

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY
LEGISLATURE HELD AUGUST 9, 2007.
AT THE H. DOUGLAS BARCLAY COURTHOUSE, PULASKI, NY**

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Roll call was taken with a Vacancy in District #1. All legislators were present. The invocation was given by Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett with a moment of reflection on the life of Ralph Schmidt, a former Supervisor, Legislator, Clerk of the Legislature, and Purchasing Director for Oswego County. This was followed by the salute to the flag.

MINUTES:

Hearing no objections and/or corrections to the minutes of July 12, 2007, the minutes were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Chairman Johnson introduced Richland Town Supervisor, Jim Atkinson and Pulaski Mayor Ernie Wheeler who welcomed the Legislature to Pulaski. Also recognized were former legislators Stephen Balcom, Vernon Randall, Wayne Lindsey, and Morris Sorbello. Town of Orwell Supervisor Marilyn Roser and Town of Sandy Creek Supervisor Margaret Kastler were also recognized.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS:

Chairman Johnson invited Leg. Malone and members of the Community and Consumer Affairs Committee forward and invited Real Property Director David Hastings and Tax Map Technician Deborah West to join them. Dave Hastings presented Ms. West with a certificate recognizing her 30 years of dedicated service to Oswego County.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY: None.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Legislator Brown reported on a meeting she attended regarding the recent telephone outage which disrupted service to emergency services numbers.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:

Leg. French offered Resolution No. 124, entitled, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT UNDER VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW §2408 FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2007.

Resolution passed with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Osetek offered Resolution No. 125, entitled, RESOLUTION ELIMINATING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR COUNTY LEGISLATORS ELECTED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2007. Leg. Chalifoux stated that although he does not participate in the health plan, many of the current legislators do, and that at this point many may not be able to get new insurance due to pre-existing conditions. He continued by saying that he did not want this issue to become a "political football" and called the question. A vote was taken on the motion to call the question.

Chairman Johnson declared the motion passed, by a show of hands

YES: 13 NO: 11 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

A roll call vote was requested on the resolution.

Resolution passed with a roll call vote

YES: 13 NO: 11 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

YES: DOYLE, GEARSBECK, NATOLI, BULLARD, OSETEK, PONZI, KUNZWILER, CHALIFOUX, MALONE, BECKWITH, VASHO, FRENCH, JOHNSON.

NO: POTTER, LEEMANN, BRYANT, PROUD, BROWN, BEARDSLEY, SEAGER, OSPELT, GARDNER, SANTORE, BREWER.

ABSENT: NONE

VACANT: DISTRICT ONE

Leg. Malone offered Resolution No. 126, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DEEDS FOR PROPERTY SOLD BY THE OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE, TITLES TO WHICH WAS ACQUIRED BY THE TAX FORECLOSURES OF 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, AND 2005.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Malone offered Resolution No. 127, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT. The Real Property Tax Department has received approval in the full amount of the 2007 LGRMIF Grant application (\$42,109). This is the final phase of the web site enhancement project which was begun in 2005.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Malone offered Resolution No. 128, entitled, RESOLUTION AWARDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES. This resolution awards the contract, funded by grant monies, to Fountain Spatial, Inc., as vendor for this grant project.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Leemann moved for a five minute recess, seconded by Leg. Santore. The motion passed with a show of hands. The legislature recessed at 2:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2:27 p.m.

Leg. Chalifoux offered Resolution No. 129, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING. This resolution changes the alignment of the budget lines from its current internal activities to one designed for payments to third party vendors, with no fiscal impact.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. French offered Resolution No. 130 entitled, RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT AND ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECT TO PERFORM AN OBSTRUCTION STUDY AT OSWEGO COUNTY AIRPORT. This resolution

establishes Capital Project #155 Oswego County Airport Obstruction Study for the amounts of Federal-Aid (\$92,862), State Aid (\$2,444) and Local Share (\$2,444).

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. French offered Resolution No. 131 entitled RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT -“ENGINEERING SERVICES-HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY”. This resolution awards a professional service contract for engineering services for the household hazardous waste collection facility to Barton and Loguidice of Syracuse, NY for a sum not to exceed \$68,550.00.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Osetek offered Resolution No. 132, entitled, RESOLUTION RECLASSIFYING A POSITION IN THE COUNTY TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT. This resolution reclassifies the position of Senior Account Clerk in the Treasure’s Department (CSEA Grade Level 6) to Junior Accountant (CSEA Grade Level 9) effective August 20, 2007. After a lengthy discussion a roll call vote was requested.

Resolution passed, with a roll call vote
YES: 20 NO: 4 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

YES: POTTER, DOYLE, LEEMANN, BRYANT, PROUD, BROWN, BEARDSLEY, SEAGER, NATOLI, OSPELT, GARDNER, BULLARD, OSETEK, SANTORE, PONZI, CHALIFOUX, BECKWITH, FRENCH, BREWER, JOHNSON.

NO: GEARSBECK, KUNZWILER, MALONE, VASHO.

ABSENT: NONE.

VACANT: DISTRICT ONE.

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 133, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT - OPERATION SAFE CHILD PROGRAM. This resolution accepts and transfers state funding from NYS DCJS in the amount of \$15,000 for the Operation SafeChild Program.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 134, entitled, RESOLUTION CREATING THREE (3) NEW, PART-TIME COURT ATTENDANT POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF. This resolution creates three new positions of Court Attendant (3111.0920, 3111.0921, and 3111.0922) which have no fringe benefits or bargaining unit in the Office of the Sheriff.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 135 entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SOCIAL SERVICES - TANF BG/CTA 07-08. This resolution accepts a 100% federally funded allocation of \$821,500 to fund services designed by the local district to meet targeted needs of eligible Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) families.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 136 entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION -SOCIAL SERVICES - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICES GRANT. This resolution accepts an allocation of \$25,000 to fund services designed by the local district to meet special needs families who are victims of domestic violence. The allocation is 100% state and federal funds.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 137, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SOCIAL SERVICES - TANF FUNDING. This resolution allows the Department of Social Services to accept an additional allocation of \$37,998 to continue a state funded project to provide intensive case services for non-compliant TANF families.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

Leg. Osetek offered Resolution No. 138, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 145 - TECHNOLOGY - MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS. This resolution transfers \$64,000 from Capital Reserve No. 145 to Capital Project 156 to purchase 8 photocopiers whose leases are ending in the coming months.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Leg. Brown thanked everyone for all the cards and well wishes she has received.

ADJOURNMENT:

Leg. French moved to adjourn the meeting, and Leg. Vasho seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING COUNTY ISSUES:

Connie Rogers, John Andrews, and Margaret Clerkin urged the Legislators to reconsider the decision to only allow fish waste at one of the Volney landfill. The fishing industry is one of the main sources of income for the surrounding towns, and forcing the small businesses engaged in this seasonal business to transport the fish waste to Volney is not only costly, but also poses a potential health risk.

Legs. Doyle and Seager also expressed their concerns regarding the effect of the current policy prohibiting fish waste at all but one of the county's landfill sites.

President of the Oswego County Library Council Margaret Weigel and former President Selma Rowland requested continued county support of the libraries throughout the County.

Sue Pringle voiced her concerns regarding the vacancy in District Number One, and the conduct of certain legislators during a recent meeting of the Community and Consumer Affairs Committee.

Leg. Osetek announced that there would be a Finance and Personnel Committee meeting immediately following the conclusion of the Legislative meeting and that all legislators were invited to attend.