

# OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING



**MINUTES - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**Date/ Time:** January 4, 2024 at 2:00pm

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

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Organizational Meeting of the Oswego County Legislature was called to order at 2:06 pm by Temporary Chairman James Weatherup with the Acting Clerk of the Legislature Present.

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

The invocation was given by Betsy Sherman-Saunders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Linda Lockwood.

## **SWEARING IN OF INCUMBENT LEGISLATORS**

Legislators Kevin Hill (District 15) and Paul Connolly (District 20) were sworn in by the Hon. Armen Nazarian, Oswego County Court Judge.

All remaining Incumbent Legislators were sworn in by the Hon. Armen Nazarian, Oswego County Court Judge.

## **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Acting Majority Leader Paul House opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Legislature.

Legislator Chesbro nominated James Weatherup for Chairman of the Legislature, multiple seconds. No other nominations. All in favor.

Legislator Weatherup was elected Chairman of the Legislature for 2024 and was sworn in by the Hon. Armen Nazarian, Oswego County Court Judge.

## ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman of the Legislature James Weatherup opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Legislature.

Legislator Martino nominated Marc Greco for Vice Chairman of the Legislature, multiple seconds. No other nominations. All in favor.

Legislator Greco was elected Vice-Chairman of the Legislature for 2024.

## ELECTION OF CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Chairman of the Legislature James Weatherup opened the floor for nominations for Clerk of the Legislature.

Legislator Karasek nominated Betsy Sherman-Saunders for Clerk of the Legislature, multiple seconds. No other nominations. All in favor.

Betsy Sherman-Saunders was elected Clerk of the Legislature for 2024 and was sworn in by the Hon. Armen Nazarian, Oswego County Court Judge.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS/WHIP

The Chairman announced the Republican Caucus appointments of Leg. House as Majority Leader and Leg. Chesbro as Majority Whip.

The Chairman announced the Democratic Caucus appointments of Leg. Castiglia as Minority Leader and Leg. Schadt as Minority Whip.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Oswego County Legislature Regular Meeting on **December 15, 2023** were approved.

## RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation – National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

## PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY

None.

Reports of County Officials – None

Reports of Standing Committees – None

## REPORTS

Reports of Special Committees – None

## RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

**OR-1** Legislator Kline offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO**, Leg. Holst seconds.

**Resolution 001 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-2** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 002 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-3** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING AUDITOR**, Leg. Karasek seconds.

**Resolution 003 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-4** Legislator Kline offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF 911 COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**, Leg. Lockwood seconds.

**Resolution 004 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-5** Legislator Gilson offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 005 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-6** Legislator Solowy offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE COORDINATOR FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO**, Leg. Connolly seconds.

**Resolution 006 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-7** Legislator House offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE PROGRAMS**, Leg. Walpole seconds.

**Resolution 007 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-8** Legislator Twiss offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO**, Leg. Gilson seconds.

**Resolution 008 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-9** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL SERVICES**, Leg. Gilson seconds.

**Resolution 009 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-10** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING PURCHASING DIRECTOR**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 010 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-11** Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 011 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-12** Legislator Gilson offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 012 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 20 No: 2 Absent: 2 Vacant: 1 (Leg. Castiglia and Schadt in opposition and Leg. Walpole stepped out)

**OR-13** Legislator Hill offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING AGING SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR**, Leg. Lockwood seconds.

**Resolution 013 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1 (Leg. Walpole returned to meeting)

**OR-14** Legislator Scanlon offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF YOUTH BUREAU**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 014 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-15** Legislator Salmonsens offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** multiple seconds.

**Resolution 015 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-16** Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE OSWEGO COUNTY ASSIGNED COUNSEL PLAN**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 016 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-17** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 017 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-18** Legislator Karasek offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATION OF ALL ELECTION NOTICES, OFFICIAL CANVASS, LOCAL LAWS, NOTICES AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED**, Leg. Scanlon seconds.

**Resolution 018 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-19** Legislator Lockwood offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OSWEGO COUNTY TREASURERS AS THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL TO CORRECT CERTAIN CLERICAL ERRORS, UNLAWFUL ENTRIES AND ERRORS IN ESSENTIAL FACT UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §§554 AND 556**, Leg. Twiss seconds.

**Resolution 019 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-20** Legislator Reehil offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN OSWEGO COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY AND DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES OF COUNTY FUNDS**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 020 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-21** Legislator Chesbro offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE 2024 BUDGET IN REGARD TO FULL FUNDED GRANT PROJECTS**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 021 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-22** Legislator Holst offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A CORONER'S PHYSICIAN IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO** multiple seconds.

Leg. Martino makes a motion to amend resolution to remove Health Department in the Resolved paragraph, Leg. Twiss seconds

Motion **passed** with a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**Amended Resolution 022 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-23** Legislator Martino offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION WAIVING CIVIL SERVICE TESTING FEES FOR 2024**, Leg. Reehil seconds.

**Resolution 023 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

**OR-24** Legislator Walpole offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE – UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE TO LANDFILL AND TRANSFER STATIONS SALARIES AND WAGES**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 024 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

Leg. House made a motion to waive the rules to hear resolution OR-25, multiple seconds.

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

**OR-25** Legislator M. Yerdon offered a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH ALEX BOGAWITCH CONCERNING THE ATTIS ETHANOL FULTON PROPERTY**, multiple seconds.

**Resolution 025 of 2024 adopted** by a voice vote: Yes: 23 No: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 1

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Leg. H. Yerdon motion to adjourn, multiple seconds.

Vote: Unanimous, motion carried

Legislature adjourned at 2:50 pm

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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Betsy Sherman Saunders  
Clerk of the Legislature