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### **Honoring Ossining's Volunteer Firefighters**

Thank you to James J. Farrell, Sr for serving the Ossining Fire Department for 50 years! On Saturday evening Headquarters was filled with firefighters, family and several members with 50 Years of OFD Service, as they welcomed the most recent inductee. Ossining is very fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers keeping our community safe.

Thank you to all our first responders and the public works team for the professionalism and experience you bring to handling every storm. Last Thursday's snow was a challenging way to kick off the season as roadways across the region came to a halt for hours. Next week the

Ossining Emergency Management (OEM) team will meet to discuss lessons learned and help us prepare for the upcoming season. Ossining has a strong tradition of monthly OEM meetings. Recently those meetings have not been happening regularly, and I look forward to getting them back on track. Gathering everyone at the table to discuss each department's experience, priorities and concerns prepares us to communicate effectively during storms and other emergency events.

Last week's Village Board meeting began with a public hearing on the proposed 2019 budget. [Click here to view the meeting video beginning with opening remarks from me and a presentation from Manager McDonnell.](#) She has worked for months with Village staff to prepare the proposed budget. On December 5, the Village Board will vote on our final version of the 2019 budget.

Also discussed last week was proposed legislation regarding SCRIE (Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption) & DRIE (Disability Rent Increase Exemption). These programs are extensions of ETPA, the NYS rent stabilization program recently approved by the majority of the Village Board and currently being implemented. The public hearing on the proposed legislation to enable these programs will take place on Wednesday, December 5 at the courthouse at 7:30pm.

### **Community Connections**

**Open Office Hours** will take place tomorrow from 10am-12noon in the Board of Trustees office on the first floor of Village Hall. No appointment is necessary, and all are welcome to discuss any topic, concern or idea of interest to you.

Have a burning question or idea, at any hour of the day or night?... Email me ([mayor@villageofossining.org](mailto:mayor@villageofossining.org)), the Board of Trustees ([bot@villageofossining.org](mailto:bot@villageofossining.org)) or Village

### Budget Meetings Continue

This week there will not be a Village Board meeting on Wednesday as officials and staff prepare for Thanksgiving.

The budget meetings with department heads began last week, and will continue this evening. [Click here for the calendar page where you can access links for all budget meeting videos.](#) The sessions from November 13 and 15 are up now, and tonight's meeting will be linked tomorrow.

We invite community members to reach out to us with comments regarding the budget by email (bot@villageofossining.org). Best wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



### Shopping with Ossining Bucks

Save \$5 as you shop local this holiday! [Click here to see the full list of Ossining businesses participating in Ossining Bucks.](#) This is the second year of this initiative designed to encourage folks to shop local.

Pick up Ossining Bucks at Village Hall, the Community Center, and the Ossining Public Library. Look for this poster in the window of dozens of participating businesses. Thank you to the Ossining Chamber of Commerce for partnering with the Village again this year in the Ossining Bucks program!

