



MINUTES
TOWN OF OSSINING
IN PERSON AT THE
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY
86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK
AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

June 10, 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 June 10, 2025 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 Feldman, Members of the Board present were: Deputy Supervisor Gregory G. Meyer, Councilmembers 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

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

Public Hearing opened at 7:31 PM.

Town Counsel Tomm-Addona commented on the agreement.

At 7:31 PM Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Manicchio that the Public Hearing be adjourned to July 8, 2025.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

- **Superintendent of Recreation Bill Garrison**
A departmental report was given by superintendent of Recreation Bill Garrison.

IV. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

- **The Town has completed the paving and curb work on Quail Hollow and Pheasant Ridge. We extend our thanks to Paul Fraoli, Pete Connally, our DPW department, and everyone else who helped this project come to fruition.**
- **Singer-songwriter KJ Denhert was recently honored for Black Women's History Month and recognized for her outstanding work in the community.**
- **Michael G. O'Connor was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. He has been a long-time community volunteer and has had a significant impact on the lives of the community.**

- Friday, June 13th Westchester Collaborative Theater will be hosting a stand-up comedy night featuring three NYC based stand-up comedians. For more information or to get tickets, visit wctheater.org.
- Bethany Arts Community will be hosting “The Big Playdate” event on Saturday, June 14th from 11am-1pm. This event is specifically tailored to children 0-3 years old and their caregivers. Enjoy activities and the grounds of Bethany Arts Community.
- The Hudson River Music Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th at Croton Point Park. There will be a ton of musical guests and family friendly activities, including yoga, floating fish parades, activism workshops and much more! For more information or to get tickets, visit HudsonRiverMusicFestival.com
- This years Portugal Day will be held at St. Ann’s Church from 12pm – 11pm on Saturday, June 14th. Enjoy live music, traditional food, folklore groups and more!
- Next Thursday, June 19th is the “2025 Juneteenth Family Reunion”. Starting at 12pm at Bethany Arts Community. In addition to live music, dancing and children’s activities, the first 100 guests will enjoy a free food experience.
- Hungry on Hudson Restaurant Week will be running from June 20th – 29th. Many local businesses will be participating in this culinary journey throughout Ossining including restaurants and other organizations. For more information visit Hungryonhudson.com.
- Westchester Power will be holding an information session on June 25th at 6pm in the Ossining Public Library. Visit sustainablewestchester.org for more information.
- Westchester County and Sustainable Westchester are teaming up to bring you the “Clean Energy Job Fair”. Meet clean energy employers, explore job opportunities, and connect with educational institutions on Wednesday, June 18th at the Westchester County center from 2-6. For more information, please visit Sustainablewestchester.org.
- Ossining Union Free School District Summer Food Program will be starting up soon! Free breakfast and lunch for anyone under 18 years old from July 1st through August 15th. Please visit the Ossining UFSD website for more information.
- Ossining Summer Camp registration is open! The camp runs from June 30th through August 8th. For more information regarding prices and registration please visit villageofossining.org.
- 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.
- The New York State Attorney General has released a list of resources with the goal of protecting the rights of New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status. For more information please visit, ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/immigrants-rights
- 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 – May 27, 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 May 27, 2025 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2025 – Special

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 June 3, 2025 minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. 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 June 10, 2025 in the amount of \$703,700.67

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Personnel – Appointment – Park’s Department

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 Rafael Batista Ribeiro, Ossining, to the probationary full-time position of Park Groundskeeper (Step 1), effective June 11, 2025, at a pro-rate annual salary of \$70,175.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Resolution for Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Nomination and Corridor Management Plan Adoption

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

WHEREAS, the historic qualities of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, as described in the corridor management plan, and the surrounding areas have been appreciated and celebrated for over a century by the residents of New York State, as well as tourists, historians, artists, authors, and other visitors to the region; and it is this unique combination of the journeys of Harriet Tubman and those Freedom Seekers who traveled on the Underground Railroad that create the special

sense of place that is vital in telling the New York story of the human desire for freedom and the historic sites they utilized during their journey to emancipation; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, composed of representatives of 22 municipalities along the proposed scenic byway route, committed to working cooperatively to protect and promote the historic, scenic, recreational, and economic well-being of the 544-mile Corridor throughout the state and agreed to pursue the nomination of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee, each of the 22 counties contributed to the development of this corridor management plan by encouraging public participation, confirming the vision and goals, and leading individual meetings of the Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, consisting of relatives of Harriet Tubman, descendants of Freedom Seekers, Harriet Tubman and/or Underground Railroad historians, representatives from state and federal agencies, has strengthened the historic integrity, representation, and the principles of the corridor management plan; and

WHEREAS, in the process of developing this corridor management plan, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee has strengthened the bonds of inter-municipal cooperation, and the involved entities envision further benefit through scenic byway designation including sustained collaborative progress, increased funding opportunities for recommendations identified in the plan, enhanced partnerships with agencies responsible for the stewardship of resources along and adjacent to the byway route, and an improved visitor experience that interprets and promotes the corridor's intrinsic qualities and resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining supports the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway which includes programs for stewardship and enhancement of the historic scenic byway and guidance to manage future activities along its corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining confirms that they will not approve any requests for new off-premise outdoor advertising signs along the designated Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway route; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining will work in partnership with the other municipalities along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway and local and regional stakeholders in order to support future Byway programs, economic development, marketing, and collaborate with these interested entities to explore opportunities for cooperation to realize the Scenic Byway goals.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

F. Resolution – Local Law # 3 of 2025 – Amendments to Chapter 188 of the Town Code to Reduce the Speed Limit on a Portion of Stormytown Road

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

WHEREAS, the Ossining Union Free School District has requested that the Town Board enact a local law reducing the speed limit on Stormytown Road in the vicinity of the Anne M. Dormer Middle School from 30 miles per hour to 15 miles per hour in connection with certain improvements the School District will be implementing to the school to enhance safety and ensure sight distances are met; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a duly noticed public hearing at its legislative session on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, and members of the public having the opportunity to attend and be heard, the public hearing was closed on May 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, said local law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board for at least seven days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to the adoption of this resolution, and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act determining this action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact as reducing the speed limit will increase safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds that in the furtherance of the safety, health and well-being of the persons and property in the Town, it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said local law, and the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law # 3 of 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is directed to enter said local law in the minutes of this meeting into the local law book for the Town of Ossining; to publish said minutes in a newspaper published in the town, if any, or in such newspaper published in the county in which such town may be located having a circulation in such town, and affidavits of said publication shall be filed with the Town Clerk; and to file a copy of said local law with the Secretary of State of New York.

Motion: Carried
Ayes: Meyer, Manicchio, Weiss, Fields-Tawil and Feldman
Nay: None

G. Resolution – Tax Certiorari Settlement – Urstadt Biddle Properties Inc.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Town Assessor and the Town Counsel and finding it to be in the best interest of the Town, the Town Board approves the settlement of the tax certiorari proceedings pending as Urstadt Biddle Properties Inc. v. the Assessor of the Town of Ossining et al. (Westchester County Supreme Court Index No. 63594/2021) for the property located at 22 Rockledge Avenue (Section 97.15-3-14) as set forth in the proposed consent judgment covering the assessment years 2021 and 2024 (with the cases challenging the 2022 and 2023 assessment being discontinued with prejudice) with a total Town refund of \$112.55, and the 2025 School District tax bills to be adjusted per the agreed-upon 2024 assessed value and the 2025 assessment to be set per the consent judgment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor, Town Assessor, Town Receiver of Taxes, Town Comptroller, Town Counsel and other relevant staff are authorized to take the necessary and appropriate actions to execute, file, process and make payment of the aforementioned settlement.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

H. Town Zoning Board – Resignation – David O’Neil

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

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of David O’Neil, Ossining, from his five-year term on the Town Zoning Board.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

I. Town Planning Board/Architectural Review Board – Appointment – David O’Neil

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

Resolved, that the Town Board appoints David O’Neil, Ossining, to the Town Planning Board/Architectural Review Board for a five-year term set to expire on December 31, 2029.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following correspondence be received and filled.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following correspondence:

- Planning Board Minutes 04/16/25

Motion Carried: Unanimously

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Fields-Tawil that the following monthly reports be received.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of May 2025:

- Dale Cemetery
- Supervisor’s Office
- Tax Receiver

Motion Carried: Unanimously

X. 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.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of Personnel, Contracts and Advice of Counsel and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

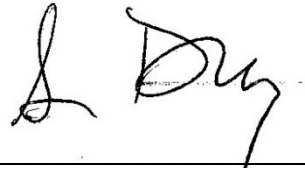
At 9:19 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Manicchio seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 9:19 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting 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