

# OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING



## MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

**Date/ Time:** February 15, 2024, 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 2:06 pm by Chairman James Weatherup with the Clerk of the Legislature present.

Roll Call was taken with all legislator's present except Leg. Scanlon and District 17 is 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.

**GC-4** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A AN INDIVIDUL TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY LEGISLATOR IN AND FOR THE 17<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

**Resolution 026 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

Leg. Charles Burger was sworn in by S.C.J. Gregory Gilbert.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Oswego County Legislature Organizational Meeting on **January 4, 2024** were approved.

## PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Recognition – Tammy Thompson-Director of Special Childrens Services, Health – 30 years retirement

## INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

None.

## PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY

Maryann Hartman – Spoke on resolution GC-2, asked that the Legislature put the exemption back in place for her property.

## REPORTS

Reports of County Officials – Leg. Reehil gave update on the Anti-Poverty Task Force.

Reports of Standing Committees – None.

Reports of Special Committees – None.

Leg. House made a motion to have a brief recess, multiple seconds.

Unanimous, Motion carried.

Recess at 2:25 p.m.

Out of Recess at 2:36 p.m.

## RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

**GC-1** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT DEFENSE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF OSWEG, THE OSWEGO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CONCERNING THE OSWEGO HARBOR POWER, LLC TAX CERTIORARI LITIGATION**

**Resolution 027 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**GC-2** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION DENYING ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION AND TAX REFUND OR CREDIT PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §554 AND §556 REGARDING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 865 COUNTY ROUTE 7 IN THE TOWN OF HANNIBAL**

Leg. Castiglia asked for a roll call vote.

**Resolution 028 of 2024 adopted** by a roll call vote: Yes: 20 No: 4 Absent: 1  
(Leg. Schadt, Salmonsens, Karasek and Castiglia in opposition)

**GC-3** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – HOLIDAY PREMIUM**

**Resolution 029 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 2 Absent: 1  
(Leg. Castiglia and Schadt in opposition)

**GC-5** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEDICAID COMPLIANCE PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES FOR OSWEGO COUNTY**

Leg. Holst made a motion to amend the resolution when referring to the Ethics Local Law, it should be "Local Law #4 of 1990 as amended", Leg. Gilson seconds.

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

**Amended Resolution 030 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**PS-1** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CRIMINAL LAW ASSOCIATE (CLA) POSITION WITHIN THE OSWEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

**Resolution 031 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**PS-2** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION - SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRANSFER FROM INSURANCE RECOVERY (TREASURER'S OFFICE) TO AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT (ROAD DIVISION)**

**Resolution 032 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**PS-3** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION INCREASING PROBATION REVENUE BUDGET LINE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION-STATE AID PROBATION SERVICES AND INCREASING EXPENDITURE LINE ADDITIONAL HOURS**

**Resolution 033 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**PS-4** Legislator Greco offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND TO ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT E0124 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO VEHICLES – PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

**Resolution 034 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**PS-5** Pulled.

**HS-1** Legislator Rechil offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD – MENTAL HYGIENE DIVISION**

**Resolution 035 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1



**HS-2** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE POSITION IN THE MENTAL HYGIENE DIVISION**

**Resolution 036 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**HS-3** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MENTAL HYGIENE DIVISION SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION CONTRACTUAL AMENDMENT**

**Resolution 037 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**HS-4** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

**Resolution 038 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 22 No: 2 Absent: 1  
(Leg. Castiglia and Schadt in opposition)

**HS-5** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE CHILD PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Resolution 039 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**HS-6** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NUMBER 0224 FRISBEE GOLF COURSE CAMP ZERBE**

**Resolution 040 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 1 Absent: 1  
(Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

**EP-1** Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OSWEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF MOBILITY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION (CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER)**

**Resolution 041 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**EP-2** Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RFP-23-CDTP-005 TRANSIT SOFTWARE**

**Resolution 042 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**HE-1** Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD**

**Resolution 043 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**HE-2** Legislator Solowy offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LEGISLATIVE MEMBER TO THE OSWEGO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Legislator Solowy motioned to amend the resolution to change the term length, multiple seconds.

Motion **passed** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 1

**Amended Resolution 044 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 1 (Leg. Karasek abstained)

**HE-3** Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE POSITION IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Resolution 045 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**IT-1** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION WITH THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE INSURANCE RECOVERY FUND INTO HIGHWAY EXPENSE**

**Resolution 046 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**IT-2** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DELETION OF ONE POSITION IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**Resolution 047 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 1 Absent: 1 (Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

**IT-3** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL HOURS ACCOUNT LINE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY**

**Resolution 048 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 1 Absent: 1 (Leg. Castiglia in opposition)

**IT-4** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 0124 – THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT 2024**

Leg. Reehil motioned to amend the resolution to “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION – THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT 2024”, Leg. Greco seconds.

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

**Amended Resolution 049 of 2024 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1**

- IT-5** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 415 DATED DECEMBER 14, 2023, CAPITAL PROJECT NUMBER 0423 TO CAPITAL PROJECT NUMBER E0423**

**Resolution 050 of 2024 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 1 Absent: 1 (Leg. Castiglia in opposition)**

- IT-6** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARMTENT OF SOLID WASTE LANDFILL AND TRANSFER STATIONS – OTHER EQUIPMENT TO ADDITIONAL HOURS ACCOUNT**

**Resolution 051 of 2024 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 1 Absent: 1 (Leg. Castiglia in opposition)**

- IT-7** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – INCREASING CAPITAL PROJECT NUMBER C0323 – OSWEGO COUNTY FLOORING**

**Resolution 052 of 2024 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1**

- FP-1** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE OSWEGO COUNTY DEPUTIES' ASSOCIATION**

**Resolution 053 of 2024 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1**

- FP-2** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY AND DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES OF COUNTY FUNDS**

**Resolution 054 of 2024 adopted by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None.

Leg. House made a motion to waive the rules for resolutions GC-6 and IT-8, Leg. Twiss seconds.

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

**GC-6** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AWARDDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RFP 23-CKLEG-001 – GRANT CONSULTING SERVICE**

**Resolution 055 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

**IT-8** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EASEMENT WITH NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION D/B/A NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON NEW YORK, INC. CONCERNING THE OSWEGO COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – BUNNER STREET**

**Resolution 056 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 24 No: 0 Absent: 1

Leg. Kline made a motion to enter Executive Session, multiple seconds.

Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Enter Executive Session at 3:21 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To discuss pending Litigation- Attis Ethanol

Out of executive Session at 3:37 p.m.

Chairman Weatherup introduced former Legislator Bradley Trudell as a visitor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Legislator Karasek motioned to adjourn, Leg. Reehil seconds.

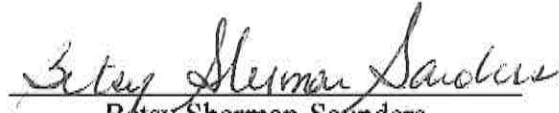
Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Legislature adjourned at 3:38 p.m.



## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

C. Weisenburger – Spoke about the increasing homeless population in Oswego and the need for emergency shelters.

  
Betsy Sherman-Saunders  
Clerk of the Legislature





## OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE ROLL CALL

Date: 2/15/2024

Subject: Roll Call; Resolution # RC-2 / Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Motion By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Original ☐ Original As Amended

☐ Amendment \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Motion \_\_\_\_\_

District	Legislator	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
D-1	Michael Yerdon	/			
D-2	Herbert Yerdon	/			
D-3	Edward Gilson	/			
D-4	David Holst	/			
D-5	Roy Reehil	/			
D-6	John Martino	/			
D-7	Frank Bombardo	/			
D-8	Paul House	/			
D-9	James Weatherup	/			
D-10	Mary Ellen Chesbro	/			
D-11	Linda Lockwood	/			
D-12	Richard Kline	/			
D-13	Patrick Twiss	/			
D-14	Stephen Walpole	/			
D-15	Kevin Hill	/			
D-16	James Scanlon				/
D-17	Charles Burger	/			
D-18	Robert Wilmott	/			
D-19	Marie Schadt		/		
D-20	Paul Connolly	/			
D-21	Noelle Salmonsén		/		
D-22	James Karasek		/		
D-23	Michael Solowy	/			
D-24	Marc Greco	/			
D-25	Frank Castiglia		/		
TOTAL		20	4		1