

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE HELD ON
JUNE 24, 2004**

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present, except Leg. Thomas.

Invocation was given by Ted Jerrett, Clerk of the Legislature, followed by the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Ed Williamson came forward to speak against the resolution imposing an additional one-percent sales tax. He stated that there is a business closing in Fulton because people do not have the money to spend. Mr. Williamson stated the people of this county do not deserve another tax at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

Legs. Leemann and Kunzwiler offered Resolution No. 97 entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO TO INCREASE TAXES ON SALES AND USES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF CERTAIN SERVICES, ON OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS AND ON AMUSEMENT CHARGES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Leg. Kunzwiler stated that they need to be fiscally responsible and build back resources lost through taxes given away under PILOT agreements. The numbers provided at the Ways, Means and Budget Committee meeting are real numbers, the county will have a deficit of \$16 million for next year. Leg. Kunzwiler stated there will be reductions and this will continue, he urged that they look at the revenue side of the problem in addition to the reductions.

Leg. Leemann stated he does not want to vote for the sales tax, but he will because there will be a property tax increase if this does not pass. People of this county can not afford another 15% to 25% property tax increase, but they can afford 1% sales tax increase. He stated that they did not vote for a property tax increase last year, but they ended up with an increase by default.

Leg. Anson remarked that he believes they can get there without a sales or property tax increase.

A roll vote was taken resulting in the following:

AYES: LEEMANN, PROUD, BROWN, BEARDSLEY, OSPELT, GARDNER, BULLARD, OSETEK, SANTORE, PONZI, KUNZWILER, VASHO, FRENCH, BREWER, JOHNSON

NAYS: ANSON, WATERS, BRYANT, GEARSBECK, SEAGER, RUSAW, HOEFER, MALONE, BECKWITH

ABSENT: THOMAS

The Resolution Passed
AYES: -15 - NAYS: -9- ABSENT: -1-

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. under motion by Leg. Waters, seconded by Leg. Bullard and carried unanimously.