

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY
LEGISLATURE HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2006.**

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present, except Leg. Ponzi, who was ill, and Leg. Seager. The invocation was given by Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett and was followed by the salute to flag. A moment of silence was held for former Legislator Clyde Canfield, Port of Oswego Director Tom McAuslan, both whom recently passed away, and also in remembrance of all the victims of September 11, 2001. Hearing no objections and/or corrections to the minutes of August 10, 2006, the minutes were approved.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS:

Chairman Johnson invited Leg. Proud and members of the Health and Human Services Committee forward, along with Commissioner Fran Lanigan and DSS Caseworker Valerie Williams. Leg. Proud presented a certificate to Ms. Williams acknowledging her 25 years of service to the County. Commissioner Lanigan offered a few comments commending Ms. Williams for her proficiency and dedication.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY:

Bill Dee, a representative from Nationwide Retirement Solutions expressed his concerns regarding the proposed resolution authorizing a contract for a deferred compensation provider for the County. Currently there are 578 participants with Nationwide and with over \$12 million dollars of assets. He stated that Nationwide had provided service to the County for the past 21 years and requested that the resolution be modified to also extend Nationwide's contract 5 additional years, just as the resolution proposes to extend Hartford Life Insurance Company's contract for five additional years.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS: None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:

Leg. Thomas offered Resolution No. 153, 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, 2004.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Bryant offered a Resolution, entitled, RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO OSWEGO COUNTY POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES. Leg. Bryant moved to table this resolution and bring it back next month after it had been revised. Motion was seconded by Leg. Kunzwiler.

Motion to table resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 154, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 146 - HIGHWAY & AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT - SOLID WASTE. This resolution transfers \$250,000 from Capital Reserve No. 146 - Highway & Automotive Equipment to Capital Project No. 135 - Road Equipment Purchase - Solid Waste in order to replace road equipment (one

tractor and three trailers).

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Thomas offered Resolution No. 155, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION BOARD OF ELECTIONS - FULL TIME TEMPORARY PERSONNEL.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 156, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 146-HIGHWAY & AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT - PUBLIC HEALTH. This resolution authorizes a transfer of \$130,000 from Capital reserve No. 146 - Highway & Automotive Equipment to Capital Project No. 136 - Vehicle Purchase in order to purchase eight new vehicles for the health department. Leg. Malone questioned what type of cars was being purchased and what would be done with the old cars. Kathleen Smith, Commissioner of Health Services, and Phil Church, Director of Purchasing, offered comments.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 157, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION YOUTH BUREAU - AMERICORPS

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 158, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW YORK STATE GRANT FOR RESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY SERVICES TO OFFER (HOME) REPAIRS TO THE ELDERLY (RESTORE) PROGRAM. Leg. Malone suggested that this program be under the supervision of the Office of the Aging. Leg. Beardsley stated that it has been under the successful supervision of Donna Scanlon in the Housing Department for many years, and saw no reason to change it at this time.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Leemann offered a resolution, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE-HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Leg. Leemann, seconded by Leg. Santore, to pull this resolution and the following proposed resolutions: RESOLUTION AWARDDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT "HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION", and RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OSWEGO COUNTY TO FILE APPLICATION AND TO ENTER INTO A STATE CONTRACT FOR A STATE GRANT-IN-AID FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAMS.

Motion to pull the three proposed resolutions passed, with a voice vote
Legs. Natoli, Brown and Bullard in opposition
YES: 20 NO: 3 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 159, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES -TANF BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 160, entitled, RESOLUTION REIMBURSING CITY OF OSWEGO FOR BROWNFIELD EXPENSES INCURRED AS PART OF NYS DEC ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 161, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT - EMERGENCY MOSQUITO CONTROL. Leg. Brown stated that an animal had died in the town of Palermo, and with 67% of that area being a wetland, it would be in the interest of all to have it monitored in the future.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 162, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION E-911 OVERTIME.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
Leg. Natoli abstaining
YES: 22 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1

Leg. Bullard offered Resolution No. 163, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION PROBATION DEPARTMENT - PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Osetek offered a Resolution, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROVIDER. Leg. Bryant moved to table this resolution for one month, sending it back to committee for review; Leg. Beckwith seconded the motion.

The motion to table passed, with a voice vote
Leg. Bullard in opposition
YES: 22 NO: 1 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 164, entitled, RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED OSWEGO COUNTY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2006 ENTITLED, A LOCAL LAW REPEALING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 1990.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Leemann offered Resolution No. 165, entitled, RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED OSWEGO COUNTY LOCAL LAW NO. 3, OF 2006, ENTITLED, A LOCAL LAW REPEALING LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 1995.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Bryant offered Resolution No. 166, entitled, RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED OSWEGO COUNTY LOCAL LAW NO. 4, OF 2006, ENTITLED, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 1996.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 167, entitled, RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2006, ENTITLED, A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NUMBER 3 OF 1994", CONCERNING BOUNDARIES FOR THE OSWEGO EMPIRE ZONE.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Leg. Ospelt asked if there had been any further investigation into whether the legislature's intended sales tax break on motor fuel was being passed along to consumers. The issue was discussed at length with the consensus being that conclusions could only be drawn after an objective study is done. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 p.m. Leg. French moved to adjourn the meeting, Leg. Proud seconded the motion and all approved.

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

David Resnick, a resident of Lycoming, presented a letter, which urged the legislators to support and implement a program that would notify the county residents when a level two or three sex offender lives in their community. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Bullard of the Public Safety Committee stated that his committee would look into this further.

There were no other speakers.