningny.gov), in the matter of the 2026 Preliminary Budget.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Personnel – Resignation – Town Clerk’s Office

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining accepts, with regret, the resignation of Darwin Agurto from the position of part-time Intermediate Clerk in the Town Clerk’s Office, effective October 15, 2025.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Appointment – Town Clerk's Office – Intermediate Clerk (PT)

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining appoints Kelly Cifuentes, Ossining, to the part-time position of Intermediate Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office, 17.5 hours per week, \$18 per hour, effective October 28, 2025.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Personnel—Appointment—Seasonal Laborer

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining appoints Jonathan Ayora, Ossining, to the seasonal position of Laborer in the Town Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$17, effective retroactively to October 6, 2025.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Personnel—Appointment—Seasonal Laborer

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining appoints Darien Blalock, Ossining, to the seasonal position of Laborer in the Town Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$17, effective October 28, 2025.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Personnel – Appointment – Assessor’s Office

Councilmember Meyer 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 appoints Jessica Salinas, Ossining, to the position of Administrative Intern in the Assessor’s Office effective November 3, 2025 at an annual salary of \$58,944.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Proposal – Russel Watsky, INC.

Councilmember Meyer 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 the Supervisor to sign a proposal with Russel Watsky, INC., Ossining, NY, for roof consulting services related to preparation of an RFP for design and installation of solar panels on the Cedar Lane Arts Center at a cost of \$4,400.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

J. Proposal for Assistance in Preparation of the MS4 Annual Stormwater Report for Program Year 2025-2026

Councilmember Meyer 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 accepts the proposal from AI Engineers, Dolph Rotfeld Engineering Division, Elmsford, NY for Assistance in Preparation of the MS4 Annual Stormwater Report for Program Year 2025-2026, at a fee of \$11,500.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

K. Resolution – Accepting Donation of Kiln

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining owns Cedar Lane Arts Center, which provides recreational services to the community, including pottery classes and studios; and

WHEREAS, pottery requires the use of kilns; and

WHEREAS, the Ossining Arts Council has graciously offered to donate a kiln to the Town for use at the Cedar Lane Arts Center, specifically a Bailey model e28M-3 automatic kiln with multi-program two-zoned genesis touchscreen control measuring 28 inches in diameter and 22.5 inches high (totaling 8.5 cubic feet); and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby, and with much appreciation to the Ossining Arts Council for its support of the recreation facilities at Cedar Lane Arts Center, accepts the donation of the kiln to be used at Cedar Lane Arts Center.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

L. Resolution – Declaring Kiln Surplus

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining owns Cedar Lane Arts Center, which provides recreational services to the community, including pottery classes and studios; and

WHEREAS, pottery requires the use of kilns; and

WHEREAS, one of the kilns used at Cedar Lane Arts Center is a model from the 1970's – American Beauty model AB16, serial number 8590 with interior dimensions of 16 inches by 16 inches ("1970's Kiln"); and

WHEREAS, the 1970's Kiln has depreciated considerably in utility and has exceeded its useful life; and

WHEREAS, Cedar Lane Arts Center has limited space for the kilns used in the center; and

WHEREAS, the Ossining Arts Council has generously offered to donate a kiln that is new, larger and can hold more pots, which donation the Town Board has accepted; and

WHEREAS, with this new kiln the Cedar Lane Arts Center no longer has a need for the 1970's Kiln; and

WHEREAS, there are no other Town departments or staff that can utilize the 1970's Kiln as part of Town operations; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby declares the 1970's Kiln as surplus for which the Town has no use.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. 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.

II. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

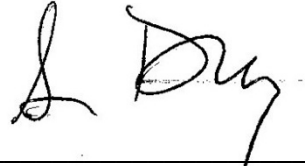
At 7:45 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for Advice of Counsel, Personnel and Contracts and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:42 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session 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