

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

November 19, 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 November 19, 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. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- Senior Nutrition Manager Lynn Muller.

A Departmental Report was given by Senior Nutrition Manager Lynn Muller. Some of her comments:

- Update on the Senior Nutrition Center
- Took trips to Walmart
- Participated in the Historic Scavenger Hunt Trip
- There has been an increase in the number of participates in exercise classes
- 11/26 at 12 PM is the Senior Thanksgiving Lunch

III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Village of Ossining train station parking permit renewal has begun for next year. Current permit holders have until December 16th, 2024 to renew their parking permits. Permits will open to those on the waitlist as of December 17th. Please check the Village of Ossining website or Facebook page for more information.
- Hudson Compost is a new company that will pick up compost at your door! New customers can join for free through 2024! For more information, please visit their website at Hudsoncompost.com
- 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 and the scannable QR code, 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.

- The Northeast Etsy Artists Collective has decided to host their Winter Market at the Ossining Public library. Shop handcrafted goods from local artists and crafters on Saturday November 23rd, from 10AM – 4PM.
- The Gullotta House is running the Free Thanksgiving Meals Event again this year. The event will be on Sunday, November 24th at 1PM in St. Ann's School Gym, however if you would like to donate, please visit their website at www.gullottahouse.org.
- The Briarcliff Manor sustainability advisory committee is going to be running the Holiday Swap event the weekend of December 7th. Please visit the Briarcliff website for more information.
- Hudson Halley Books for Humanity is running many great events these upcoming weeks. For more information, please visit their website at hvbooksforhumanity.com
- The Ossining Parks and Rec. Dept. will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 7th. They will have two seating's that day, one starting at 9AM and the next starting at 10:30AM, you must register in advance on-line or in person at the recreation office. For more information, please visit the Ossining Recreation website.
- 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
- 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 topic, for example on Thursday November 28th at 10AM there is a virtual event called "A Thanksgiving Conversation" which allows people to relax and connect after a potentially stressful holiday. 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. 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.

V. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Flexible Spending Accounts for Town Employees

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 the Employer Implementation Agreement with Lifetime Benefit Solutions, 333 Butternut Drive, Syracuse, NY 13214 for the purposes of administering flexible spending accounts for health care and dependent care for Town of Ossining employees for plan year January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Finance- 2024 Solar Lighting Cedar Lane Parking Lot and Dog Park - Project #2024-5261 - 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 establishing 2024 Capital Project #2024-5261, entitled “2024 Solar Lighting Cedar Lane Parking Lot and Dog Park” for the Town Parks Department, with a project budget of \$40,000. The capital project will be funded from a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability and Technology Program (CREST) Grant.

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5261	2024 Solar Lighting Cedar Ln Parking Lot & Dog Park	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$40,000.00
<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0300.308900.5261	State Aid-CREST Grant	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$40,000.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Finance- 2024 Solar Cedar Lane Art Center Roof - Project #2024-5262 - 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 establishing 2024 Capital Project #2024-5261, entitled “2024 Solar Cedar Lane Art Center Roof” for the Town Parks Department, with a project budget of \$60,000. The capital project will be funded from a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability and Technology Program (CREST) Grant.

<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 7110.200.5262	2024 Solar Cedar Ln Art Center Roof	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
Total Increases to Capital Projects Fund Appropriations		\$60,000.00
<u>Increase Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues:</u>		
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
370 0300.308900.5262	State Aid-CREST Grant	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
Total Increase to Capital Projects Fund Estimated Revenues		\$60,000.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Agreement – Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

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 an agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York for a grant of \$100,000 for the renovation of the playground in Gerlach Park.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VI. 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.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Work Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:50 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Work Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

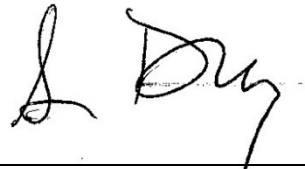
At 8:50 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for Advice of Counsel, Litigation, and Personnel, and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:50 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk