

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING



MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Date/ Time: April 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing – “The Implementation and Administration of the Oswego County CVHR 86434-21, Community Block Grant Housing Activities Program”

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Donna Scanlon, Director of Community Programs – Discussed the different Housing Activities Programs

Public Hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Oswego County Legislature was called to order at 7:08 pm by Chairman James Weatherup with the Clerk of the Legislature present.

Roll Call was taken with all legislator’s present except Leg. Holst, Gilson, Stahl, Twiss, Martino. (District 20 Vacant)

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 **March 9, 2023 (as amended), 2023** were approved.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition – Barbara Hadcock – Retirement, 37 years
Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month
Proclamation – Fair Housing Month
Proclamation – National Donate Life Month

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Leg. Greco introduced the new Public Defender Louis Lombardi.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY

Jessica Steele – Spoke regarding the appreciation of the Stipend being approved, but the need for more funds for employee retention

Leg. Castiglia- Commended Ms. Steele for staying the course on employee wages

REPORTS

Reports of County Officials – None.

Reports of Standing Committees – Leg. Reehil informed everyone of the Hiring Events going on through Human Services

Reports of Special Committees – None.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

GC-1 Legislator Scanlon 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 have them presented individually through their committee, no second.

Resolution 080 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 2 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
(Leg. Castiglia and Kline in opposition)

GC-2 Legislator Scanlon offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FORECLOSED TAX PROPERTY PURSUANT TO RPTL §1166**

Leg. Scanlon motioned to amend the list attached to resolution removing 3 properties, Leg. Reehil seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

Amended Resolution 081 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

GC-3 Pulled.

GC-4 Legislator Scanlon offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR HOCHUL’S BAN OF GAS STOVES AND OTHER NEW FOSSIL FUEL HEATING EQUIPMENT**

Resolution 082 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

GC-5 Legislator Scanlon offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2023, ENTITLED, “A LOCAL LAW ALLOWING ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS TO RECEIVE A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW (RPTL) §466-a**

Leg. Scanlon motions to amend to clarify the language in the application, Leg. Greco seconds.

Motion **passed** with a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

Amended Resolution 083 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

GC-6 Legislator Scanlon offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN CORRECTIONS TO SCHEDULE F OF RESOLUTION #009 OF 2023, ALLOCATING FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TO CERTAIN SUB-RECIPIENTS AND BENEFICIARIES**

Resolution 084 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 1 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1 (Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

PS-1 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) FOR FEMA-4480-DR-NY HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM**

Resolution 085 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

PS-2 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RFP 23-EMO-002 – HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Resolution 086 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

PS-3 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OSWEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE WALMART COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Resolution 087 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

PS-4 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE POSITION IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – ASSISTANT DA TO SENIOR DA**

Resolution 088 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

PS-5 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE POSITION IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – PARALEGAL TO SR. TYPIST**

Resolution 089 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

PS-6 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE- ADDITIONAL HOURS**

Resolution 090 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HS-1 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Resolution 091 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HS-2 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL STATE AID FROM NYS OASAS**

Resolution 092 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 1 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
(Leg. Walpole in opposition)

HS-3 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING budget modification department of social services to accept and expend additional state aid from OMH**

Resolution 093 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 1 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
(Leg. Walpole in opposition)

HS-4 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION YOUTH PROGRAMS TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO ADDITIONAL HOURS**

Resolution 094 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HS-5 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/LEGAL FEES**

Resolution 095 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HS-6 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE (1) POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCILA SERVICES**

Resolution 096 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HS-7 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/ADDITIONAL HOURS AND OVERTIME**

Resolution 097 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HS-8 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/REPRODUCTION EXPENSES**

Resolution 098 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HS-9 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS**

Resolution 099 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

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

Resolution 100 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

EP-2 Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING NYS GRANT C10002101 INFRASTRUCTURE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 0523**

Resolution 101 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HE-1 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Resolution 102 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HE-2 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 134 FROM THE INSURANCE RECOVERY FUND**

Resolution 103 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HE-3 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION TO RECLASSIFY ASSISTANT PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEER TO PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEER**

Resolution 104 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HE-4 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION TO RECLASSIFY PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEER TO SUPERVISING PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEER**

Resolution 105 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

HE-5 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH NASCENTIA HEALTH AT HOME (“NASCENTIA”) REGARDING OSWEGO COUNTY HOSPICE TRANSITION SERVICES**

Resolution 106 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

- IT-1** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE PROGRAMS**
- Resolution 107 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
- IT-2** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF CAPITAL PROJECT NO. C0123 – ASBESTOS REMEDIATION**
- Resolution 108 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
- IT-3** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION CENTRAL SERVICES ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT FOR UPDATE OF SERVERS, WIFI NETWORK, BATTERY BACKUP DEVICES, & FUNDING OF VARIOUS CYBERSECURITY RELATED INITIATIVES**
- Resolution 109 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
- IT-4** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION WITH THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM INSURANCE RECOVERY FUND INTO HIGHWAY EXPENSE**
- Resolution 110 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
- IT-5** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION INCREASING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. E0123 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**
- Resolution 111 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes:19 No: 1 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)
- IT-6** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO SIGN LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION, LICENSE AND AGREEMENT FOR C&S ENGINEERS TO PERFORM THREE ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO**
- Resolution 112 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
- FP-1** Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SHERIFF’S SILVER STAR ASSOCIATION**
- Resolution 113 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

FP-2 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION AND PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE COVID AND RETENTION STIPENDS**

Resolution 114 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

FP-3 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF ONE FULL TIME POSITION IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Resolution 115 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

FP-4 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENTS ON COUNTY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS UNDER NEW YORK STATE LABOR LAW §816-b**

Resolution 116 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

FP-5 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY BUDGET MODIFICATION**

Resolution 117 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 1 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

Leg. House motioned to waive the rules to hear Resolution EP-3, Leg. Greco seconds

Motion **passed** with a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

EP-3 Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF MOBILITY MANAGEMENT AND ESTABLISHING ASSOCIATED POSITION**

Resolution 118 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 4 Vacant: 1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Legislator Kline motioned to adjourn, Leg. Reehil seconds.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Legislature adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Shauna Rettig – Spoke regarding the need for accountability at DSS.

Betsy Sherman-Saunders
Clerk of the Legislature