

# OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING



**MINUTES - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**Date/ Time:** January 5, 2023 at 2:00pm

**Location:** Chambers - Legislative Office Building 46 East Bridge Street Oswego, New York 13126

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Organizational Meeting of the Oswego County Legislature was called to order at 2:05 pm by Chairman James Weatherup with the Clerk of the Legislature Present.

Roll Call was taken with all legislator's present except Leg. Schadt.

The invocation was given by Betsy Sherman-Saunders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Weatherup.

## **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Vice Chairman Linda Lockwood opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Legislature.

Legislator House nominated James Weatherup for Chairman of the Legislature, Leg. Twiss seconds the motion. No other nominations. All in favor.

Legislator Weatherup was elected Chairman of the Legislature for 2023 and was sworn in by the Hon. Gregory R. Gilbert, Supreme Court Judge.

## **ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman of the Legislature James Weatherup opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Legislature.

Legislator Mangano nominated Marc Greco for Vice Chairman of the Legislature, Leg. Reehil seconds. No other nominations. All in favor.

Legislator Greco was elected Vice-Chairman of the Legislature for 2023 and was sworn in by the Hon. Gregory R. Gilbert, Supreme Court Judge.

## **ELECTION OF CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**

Chairman of the Legislature James Weatherup opened the floor for nominations for Clerk of the Legislature.

Legislator Gilson nominated Betsy Sherman-Saunders for Clerk of the Legislature, Leg. Greco seconds. No other nominations. All in favor.

Betsy Sherman-Saunders was elected Clerk of the Legislature for 2023 and was sworn in by the Hon. Gregory R. Gilbert, Supreme Court Judge.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Oswego County Legislature Regular Meeting on **December 15, 2022** were held for corrections and approval until the February 9, 2023 meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS/WHIP**

The Chairman announced the Republican Caucus appointments of Leg. House as Majority Leader and Leg. Mangano Cornelius as Majority Whip

The Chairman announced the Democratic Caucus appointments of Leg. Castiglia as Minority Leader and Leg. Schadt as Minority Whip

## **RECOGNITIONS**

Chairman Weatherup wanted to thank Highway Superintendent Shawn Walker for reaching out to the Buffalo area and sending workers to aid during the snowstorm and aftermath. The Chairman also noted that Superintendent Walker did reach out to Jefferson County and the City of Watertown to offer assistance, and both advised they did not need help.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY**

None.

## **REPORTS**

Reports of County Officials – None  
Reports of Standing Committees – None  
Reports of Special Committees – None

## RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

**OR-1** Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO**, Leg. Kline seconds.

**Resolution 001 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**OR-2** Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, Leg. Reehil seconds.

**Resolution 002 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 1 Absent: 1 Abstain: 2 (Leg. Castiglia in opposition and Leg. Stahl and Greco abstained)

**OR-3** Legislator Bombardo offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATION OF ALL ELECTION NOTICES, OFFICIAL CANVASS, LOCAL LAWS, NOTICES AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED**, Leg. Martino seconds.

**Resolution 003 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**OR-4** Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OSWEGO COUNTY TREASURER AS THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL TO CORRECT CLERICAL ERRORS AND ERRORS IN ESSENTIAL FACT UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §556**.

Leg. Mangano made a motion to amend the resolution to add Tax Law §554, Leg. Kline seconds.

Motion **passed** with a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**Amended Resolution 004 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**OR-5** Legislator Twiss offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN OSWEGO COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY AND DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES OF COUNTY FUNDS**.

Leg. Twiss made a motion to amend the resolution to include the investment policy, Leg. Greco seconds.

Motion **passed** with a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**Amended Resolution 005 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**OR-6** Legislator Solowy offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – GRANT WRITING - LEGISLATURE**, Leg. Twiss seconds.

**Resolution 006 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**OR-7** Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION WAIVING CIVIL SERVICE TESTING FEES FOR 2023**, Leg. Salmonsens seconds.

**Resolution 007 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Leg. Castiglia inquired as to when the investigation on the DSS matter would be complete and a report available. Chairman Weatherup stated the report is imminent and would be released to Legislature and the press when received.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Leg. Castiglia asked the Legislature to please stay for the public comments period as a gentleman was going to be speaking on Ukrainian relief.

Leg. House motioned to enter Executive Session, Leg. Karasek seconds.  
Vote Unanimous, motion carried.  
Enter Executive Session at 2:30 pm

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussed Pending Litigation – Attis Ethanol  
Discussed Proposed Litigation – Oswego Harbor Power

Leg. House made a motion to exit Executive Session, multiple seconds  
Vote unanimous, motion carried.  
Exit Executive Session at 2:58 pm

### ADJOURNMENT

Leg. Emmons motion to adjourn, multiple seconds.  
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Legislature adjourned at 3:00 pm

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Anton Chertkousky – Spoke about the need for space for pallets and container loading for aid being sent to Ukraine, and what is needed as far as items are concerned.

Chairman Weatherup advised that B & G had found a space to assist.

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Betsy Sherman Saunders  
Clerk of the Legislature