

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE HELD ON  
JUNE 9, 2005**

Chairman Russ Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present. Invocation was given by Ted Jerrett, Clerk of the Legislature, followed by the salute to the flag. Hearing no objections to the minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2005, Chairman Johnson declared them approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Leg. Malone thanked everyone for their well wishes while he was sick.

Leg. Ospelt commended Mike Treadwell, Executive Director of Operation Oswego County for an award he recently received promoting economic development. Leg. Ospelt added that Mr. Treadwell is consistently doing outstanding work in adding and retaining jobs in Oswego County and the Legislature should recognize that.

Chairman Johnson invited Robbie Schremp of Fulton, New York, his family and Legs. Vasho and Brewer to come forward. A commendation was read. Chairman Johnson recognized Mr. Schremp as an outstanding young citizen whose fame as a rising professional hockey star recently led to his being drafted by the Edmonton Oilers.

Leg. Leemann called Mark Lichtenstein and the Infrastructure and Facilities Committee forward to honor John E. (Jack) Fitzgibbons, the retiring Chairman of the Oswego County Solid Waste Management Board. A local businessman and one time mayor of the City of Oswego, Mr. Fitzgibbons was recognized as the first chairman of the Solid Waste Management Board and for his reelection to that position in each of the past 24 years. Mr. Fitzgibbons was commended for helping the Solid Waste Management Program of Oswego County to become one of the best programs in the nation and for his lifetime as a leader and outstanding citizen of Oswego County.

Mark Lichtenstein, former Deputy Superintendent for Solid Waste, was then recognized for his many years of exemplary service to the people of Oswego County. Known as the "Recycle Guy", Mr. Lichtenstein was commended by former Public Works Superintendent Art Ospelt for helping to lead the Oswego County Solid Waste Program to national and international recognition. Mr. Lichtenstein thanked the Legislators for doing a great job for the County of Oswego.

Cooperative Extension Executive Director Paul Forestiere and Agent Jan van der Heide came forward to introduce the 2005 Oswego Dairy Princess Trisia Hurd, alternate Becky Revette (sponsored by Leg. Barbara Brown) and Ambassador Gabrielle Glenister. A proclamation was read declaring June as Dairy Month. Miss Hurd spoke regarding the importance of the farming community and encouraged everyone to attend the Oswego County Fair. Complimentary milk was provided by Byrne Dairy and samples of cheese were provided by Colosse Cheese.

Leg. Proud introduced Health Commissioner Kathleen Smith and Associate Public Health Sanitarian Natalie Roy of the Health Department. The Village of Mexico Mayor Terry Grimshaw and Public Works superintendent Jeff Marks were presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Place award for the best tasting water in Oswego County, following the annual drinking water contest.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES: None**

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Leg. Waters moved to suspend the rules to allow the resolution appointing a Veterans' Director to be read first. Leg. Malone seconded the motion. This was passed with no objections.

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 67, entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING A DIRECTOR OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICES AGENCY. This resolution is to fill a vacancy of the position of the Director of the Veterans' Services Agency of Oswego County. The Health and Human Services and the Finance and Personnel Committees recommend that Donna Kestner be appointed to fill this vacancy with an annual salary of \$35,078, effective June 27, 2005. Leg. Waters requested a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken on the resolution resulting in the following:

YES: THOMAS, ANSON, WATERS, LEEMANN, BRYANT, GEARSBECK, PROUD, BROWN, BEARDSLEY, SEAGER, RUSAW, OSPELT, GARDNER, BULLARD, OSETEK, SANTORE, PONZI, KUNZWILER, HOEFER, MALONE, BECKWITH, VASHO, FRENCH, BREWER, JOHNSON.

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The Resolution Passed  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Ms. Kestner came forward and offered a few comments.

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 68, entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMMENCE LITIGATION AGAINST VARIOUS PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES RELATIVE TO PHARMACY RELATED SERVICE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM. County Attorney Mitchell explained that this resolution is necessary for his office to commence litigation to recoup monies from overcharges. He has been in contact with three law firms regarding this matter, and at this point a resolution is necessary for him to continue.

The Resolution Passed, by a Voice Vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT 0

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 69, entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE CONSULTING SERVICES AND APPROVING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION.

The Resolution Passed by a Show of Hands  
with Legs. Gearsbeck, Rusaw and Anson opposing  
YES: 22 NO: 3 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 70, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 109 (Tee Hangar Project).

The Resolution Passed, with a Voice Vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 71, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FUND. The purpose of this resolution is to promote economic development within Oswego County. Leg. Osetek urged the legislators to support this resolution, as it would provide the legislature with information and also assist with strategic and long term planning for the economic development of our area.

The Resolution Passed, with a Voice Vote  
with Legs. Seager and Waters opposing.  
YES: 23 NO: 2 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 72, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

The Resolution Passed, with a Voice Vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 73, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SEPTIC AND WELL LOAN REPAYMENT PROJECT. Leg. Brown stated that there are families with limited financial resources that will benefit from this when septic/well repair is necessary. They can borrow the monies to repair the septic and well systems and then repay it.

The Resolution Passed, with a Voice Vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 74, entitled, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR A BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA (BOA) GRANT. Leg. Proud hopes that the residents and officials of the City of Oswego recognize that Oswego County is acting on their behalf, although he is not supporting this resolution.

The Resolution Passed, with a Voice Vote  
with Legs. Proud, Bullard, French, Gardner, and Rusaw opposing.  
YES: 20 NO: 5 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 75, entitled, RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BOA PROGRAM AWARD AND APPROVING A BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

The Resolution Passed, with a Voice Vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Santore offered Resolution 76, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DEEDS FOR PROPERTY SOLD BY THE OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE, TITLES TO WHICH WERE ACQUIRED BY THE TAX FORECLOSURES OF 2000,2001,2002,2003.

The Resolution Passed, with a Voice Vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Santore offered Resolution No. 77, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTIES 585 AND 586 IN THE TOWN OF CONSTANTIA TO JOMATT CORPORATION, INC. This sale provides full reimbursement of the back taxes owned on these properties as well as an additional payment representing the lost revenues to the County. Leg. Bryant stated that this property was within his township and was the best deal for everyone. Leg. Seager abstained due to a conflict.

The Resolution Passed, with a Voice Vote  
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 78, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - ARMOR VEST PROGRAM.

The Resolution Passed, with a Voice Vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Leg. Seager stated there will be a meeting regarding the Erie Canal on June 23, 2005 at the Captain's Lounge and Steakhouse at 10:00 AM and a public meeting at the G. Ray Bodley High School on July 14, 2005 at 7:00 pm. Leg. Seager urged everyone to attend these meetings in the hope of bringing increased Canal Corridor revitalization funding to Oswego County.

**NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. under a motion by Leg. Waters, seconded by Leg. Bullard. All in favor.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE:**

Ms. Donna Bristol came forward to ask for help regarding irresponsible ATV drivers on private property.