

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2009,
ENTITLED, "A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR A REAL
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS
UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §458-b".**

Chairman Barry Leemann opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. County Attorney Richard Mitchell read the Public Hearing Notice of the proposed County of Oswego Local Law Number 2 of 2009, entitled "**A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §458-b**". Chairman Leemann offered the floor to any wishing to speak on this matter. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:04 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2009.**

Chairman Leemann called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present, with the exception of Leg. James Bryant. The invocation was given by the Clerk of the Legislature, Ted Jerrett, followed by the salute to the flag.

MINUTES:

Hearing no objections/corrections to the minutes of the August 13th meeting, the minutes were approved.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS:

Chairman Leemann invited the Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee forward and invited Probation Director Debbie Meyer and Probation Supervisor George Marturano to join them. Leg. Santore presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Marturano for his 32 years of outstanding service to Oswego County and wished him well in his retirement. Leg. Santore and Director Meyer offered comments. Mr. Marturano stated that he has enjoyed his career with the county and thanked everyone for their support.

Chairman Leemann invited the Health and Human Services Committee forward as well as Director of Public Health Dr. Dennis Norfleet and Home Health Aide Patricia Stoutenger. Leg. Proud presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Stoutenger acknowledging her 30 years of dedicated service to Oswego County. Dr. Norfleet commended Ms. Stoutenger who in turn thanked the County for the opportunity.

Chairman Leemann asked the Health Human Services Committee to remain up front. Leg. Proud read a proclamation declaring September as Literacy Month in Oswego County. Leg. Ospelt praised Literacy Volunteers Executive Director Jane Murphy for her abilities and dedication to Oswego County.

Chairman Leemann invited the Infrastructure Committee forward as well as County Highway Superintendent Kurt Ospelt, Fulton Mayor Ronald Woodward, Sr. and Fulton Commissioner of Public Works Dan O'Brien. Mayor Woodward presented a plaque to Superintendent Ospelt on behalf of the City of Fulton for the help Fulton received when its highway garage collapsed last year. Superintendent Ospelt thanked Mayor Woodward and also thanked the legislature for making it possible to have the tools and equipment to be able to assist other communities.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE DAY: None.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Leg. Kunzwiler offered congratulations to Leg. Walker and his wife on their 25th wedding anniversary. Leg. Kunzwiler also commented on remarks that recently appeared in the newspaper and urged people to avoid careless criticism of state representatives trying to obtain financial assistance for the area.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Leg. Brown stated that she attended a Public Hearing in Winfield on the current Dairy Crisis. Many dairy farms that have been run for generations, including her son’s, are being lost due to record low milk prices.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS:

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 150, entitled, RESOLUTION ADOPTING COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2009. Leg. Gardner stated that there were changes to be made to the resolution under Section 3, Definitions in order to be in compliance with NY State and noted that copies of the amended wording had been provided to all legislators. Leg. Malone moved to adopt the amendments to the resolution, Leg. Flett seconded the motion; all in favor. Leg. Malone offered a second amendment to add his name as a sponsor of the resolution, seconded by Leg. Gearsbeck. After a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion to add Leg. Malone’s name.

Amendment to the resolution passed, with a roll call vote

YES: 15 NO: 9 ABSENT: 1

YES: KASTLER, POTTER, GEARSBECK, BEARDSLEY, HAYES, LOCKWOOD, GARDNER, WALKER, FLETT, KUNZWILER, MALONE, VASHO, SORBELLO, BREWER, LECLAIR.

NO: DOYLE, LEEMANN, PROUD, BROWN, OSPELT, OLDENBURG, SANTORE, CHALIFOUX, BECKWITH.

ABSENT: BRYANT.

Discussion returned to the amended resolution. A roll call vote was taken on the amended resolution.

Resolution passed, as amended, with a roll call vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

YES: KASTLER, POTTER, DOYLE, LEEMANN, GEARSBECK, PROUD, BROWN, BEARDSLEY, HAYES, LOCKWOOD, OSPELT, GARDNER, OLDENBURG, WALKER, SANTORE, FLETT, KUNZWILER, CHALIFOUX, MALONE, BECKWITH, VASHO, SORBELLO, BREWER, LECLAIR.

NO: NONE.

ABSENT: BRYANT.

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 151, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION OSWEGO COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU CAMP ZERBE. This resolution authorized a transfer of leftover funds in the Camp Zerbe budget to blacktop the basketball court at Camp Zerbe. Leg. Walker asked if the County’s DPW would be doing the work. The response was “yes”.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 152, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION OSWEGO COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU MEANING OF SERVICE AWARD.

This resolution accepted grant money from NYS Council for Humanities in the amount of \$500.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote

YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 153, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF

APPLICATION TO THE NW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR CAMP ZERBE LODGE ASSESSMENT. This resolution endorsed a grant application to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for an amount not to exceed \$45,000, to assess the lodge at Camp Zerbe.

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 154, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADDITIONAL TANF FUNDING FOR TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAM. This resolution accepted \$106,586 to operate a Transitional Jobs Program for TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) eligible families.

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

Chairman Leemann stated the next proposed resolution had been pulled.

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 155, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HEAP. This resolution accepted a total of \$216,831 in federal HEAP funds to operate HEAP funded initiatives including a "Clean & Tune" initiative and the early mail-out process.

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 156, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE #146. This resolution would enable the Health Department to purchase 7 new sedan vehicles in the amount of \$110,693.

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

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 157, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT -EMERGENCY MOSQUITO CONTROL TOAD HARBOR. This authorized a budget modification of \$48,652 to pay for a second round of spraying for mosquitoes to reduce the observed presence of EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis).

Resolution passed, with a roll call vote
YES: 24 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 158, entitled, RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN AIR '99 GRANT ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A COLD STORAGE BUILDING AT THE OSWEGO COUNTY AIRPORT.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote
Leg. Gearsbeck in opposition.
YES: 23 NO: 1 ABSENT: 1

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 159, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A THIRD ADDENDUM TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO AND INTERFACE SOLUTIONS, INC. This resolution extended the agreement between the County of Oswego and Interface Solutions, Inc., relative to the sale and delivery of dry steam generated by the Oswego County Energy Recovery Facility for one additional year to be

reviewed next year for a possible one year renewal.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 160, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SALE OF ASPHALT TO TOWNS. This resolution authorized an increase of \$600,000 in revenues and expenses for asphalt to towns, villages and cities.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 161, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL RESERVE NO. 18 - ROAD CONSTRUCTION. This resolution increases the Capital Project for the 2009 paving season by \$850,000.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 162, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE POSITION IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT This resolution upgraded an Equipment Mechanic II position to a Crew Leader position.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 163, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER DISTRICT NO. 2.

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

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 164, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A STATE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO RELATIVE TO AN AID TO LOCALITIES PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY. This resolution authorized the Department of Solid Waste to enter into a contract with New York State for the purpose of obtaining grant monies for the construction of the Bristol Hill HHW Facility.

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

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 165, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING. This resolution accepts and disperses a \$75,000 grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to help three area small businesses.

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

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 166, entitled, RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TOURISM PROMOTION FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO. This resolution acknowledged the Department of Community Development, Tourism & Planning as the official Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA) for Oswego County and authorized the application for matching fund for FY2010.

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

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 167, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING TO PARTNER WITH OSWEGO COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES ON AN APPLICATION FOR SECTION 5311 ANNUAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT. This resolution approved seeking reimbursement for operating expenses associated with the county's rural public transportation service. Leg. Brown commented this service is especially important for senior citizens.

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

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 168, 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 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007. Leg. Walker moved to amend the resolution to include an additional 56 properties redeemed since the original list was developed, Leg. Oldenburg seconded, all in favor.

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

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 169, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2009 COUNTY EQUALIZATION RATES FOR TOWNS AND CITIES WITHIN OSWEGO COUNTY.

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

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 170, entitled, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PREQUALIFIED LISTING OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None.

Leg. Vasho moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leg. Doyle, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

Sandy Rogers and Colleen Scott of Granby expressed concerns regarding the Child Protective Unit of the Department of Social Services.

Steve Burdick of Palermo complained that the County Sheriff's Office is not sending an equitable amount of work to his towing service.