

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING



MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Date/ Time: October 12, 2023, 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 2:03 pm by Chairman James Weatherup with the Clerk of the Legislature present.

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Civilian Appreciation Award – Ken Bush
Civilian Appreciation Award – Lynn Harper
Civilian Appreciation Award – Jessica Hoyt
Civilian Appreciation Award – Nicklaus Hoyt
Civilian Appreciation Award – Albert Kalfass
Recognition – Nathan Emmons

Leg. House motioned for a recess, multiple seconds.
Vote: Unanimous, Motion carried

Entered Recess at 2:12 pm.
Exited Recess at 2:25 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Oswego County Legislature Regular Meeting on **September 11, 2023**, Special Meeting **September 15, 2023**, and Special Meeting on **September 26, 2023** were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

None.

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

GC-1 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **A RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2023 ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF 2022 REGARDING INCOME QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTIONS OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ELIGIBLE PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER**

Resolution 315 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

GC-2 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS OF \$412,277 FROM THE FUND BALANCE A159900 TO THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL OFFICE LEGAL FEES A1170 OBJECT 543300**

Resolution 316 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

GC-3 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE POSITION IN PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

Resolution 317 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 1 Absent: 1
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

PS-1 Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT AWARD FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AID TO PROSECUTION GRANT**

Resolution 318 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

- PS-2** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OSWEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM BROOKFIELD RENEWABLE**

Resolution 319 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

- PS-3** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFCATION FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) FOR FY2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP)**

Resolution 320 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

- PS-4** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFCATION FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE OVERTIME**

Resolution 321 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

- PS-5** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFCATION FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE OVERTIME IN THE JAIL**

Resolution 322 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

- HS-1** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE (1) EMPLOYMENT ADVISOR TO ONE (1) EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST ASSISTANT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Resolution 323 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

- HS-2** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECLASSIFICATION OF TWO POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Resolution 324 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

- HS-3** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2023-2024 RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATION ACCEPTANCE**

Resolution 325 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HS-4 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NUMBER 173 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2022-2023 RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATION**

Resolution 326 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HS-5 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECLASSIFICATION OF TWO POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT**

Resolution 327 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HS-6 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS FOR REMAINDER OF 2023 CALENDAR YEAR**

Resolution 328 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HS-7 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REPRODUCTION EXPENSES FOR REMAINDER OF 2023 CALENDAR YEAR**

Resolution 329 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HS-8 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE FOR INDIGENT BURIALS**

Resolution 330 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HS-9 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CAPITAL PROJECT #B0621 SANDY ISLAND BEACH AND INCREASING AUTHORIZATION OF CAPITAL PROJECT #0121 CO.25 CAMP HOLLIS SHORELINE STABILIZATION**

Amended Resolution 331 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HS-10 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW YORK CITY’S UPDATED CITY “FIGHTING HOMELESSNESS AND EVICTION PREVENTION SUPPLEMENT” (FHEPS) PROGRAM TO SEND HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO UPSTATE NEW YORK**

Resolution 332 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

EP-1 Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE YEAR 2023, ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT AS THE SOLE COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERRALS UNDER NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n**

Resolution 333 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

EP-2 Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR SOME INFIELDS AT THE LEGENDS FIELDS COMPLEX CONSTITUTES A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA**

Resolution 334 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

EP-3 Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION DECLARING THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO AS LEAD AGENCY AND APPROVING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION LEGENDS FIELDS – PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT**

Resolution 335 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

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

Resolution 336 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

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HE-3 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF BUDGET IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE COVID VACCINE**

Resolution 337 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 3 Absent: 1
(Leg. Gilson, Salmonsens and Walpole in opposition)

HE-4 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF TWO POSITIONS IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT (1) SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AND (1) CERTIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

Resolution 338 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HE-5 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HEALTH DEPARTMENT VEHICLE LEASES (4 VEHICLES)**

Resolution 339 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HE-6 Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY TRAFFICE SAFETY BOARD**

Resolution 340 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-1 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION CENTRAL SERVICES SUPPLEMENT EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECT TO FUND COMPUTER UPGRADES**

Resolution 341 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-2 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO.; E0323 OSWEGO COUNTY AIRPORT – ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND CHARGING STATION ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION**

Resolution 342 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 1 Absent: 1
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

IT-3 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION TO AMEND TO ADD ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 0423 HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT**

Resolution 343 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-4 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – GAS & HEATING FUEL**

Resolution 344 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-5 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – OVERTIME**

Resolution 345 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-6 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL BRISTOL HILL CELL 5 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND BIDDING**

Resolution 346 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-7 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE – INSURANCE RECOVERY FUND TO DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE FUND BALANCE**

Resolution 347 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

FP-1 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RFP 23-PURC-001 – ON-LINE AUCTIONS OF SURPLUS COUNTY GOODS**

Resolution 348 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

FP-2 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR OSWEGO COUNTY SELF INSURED HEALTH AND PHARMACY BENEFIT PROGRAM – HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Resolution 349 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

FP-3 Legislator Mangano offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR COUNTY TREASURER’S OFFICE**

Resolution 350 of 2023 adopted by a roll call vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None.

Leg. House made a motion to enter Executive Session, Leg. Greco seconds.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Entered Executive Session at 3:16 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussed matters pertaining to the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property.

Leg. Karasek motions to exit Executive Session, Leg. Bombardo seconds.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.

Exit Executive Session at 3:37 p.m.

Leg. Reehil made a motion to amend resolution HS-9 it should read bridge in place of beach, Leg. Mangano seconds.

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

Leg. House made a motion to waive the rules for Resolutions GC-4, IT-8 through IT-11, and HS-11, multiple seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 1 Absent: 1
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

GC-4 Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO COMMENCE OR JOIN LITIGATION CONCERNING RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE RACING, PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING AND BREEDING LAW AS PERTAINS TO THE WESTERN REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION AND TO RETAIN LIPPES MATHIAS, LLP IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REPRESENTATION OF OSWEGO COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTY PLAINTIFFS**

Resolution 351 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-8 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION TO INCREASE CAPITAL PROJECT NO. C0122 BUNNER STREET COMPLEX RENOVATION**

Resolution 352 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-9 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTORS FOR THE BUNNER STREET COMPLEX RENOVATION – BID 23-BG-003**

Resolution 353 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-10 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 311 OF 2023 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENTS ON CERTAIN TERMS**

Resolution 354 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

IT-11 Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **COUNTY OF OSWEGO, NEW YORK RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING A DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REIMBURSEMENT FROM BOND PROCEEDS OF TEMPORARY ADVANCES MADE BY THE COUNTY FROM FOR PAYMENT OF PROJECT COSTS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND RELATED MATTERS.**

Resolution 355 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

HS-11 Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE OPTION 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 356 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 2 Absent: 1
(Leg. Castiglia and Schadt in opposition)

ADJOURNMENT

Legislator Kline motioned to adjourn, Leg. Karasek seconds.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried


Legislature adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Zac Hough – Highway Dept. employee spoke on the lack of a contract and lack of sufficient pay for work being done.

Lori Murphy – Spoke about the issues she had while being a sex offender therapist in Oswego County.

Ryan Holzwarth – Highway Dept. employee spoke about the lack of qualified workers due to lack of pay and large loss of employees due to low pay.


Betsy Sherman-Saunders
Clerk of the Legislature