

# OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING



## MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

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

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

## PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing – regarding a Local Law Amending Local Law Number 1 of 2022 Regarding Income Qualifications for Partial Tax Exemptions on Certain Real Property Owned by Eligible Persons 65 Years of Age or Over

Public Hearing was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing was closed at 2:05 p.m.

Public Hearing – regarding a Local Law Establishing the County Planning Department as the Sole County Planning Agency for the Purposes of Referrals Under New York State General Municipal Law §§239-l, 239-m, 239-n

Public Hearing was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing was closed at 2:07 p.m.

Public Hearing – regarding the CDBG program which is administered by the New York state Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefiting low/moderate income persons.

Public Hearing was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

Donna Scanlon (Planning) – Spoke regarding Community Development Block Grants and Improving housing for farm workers.

Public Hearing was closed at 2:13 p.m.

## CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Oswego County Legislature was called to order at 2:02 pm by Chairman James Weatherup with the Clerk of the Legislature present.

Roll Call was taken with all legislator's present except Leg. Bombardo, Schadt and Mangano.

The invocation was given by the Clerk of the Legislature Betsy Sherman-Saunders, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by all Veterans.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Oswego County Legislature Meeting on **October 12, 2023** were approved.

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Proclamation – Runaway Prevention Month

Recognition -- Seniors of the Year – John Lyons and Nan Mosher

## **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

None.

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

None.

## **REPORTS**

Reports of County Officials – None.

Reports of Standing Committees –Leg. Chesbro wanted to applaud the Tourism Dept. and inform everyone about the report of what’s happening in Oswego County.

Reports of Special Committees – None.

Leg. Castiglia wanted to thank Heather Snow from Mobility Management for the great work she has been doing.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

**GC-1** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NUMBER 4 OF 2023, ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF 2022 REGARDING INCOME QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTIONS ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ELIGIBLE PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER”**

**Resolution 357 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

**GC-2** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SET MINIMUM BIDS AND/OR PLACE**

**BIDS IN THE NAME OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SALE – ATTIS ETHANOL FULTON**

**Resolution 358 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- GC-3** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF THE YEAR 2023, ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Leg. Holst makes a motion to amend the resolution for small verbiage change, multiple seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

**Amended Resolution 359 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- GC-4** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH ALEX BOGAWICH CONCERNING THE ATTIS ETHANOL FULTON PROPERTY**

**Resolution 360 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- GC-5** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-YEAR LEASE EXTENSION BY AND BETWEEN OPERATION OSWEGO COUNTY, INC. AND THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO – BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICES**

**Resolution 361 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- PS-1** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE GRANT (JAG) BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF BULLETPROOF VESTS**

**Resolution 362 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- PS-2** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN AWARD AND BUDGET MODIFICATION IN THE STOP-DWI PROGRAM**

**Resolution 363 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- PS-3** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFCATION E911 - OVERTIME**



**Resolution 364 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3**

- PS-4** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR DIGITAL FORENSICS.**

**Resolution 365 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3**

- HS-1** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RFP 23-MH-001 – OPIOID ABATEMENT 2023-24**

**Resolution 366 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3**

- HS-2** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RFP 23-MH-002 – OMH SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM**

**Resolution 367 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 19 No: 3 Absent: 3**  
(Leg. Twiss, Walpole and Kline in opposition)

- HS-3** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNTS (ITA) SCHLOARSHIPS**

**Resolution 368 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3**

- HS-4** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION ADDITIONAL HOURS – OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

**Resolution 369 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3**

- HS-5** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – OTHER SUPPLIES AND EXPENSE FOR NON-FEDERAL JD PINS FOSTER CARE EXPENSES**

**Resolution 370 of 2023 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3**

- EP-1** Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NUMBERS 5 OF 2023 A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT AS THE SOLE COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF REFERRALS**

**UNDER NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §§239-l, 239-m and 239-n**

**Resolution 371 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- EP-2** Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OSWEGO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING AS THE SOLE TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

**Resolution 372 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

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

**Resolution 373 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- HE-2** Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT – COST OF SPRAYING TO CONTROL DISEASE CARRYING MOSQUITOES**

**Resolution 374 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- HE-3** Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TO INCREASE FUNDS IN EARLU INTERVENTION OTHER FEES AND SERVICES**

**Resolution 375 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- HE-4** Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TO REALLOCATE UNUSED FUNDS IN THE HOSPICE DIVISION**

**Resolution 376 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- IT-1** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RFP 23-DSS-002 – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL DSS PARKING LOT**

**Resolution 377 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 1 Absent: 3  
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

- IT-2** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. B0423, MINKLER ROAD OVER SAGE CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Leg. House made a motion to amend the resolution so the fourth resolved paragraph reads "County of Oswego shall be responsible..." instead of the Chairman, Leg. Twiss seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

**Amended Resolution 378 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 3

**IT-3** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. B0323, HURLBUT ROAD (CR 64) OVER CATFISH CREEK BRIDGE**

Leg. House made a motion to amend the resolution so the fourth paragraph reads "County of Oswego shall be responsible..." instead of the Chairman, Leg. Greco seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

**Amended Resolution 379 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

**IT-4** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – FROM SALES OF EQUIPMENT TO HIGHWAY AND STREET EQUIPMENT, TO PURCHASE TWO PICKUP TRUCKS AND A TRAILER**

**Resolution 380 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

**IT-5** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION WITH LECHASE REGARDING BUNNER STREET COMPLEX RENOVATION CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**Resolution 381 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

**IT-6** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE 2024 FEE SCHEDULE**

**Resolution 382 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 21 No: 1 Absent: 3  
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

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

**Resolution 383 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- IT-8** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE – SALES OF SCRAP AND EXCESS MATERIALS TO LANDFILL AND TRANSFERS OVERTIME ACCOUNT**

**Resolution 384 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- IT-9** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE – UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE TO LANDFILL AND TRANSFERS OTHER FEES AND SERVICES ACCOUNT**

**Resolution 384 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- FP-1** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024**

**Resolution 385 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- FP-2** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NUMBER 6 OF THE YEAR 2023, ENTITLED, “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NUMBER 3 OF 2021 PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO”**

Leg. Castiglia makes a motion to move the time to 7:00 p.m., no second

Motion **denied**.

**Resolution 386 of 2023 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 2 Absent: 3  
(Leg. Castiglia and Hill in opposition)

- FP-3** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF THE YEAR 2023, ENTITLED, “A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024”**

**Resolution 387 of 2023 adopted** by a roll call vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

- FP-4** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION TO INCREASE CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 0822 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**



**Resolution 388 of 2023 adopted** by a roll call vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

**FP-5** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE OSWEGO COUNTY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

**Resolution 389 of 2023 adopted** by a roll call vote: Yes: 22 No: 0 Absent: 3

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Leg. Castiglia urged the Legislature to hold the DSS Commissioner accountable for the death of Jordan Brooks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Legislator Karasek motioned to adjourn, Leg. M. Yerdon seconds.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Legislature adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Lori Murphy – Spoke about the issues she had while being a sex offender therapist in Oswego County and the need for accountability at the Department of Social Services.

Shauna Rettig – CPS mandates people to go to therapist and won't allow people to make their own choice of therapist, system needs to change.

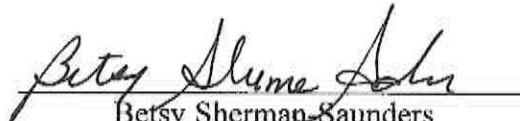
C. Weisenburger – Spoke out against the Legislators who voted no to the Covid vaccine, the public has an expectation for the Legislature to keep them safe.

Chris Nag – Highway employee spoke about the high number of people leaving and all the experience that is leaving the dept. due to not earning a competitive wage.



Walt Ford – Highway employee spoke regarding the dept. deteriorating; they provide essential services to the County and not being compensated. Compensation study has come back but has not been released, why?

Jackie Fyler – Spoke regarding the growing homeless population, caused by corrupt government and lack of accountability.

  
Betsy Sherman Saunders  
Clerk of the Legislature