

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

August 26, 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 August 26, 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. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

• **Tax Receiver Holly Perlowitz**

Tax Receiver Holly Perlowitz said the following on her departmental report:

- The Month of August is spent prepping for School Tax bills – which landed in everyone’s mailbox on Monday – I am always relieved when I know that they made it from our printer to the mailboxes – but of course that glee is short lived when I remember that I have to pay taxes too 😊
- The School Tax Warrants totaled \$123.6 million from both the Ossining and Briarcliff School districts. Both schools had increases in their levies from the previous year – so most people’s taxes went up (assuming their exemption types remained the same and their values rose consistently with the rest of the Town). Ossining School taxes went up by \$1.7 million or 1.78% and Briarcliff’s went up by \$535K or 1.66%. Because values are increasing – rates went down – so we do a lot of educating – that whenever budgets go up – someone pays – regardless of the rate. Most people understand that simple explanation and are pleased with our schools!!!
- We have collected 99.0% of the 2025 Town and County tax warrant
- We are seeking judgements on two parcels - 56 Stormytown Rd, and 11 Brandreth – and as always – I know that the Board hopes that they pay or sell and the taxes are then paid – as we never want to be in the position of foreclosing.

IN CONCLUSION

- The tax office is operating smoothly – but each day is different as we assist our taxpayers with various matters. Patti and Erin in my office have the skill and the right attitude and I appreciate their efforts and by the feedback I often get – so do our taxpayers!
- I am happy to answer any questions or address any comments you have!
- Off to collect \$125 million in School taxes!!!!!! 😊

TOWN TAX OFFICE COLLECTIONS				
OUTSTANDING TAXES AS OF 8/26/2025				
	TOTAL WARRANT	OUTSTANDING TAX RECEIVABLES	COLLECTIONS	% OF WARRANT COLLECTED
2025 TOWN AND COUNTY	\$ 35,753,760.52	\$ 348,781.90	\$ 35,404,978.62	99.0%
2025/2026 SCHOOL/LIBRARY TAX WARRANT				
1st INSTALLMENT	\$ 62,322,494.71	\$ 61,329,838.01	\$ 992,656.70	1.6%
2nd INSTALLMENT	62,322,427.21	62,234,968.02	87,459.19	0.1%
TOTAL SCHOOL/LIBRARY TAX	\$ 124,644,921.92	\$ 123,564,806.03	\$ 1,080,115.89	0.9%
TOTAL 2025 WARRANTS *	\$ 160,398,682.44	\$ 123,913,587.93	\$ 36,485,094.51	22.7%
DELINQUENT TAX LIENS				
2017		2,738.30	1 PROPERTY	TITLE ISSUE BEING ADDRESSED BY THE TOWN/VILLAGE
2019		369.35	2 PROPERTIES	1 ON A PAYMENT PLAN - WILL FINISH THIS MONTH AND ONE PARCEL THAT OWNER WANTS TO FORFEIT
2020		52,426.09	4 PROPERTIES	1 BEING FORFEITED, 1 ON A PAYMENT PLAN AND WE HAVE PETITIONED WITH THE COURT TO GET A JUDGEMENT TO FORECLOSURE - 56 STORMYTOWN RD AND 11 BRANDRETH ST.
2021		139,562.04	12 PROPERTIES	1 BEING FORFEITED, 1 ON A PAYMENT PLAN
2022		200,149.55	22 PROPERTIES	1 BEING FORFEITED
2023		319,052.85	31 PROPERTIES	DOWN FROM 96 SINCE FILING LIEN ON 7/1/2023- 65 HAVE REDEEMED
2024		560,010.60	48 PROPERTIES	DOWN FROM 111 SINCE FILING LIEN ON 7/1/2024- 63 HAVE REDEEMED
2025		916,923.64	87 PROPERTIES	DOWN FROM 103 SINCE FILING LIEN ON 8/1/2025- 16 HAVE REDEEMED
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAX LIENS		2,191,232.42		
TOTAL OUTSTANDING TAXES	\$ 126,104,820.35			

III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Supervisor Feldman said the following:

- The Louis Engel Spray Park is open 7 days a week from 12pm – 7pm up until Labor Day!
- The Library Bond Vote will be happening on September 16th from 7 AM to 9 PM at the Ossining Public Library. For information on the bond please visit ossininglibrary.org/building.
- The Ossining Matters Annual 5k Run-Walk for Education is set for Saturday September 6th starting at 8AM in the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center. For more information, please visit ossiningmatters.org.
- The Historic Hudson River Towns presents *Music Across the Hudson* on Saturday, September 6th at Louis Engel Park and Haverstraw-Emeline Park. The ferry will connect you to both of the venues.
- Just a reminder, the weekend ferry service between Haverstraw and Ossining is ongoing until October 12th. The Ferry runs between 10AM and 7PM. Please check nywaterway.com for detailed schedules.
- The Westchester Collaborative Theater presented *Phoenix Rising*, an inspiring new play written by and starring Jessica W. Bonds that explores themes of resilience, transformation, and self-discovery. The play runs from September 12th to September 14th. For more information, please visit wctheather.org.
- The Annual Ossining-Briarcliff 9/11 Ceremony will be taking place at Louis Engel Park at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend.
- The Up the River Blues Fest will be happening on September 13th from 12 noon to 8 PM at Louis Engel Park. There will be vendors, food, and craft beverages. All are welcome to attend! For more information, please visit www.uptheriverbluesfestival.com
- 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.

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. Approval of Minutes – August 12, 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 August 12, 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 August 26, 2025 in the amount of \$259,681.99.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Personnel – Resignation – Town Clerk's Office

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining accepts, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Villa from the position of part-time Intermediate Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office, effective August 15, 2025.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Lease Agreement – Atlantic Tomorrow's Office

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining retroactively authorizes the Budget Officer to sign a 63-month lease agreement with Atlantic Tomorrow's Office, 134 W. 26th ST, New York, NY 10001 for a copier for the Assessor's Office.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

E. Lease Agreement – Atlantic Tomorrow's Office

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining retroactively authorizes the Budget Officer to sign a 63-month lease agreement with Atlantic Tomorrow's Office, 134 W. 26th ST, New York, NY 10001 for a copier for the Building Department.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

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

- **Dale Cemetery Report**

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 the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

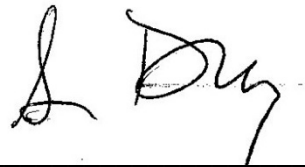
At 7:45 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of Contracts, Pending Litigation and Advice of Counsel and Councilmember Fields-Tawil seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:05 P.M., Councilmember Manicchio motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk