

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING



MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Date/ Time: May 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Oswego County Legislature was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chairman James Weatherup with the Oswego County Clerk present.

Roll Call was taken with all legislator's present except Leg. M. Yerdon, Reehil, Wilmott, Karasek and Chesbro.

The invocation was given by the Oswego County Clerk Terry Wilbur, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislators Martino and Castiglia.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Oswego County Legislature Regular Meeting on March 13, 2025, and April 10, 2025 were approved.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation – County Government Day

Proclamation – National Travel and Tourism Week

Proclamation – Oswego County's 2025 Older New Yorker of the Year – Barbara Dix

Proclamation – National Foster Parent Appreciation Week

Proclamation – National Correctional Officers and Employees Week

Proclamation – Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week

Proclamation – emergency Medical Services Week

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

None

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY

Karen Oakes – Asking if resolutions EP-3 and FP-6 are due to federal cuts and the importance of keeping constituents informed.

Mary Vanouse – Asking about ARPA funds (EP-1) and if they were still available, asking if the Trump administration has rescinded funds.

Leg. Martino made a motion to waive the rules for Resolutions GC-5 – GC-7, EP-8, IT-5, and FP-7 only, Leg. Twiss seconds

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 1 Absent: 5
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

GC-5 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED SOUTHERN OSWEGO COUNTY REGIONAL INTERCEPTOR SEWER PROJECT IS A TYPE 1 ACTION UNDER SEQRA AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

Resolution 131 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 5

GC-6 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MARK D. KNOPP AND JOY KNOPP CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 35 HEALTH CAMP ROAD IN THE TOWN OF OSWEGO**

Resolution 132 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 17 No: 3 Absent: 5
(Leg. Castiglia, Schadt and Kline in opposition)

GC-7 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY TAKE ACTIONS TO REVIEW AND REMOVE RESTRICTION ON HOURS OF SALE AND OFF PREMISES CONSUMPTION LICENSES IN OSWEGO COUNTY**

Resolution 133 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 1 Absent: 5
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

EP-8 Legislator Salmonsens offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO A HOME RULE REQUEST AMENDMENT TO NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW 1202-H – OCCUPANCY TAX**

Resolution 134 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 1 Absent: 5
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

IT-5 Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO.: 0625 KNOPP PROPERTY ACQUISITION – CAMP HOLLIS**

Resolution 135 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 17 No: 3 Absent: 5
(Leg. Castiglia, Schadt and Kline in opposition)

FP-7 Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO A HOME RULE REQUEST EXTENSION OF SPECIAL ADDITIONAL RATE – SALES TAX**

Resolution 136 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 1 Absent: 5
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

REPORTS

Reports of County Officials – None.

Reports of Standing Committees – Leg. Scanlon reported on the facility cleanup at Independence Trail

Reports of Special Committees – None.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

GC-1 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2025 OSWEGO COUNTY TAX PROPERTY AUCTION**

Leg. Holst made a motion to amend the language and dates in the resolution as provided, Leg. Martino seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 5

Amended Resolution 137 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 Absent: 5

GC-2 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 185 EAST SENECA STREET IN THE CITY OF OSWEGO**

Resolution 138 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 2 Absent: 5
(Leg. Castiglia and Schadt in opposition)

GC-3 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 0525 ACQUISITION OF SENECA STREET OFFICE BUILDING**

Resolution 139 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 17 No: 2 Absent: 6
(Leg. Castiglia and Schadt in opposition and Leg. Scanlon exited the meeting)

GC-4 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPROVING REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §412-A AGREEMENT TERMS CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, LLC AND THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Resolution 140 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 1 Absent: 6
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

PS-1 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION – FIRE COORDINATOR COST TO PURCHASE PORTA COUNT MACHINE**

Resolution 141 of 2025 adopted by a roll call vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Absent: 6

PS-2 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OSWEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE WALMART SPARK GOOD LOCAL GRANT**

Resolution 142 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Absent: 6

PS-3 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRANSFER FROM INSURANCE RECOVERY (TREASURER'S OFFICE) TO AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES AND REPAIR (ROAD DIVISION)**

Resolution 143 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Absent: 6

EP-1 Legislator Salmonsens offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION TO TRANSFER ARPA FUNDS WITHIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BUDGET TO SUPPORT MANUFACTURING & AUTOMATION TRAINING**

Resolution 144 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Absent: 6

EP-2 Legislator Salmonsens offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2025 ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO**

Leg. Gilson made a motion to amend the resolution to add the Local Law number (2) in Article II, multiple seconds

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Absent: 6

Amended Resolution 145 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Absent: 6

EP-3 Legislator Salmonsens offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE TO CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 0524 BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Resolution 146 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Absent: 6

EP-4 Legislator Salmonsens offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE, IS EMPOWERED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF OSWEGO COUNTY AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL**

Resolution 147 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Absent: 6

EP-5 Legislator Salmonsens offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RFP 25-WFD-001 ONE STOP OPERATOR**

Resolution 148 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7
(Leg. Walpole exited the meeting)

EP-6 Legislator Salmonsens offered a resolution entitled, **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

Leg. Salmonsens made a motion to amend the last 2 names listed and stagger the term dates in the resolution, Leg. Twiss seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

Resolution 149 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- EP-7** Legislator Salmonsens offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE REQUESTS OF LANDOWNER INCLUSION WITHIN THE EXISTING CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE NYS AGRICULTURAL AND MARKETS LAW (AML), SECTION 303-b, AS AMENDED**

Resolution 150 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- HE-1** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BOLD GRANT**

Resolution 151 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- HE-2** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE TO CAPITAL PROJECT #134**

Leg. House made a motion to amend the budget modification, Leg. Greco seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

Amended Resolution 152 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- IT-1** Legislator Twiss offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION D/B/A NATIONAL GRID TAR HILL TRANSMISSION LINE – MARSHALLING YARD (223 County Route 51A – Tax Map No.: 131.00-01-16.1)**

Resolution 153 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- IT-2** Legislator Twiss offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE LANDFILL AND TRANSFER STATIONS HIGHWAY AND STREET EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT TO REPAIRS MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT**

Resolution 154 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- IT-3** Legislator Twiss offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE ESTABLISHING AND FUNDING A CAPITAL PROJECT, BRISTOL HILL INBOUND SCALE REPLACEMENT 0425 FROM THE SOLID WASTE UNAPPORTIONED FUND BALANCE**

Leg. Twiss made a motion to amend the budget modification, multiple seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

Amended Resolution 155 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- IT-4** Legislator Twiss offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 21 – BUILDINGS RENOVATIONS TO CAPITAL PROJECT NO. C0325 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Resolution 156 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- FP-1** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 206 OF COUNTY LAW CHANGING LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING HOURS FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST**

Resolution 157 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- FP-2** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION DELETING ONE TEMPORARY POSITION IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Resolution 158 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- FP-3** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION OF PLAN SPONSOR EXTENDING CONTRACT FOR THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO**

Resolution 159 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- FP-4** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION CREATING ONE POSITION IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Resolution 160 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 17 No: 1 Absent: 7
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

- FP-5** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – TEMPORARY ELECTRIC SERVICE FORMER ATTIS ETHANOL FULTON FACILITY**

Resolution 161 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

- FP-6** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF PART-TIME TEMPORARY LINES CAMP HOLLIS, CAMP ZERBE AND LEGENDS FIELDS YOUTH BUREAU PARKS & RECREATION**

Resolution 162 of 2025 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 18 No: 0 Absent: 7

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Leg. Castiglia wanted to thank the Legislators that stay for the public comment period.

ADJOURNMENT

Legislator Gilson made a motion to adjourn, multiple seconds.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Legislature adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul McKinney – Thanked Legislators Castiglia and Schadt for coming to a town hall meeting, asked the Legislature to pass a no collusion with ICE resolution.

Chris Wiesenburger – Spoke out about cuts by the federal government to research program and the effect it will have on our Environment and Tourism in Oswego County.

Mary Horan – Spoke out about the proposed federal cuts to Medicaid and how it will affect our community.

Dr. Delbusto-Cohen – Spoke about the lack of due process for illegal immigrants and demanded the detainments stop.

Karen Oakes – Asked Legislators to use microphones when they speak in order for the public to hear what is being discussed. Also discussed the federal cuts to Medicaid and SNAP and how the cost will shift down to the local level.

Betsy Sherman-Saunders
Clerk of the Legislature