

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING



MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Date/ Time: March 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Chambers – Legislative Office Building, 46 E. Bridge St., Oswego, N.Y. 13126

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular 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. Martino, Leg. Wilmott and Leg. Salmonsén.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Oswego County Legislature Regular Meeting on February 9, 2023 and Special Meeting held February 24, 2023 were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

None.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY

Eric Cronk – Spoke regarding GC-1 and questioned why ARPA funds had not been allotted to county employees

Jessica Steele – Spoke regarding GC-1 and the Department of Social Services

REPORTS

Reports of County Officials – Administrator Church spoke about the National Marine Sanctuary process and status of the Lake Ontario nomination

Reports of Standing Committees – Leg. Reehil provided an update on CPAC and DSS Job Fair

Reports of Special Committees – Leg. Karasek spoke praised the Emergency Management Department for its seminar on mass casualty events

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

GC-1 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ALLOCATING FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TO CERTAIN SUB-RECIPIENTS AND BENEFICIARIES**

Leg. Castiglia motioned to separate the recipients and remove Cleveland Fire Department and Children's Museum of Oswego from the awarded projects to present them individually through their committee, Leg. Schadt seconds

Motion **failed** by a voice vote: Yes: 1 No: 21 Absent: 3
(Leg. Castiglia in favor)

Resolution 039 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 1 Absent: 3
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

Leg. Holst motioned to move resolutions GC-2, GC-4 and GC-5 as a block by general consent. Second from Leg. House.

Motion passed, with a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

GC-2 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION COUNTY CLERK/DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

Resolution 040 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

GC-4 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**

Resolution 042 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

GC-5 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RECLASSIFY SUPPORT ATTORNEY IN THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL OFFICE TO FULL-TIME**

Resolution 043 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

GC-3 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FORECLOSED TAX PROPERTY PURSUANT TO RPTL§1166**

Leg. Reehil motions to amend first line deed to owner from Town of Constantia to Village of Cleveland. Leg. Twiss seconds.

Amendment approved with a 22-0-3 vote.

Resolution 041 of 2023 adopted as amended by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0
Absent: 3

Leg. Greco motioned to move resolutions PS-1 through PS-6 as a block by general consent. Second from Leg. Castiglia.

Motion passed, with a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

PS-1 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S OFFICE – INSURANCE RECOVERY TO AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES AND REPAIR**

Resolution 044 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

PS-2 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY FUND BALANCE TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE**

Resolution 045 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

PS-3 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE SCRIBA TOWER SITE WITH CONSTELLATION ENERGY GENERATION, LLC.**

Resolution 046 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

PS-4 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION FIRE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE – AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Resolution 047 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

PS-5 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT FEDERAL COPS OFFICE GRANT TO FUND PURCHASE OF VIRTRA TRAINING SIMULATOR**

Resolution 048 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

PS-6 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT TO FUND BODY - WORN CAMERAS FOR PATROL DIVISION**

Resolution 049 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

Leg. Reehil motioned to move resolutions HS-1 through HS-6 as a block by general consent. Second from Leg. Mangano.

Motion passed, with a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

HS-1 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF ONE (1) PART-TIME POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Resolution 050 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

HS-2 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT OASAS OPIOID ABATEMENT LGU ALLOCATION**

Resolution 051 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

HS-3 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL STATE AID FROM NYS OASAS TO SUPPORT EXISTING LOCAL SERVICES**

Resolution 052 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

HS-4 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL STATE AID FROM NYS OMH TO SUPPORT EXISTING LOCAL SERVICES**

Resolution 053 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

HS-5 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL STATE AID FROM NYS OPWDD TO SUPPORT EXISTING LOCAL SERVICES**

Resolution 054 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

HS-6 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION YOUTH BUREAU CLOSING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 128 CAMP ZERBE REPAIRS AND TRANSFERRING REMAINING FUNDS TO CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1422 CAMP ZERBE ADA BATHHOUSE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Resolution 055 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

HS-7 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION – ARPA – TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL REGISTERED CHILDCARE PROVIDERS IN OSWEGO COUNTY**

Resolution 056 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 1 Absent: 3
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

HS-8 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VETERANS SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Resolution 057 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

Leg. Stahl motioned to move resolutions EP-1, EP-3, EP-7 as a block by general consent. Second from Leg. Twiss.

Motion passed, with a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

EP-1 Legislator Stahl offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – HOUSING OFFICE**

Resolution 058 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

EP-3 Legislator Stahl offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY CDBG 864CVHR34-21 HOUSING ACTIVITIES**

Resolution 060 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

EP-7 Legislator Stahl offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE “LAKE ONTARIO NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY,” NOAA-NOS-2021-0050-072**

Resolution 064 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

EP-2 Legislator Stahl offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – OFFICE OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Resolution 059 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

EP-4 Legislator Stahl offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO TO UTILIZE PROGRAM DELIVERY AND ADMINISTRATION FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CDBG PROJECT NO. 864CVHR 34-21 AND CDBG FARMWORKER HOUSING PROJECT NO. 864CVHR102-2022 TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE CDBG PROGRAM INCOME HOUSING (PLOAN) FUND**

Resolution 061 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

EP-5 Legislator Stahl offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RFP22-CDTP-011 – TOURISM WEBSITE**

Resolution 062 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 1 Absent: 3
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

EP-6 Legislator Stahl offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Resolution 063 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 3 (2 Abstentions, Leg. Chesbro and Leg. Lockwood)

Leg. Karasek motioned to move resolutions HE-1 through HE-4 as a block by general consent. Second from Leg. Castiglia.

Motion passed, with a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

HE-1 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT YEAR 10 ARTICLE 6 STATE AID INCENTIVE AWARD FUNDS**

Resolution 065 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

HE-2 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION TO REQUEST TWO (2) PUBLIC HEALTH ASSISTANTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH FELLOWS PROGRAM**

Resolution 066 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

HE-3 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION TO RECLASSIFY SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK TO A TYPIST**

Resolution 067 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

HE-4 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION TO RECLASSIFY ASSOCIATE PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN TO A PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN**

Resolution 068 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

Leg. Walpole motioned to move resolutions IT-1 through IT-5 as a block by general consent. Second from Leg. Twiss.

Motion passed, with a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

IT-1 Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ISSUING A CREDIT TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION FOR TIPPING FEES**

Resolution 069 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

IT-2 Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Resolution 070 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

IT-3 Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 0432 AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM HIGHWAY APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE**

Resolution 071 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

IT-4 Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL PROJECT NO. C0323 – FLOORING PROJECT**

Resolution 072 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

IT-5 Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THREE POSITIONS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT**

Resolution 073 of 2023 adopted by general consent.

FP-1 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAPITAL PROJECT CLOSURES AND TRANSFER OF PROJECT BALANCES**

Resolution 074 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Leg. Castiglia speaks about recent meeting with peers about the rules of the Legislature. Leg. Castiglia speaks about motions made on the floor to be made to committees and subcommittees.

Leg. Castiglia makes a motion to move to Government, Courts and Consumer Affairs Committee or a subcommittee to redraw district lines and reduce the number of legislators to 19. Leg. Schadt seconds.

Motion failed with a roll call vote: Yes: 2 No: 19 Absent: 3 (1 abstention from Leg. Reehil)
(Leg. Castiglia and Leg. Schadt in favor)
[Full vote tally attached]

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Leg. Castiglia speaks about P-TECH program and motions the Legislature's Government, Courts and Consumer Affairs Committee ask Gov. Hochul to rescind vaccine mandate in SUNY schools. Leg. Schadt seconds.
Chairman rules motion out of order. No vote taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made to enter executive session at 3:01 p.m. by Leg. Emmons with a second from Leg. Emmons. Executive session entered at 3:02 p.m. via unanimous vote for the purpose of discussing pending litigation re: child victim case and Manzi v. Oswego.

Executive session includes discussions with County Attorney

Leg. Emmons motions to exit Executive Session, second from Leg. Walpole at 3:37 p.m.
Approved 21-0-4

Leg. Karasek motions to come back into regular session at 3:38 p.m., Leg. Emmons
seconds. Approved 21-0-4

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Majority Leader House motions to waive the rules for GC-6, GC-7, GC-8, HS-9 and PS-7. Rules waived for for GC-6, GC-7, GC-8, HS-9 and PS-7 with a 21-0-4 voice vote (Leg. Stahl exited the chambers)

GC-6 Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATTER OF COUNTY OF OSWEGO VS. PURDUE PHARMA ET AL. (CVS, WALGREENS and WALMART)**

Resolution 075 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 0 Absent: 4

GC-7 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WALKER CAPITAL, LLC REGARDING VALUATION AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH TAX NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**

Resolution 076 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 0 Absent: 4

GC-8 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE CURRENT IN REM TAX DELINQUENCY FORECLOSURE PROCESS AS PRESENTED**

Resolution 077 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 0 Absent: 4

PS-7 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – PUBLIC DEFENDER THORIZING CAPITAL PROJECT CLOSURES AND TRANSFER OF PROJECT BALANCES**

Resolution 078 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 0 Absent: 4

HS-9 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF LITIGATION AGAINST BERKSHIRE FARMS AND EARL DAN HOFFMAN, SR. (CRJ vs. OSWEGO COUNTY, ET AL.)**

Resolution 079 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 0 Absent: 4

ADJOURNMENT

Legislator Karasek motioned to adjourn, multiple seconds.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Legislature adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Leg. Reehil spoke on the rules of the Legislature

Betsy Sherman-Saunders
Clerk of the Legislature