

VICTORIA GEARITY Mayor

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New Year, New Chief, New BOT On Saturday evening hundreds gathered to thank Deputy Fire Chief Angelo Manicchio for his service. Ossining is fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer department. On New Year's Day I had the privilege of swearing in the new team of OFD chiefs, including newly elected 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Scarduzio.

Thank you to all who joined us on New Year's Day for the inauguration

ceremony at the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center. In addition to Trustee Levin and me being re-elected, Trustee Manuel Quezada re-joined the Village Board after a year off. Town Councilwoman Jackie Shaw was sworn into her position as an elected official, following a year of service as an appointed member of the Town Council. <u>Click here to view the inauguration</u> <u>ceremony</u>. It is queued up to begin with my remarks on the coming year.

Last week's legislative session included my announcement of mayoral appointments. I am pleased to welcome Trustee Rika Levin to the position of Deputy Mayor. Rika works harder than any Trustee I have ever served with. I look forward to continuing to work together on behalf of the people of Ossining.

Community Connections

Open Office Hours with the Mayor will not take place this week as I address a minor medical concern. I am sorry for the inconvenience. I will return to Open Office Hours on Tuesday, January 15 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), the Board of Trustees (bot@villageofossining.org) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell (dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org).

This Week's Work Session

This week's work session includes a continuing discussion regarding the proposed Hidden Cove development at the site of the old Brandreth Pill Factory. The public hearing on this item remains open, and the public is invited to comment at 7:30pm on January 16 at the courthouse on Spring Street.

This week we will also be considering how best to establish a subcommittee to review the Civilian Police Complaint Review Board. The village is proud to be one of the only communities in our area to have a board of this kind. Unfortunately, it has not been meeting regularly in recent years, so we are looking for the best way to help this group to be a more effective tool for strengthening community/police relations.

As always, work sessions are an opportunity for the Village Board to have discussions with staff and invited experts regarding potential policy or legislative changes. We invite community members to reach out to us by email (bot@villageofossining.org) anytime, or to speak during Visitor Recognition at legislative sessions, typically held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

With Regards,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Fix Beloved, but Broken Items...for FREE!

The village is pleased to support this Green Ossining initiative as a co-sponsor. Green Ossining established Westchester's first repair café! The next event is happening this Saturday, January 12 from 11am-3pm at the Joseph G Caputo Community Center.

Volunteers will be on hand with tools and skills to repair most anything from electrical appliances to costume jewelry!

