



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

November 12, 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 November 12, 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

- 2025 Preliminary Town Budget

Public Hearing opened at 7:32 PM

No Comments.

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

III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We would like to thank everyone who attended the Town of Ossining organized War Veterans, Veterans Day ceremony at Nelson Park yesterday. They will be hosting a remembrance ceremony here at 16 Croton Avenue for Pearl Harbor Day on Saturday December 7th at 12 noon.
- Bethany Artists Community is opening up their early registration for the 2025 Kids Create Camp. For more information about this fun and creative summer camp please check out their website at bethanyarts.org
- The Town has completely switched over to the Recycle Coach app. This free app can be downloaded to a phone or viewed on the town website. For more information, please refer to my Supervisors Update.
- The Town is moving forward with the Downtown Revitalization Initiative to replace the existing stage at Louis Engel Waterfront Park. We are looking for your input on this process. We will be posting flyers with QR Code links to a survey that will help us determine in what way this new stage shall be formed. This survey can also be found on my supervisor's update and on the Town of Ossining Website. Please complete the survey by November 28th.
- On Friday, November 15th the Ossining Boat and Canoe Club will be hosting the Town Historian, Caroline Curvan as she gives a free lecture about the

historical Ossining illustrator Alfred Agate and his journey following his footsteps! The event will run from 7:30-8:30pm and is open to the public.

- Bethany Artists Community will be hosting the Hudson River Potters 4th annual fall harvest pottery show and sale this weekend Saturday November 16th and Sunday November 17th starting at 10 AM. Admission is free and encouraged! Please visit bethanyarts.org for more information.
- 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.
- I would like to shout out the Loft LGBTQ+ Community Center. They have 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, everything from LGBTQ+ knitting circle to grief and loss counseling. 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.

IV. LIAISON REPORTS

Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman mentioned that over the weekend we congratulated Bob Whiting for his 50 Years of Service with the Ossining Fire Department.

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 – October 22, 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 October 22, 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 November 12, 2024 in the amount of \$829,677.84.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Contract – 38-40 Lincoln Place

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 to enter into a contract with Mark Rukaj for the purchase of 38-40 Lincoln Place for \$481,000 in the place of his brother, Anton Rukaj, who was the high

bidder at auction and passed away suddenly and tragically on October 20, 2024, subject to approval by Counsel to the Town as to form.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Agreement – New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA) for a \$100,000 grant under the Clean Energy Communities Program to purchase an electric vehicle and EV charging station for the Highway Department and electric landscaping equipment for the Parks Department, with the Town to cover any costs in excess of the \$100,000 grant award, subject approval by counsel to the Town as to form.

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 October 2024:

- Supervisor’s Office
- Tax’s Office

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 7:45 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of Advice of Counsel, and Litigation and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

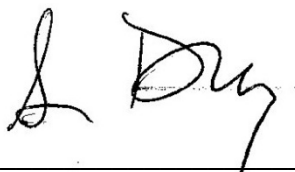
At 7:45 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:41 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk