

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE HELD ON  
JANUARY 7, 2010**

Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with all legislators present. The invocation was given by Clerk Jerrett, followed by the salute to the flag.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW LEGISLATORS:**

Hon. Norman W. Seiter, Jr., Supreme Court Justice, swore in the following newly elected legislators:

District 5, Ron Sakonyi, with his wife Sandy;  
District 6, John Martino, with his wife Jennifer, mother Angela Martino and his sister Kimberly;  
District 15, Jacob Mulcahey, with his wife Jennifer, his parents Daniel and Kathy Mulcahey, and his daughter, Mackenzie, father in law Jim Astoria  
District 16, Amy Tresidder, with her husband Ernie, and her daughter Elizabeth;  
District 21, Terry Wilbur, with his grandfather Leonard Malone;  
District 22, Jim Karasek, with his wife Patricia, son Michael, and grandchildren Natasha and Joseph;  
District 24, Mark Fruce, with his wife Beth.

Hon. Norman W. Seiter, J.S.C. swore in the incumbent legislators as a group.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:**

Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Legislature.

Leg. Proud nominated Leg. Barry Leemann, seconds were offered by Legs. LeClair, Flett and Brown. There being no further nominations Leg. Chalifoux moved to close the nominations, Leg. Kunzwiler seconded, all were in favor. By voice vote, Leg. Barry Leemann was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Legislature for 2010.

Leg. Leemann, accompanied by his wife Karen, was sworn in by Honorable Norman W. Seiter, Jr., J.S.C. Chairman Leemann thanked Leg. Proud for the nomination and stated that he was honored and humbled by everyone's support and stressed the importance of working together to strengthen the county.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:**

Chairman Leemann opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Legislature.

Leg. Sorbello nominated Leg. Jack Proud, seconded by Legs. Brown and Oldenburg. There being no further nominations, a unanimous voice vote re-elected Leg. Jack Proud as Vice-Chairman of the Legislature for 2010.

Leg. Proud, accompanied by his wife Allie, was sworn in by Honorable Norman W. Seiter, Jr., J.S.C. Vice-Chairman Proud thanked Leg. Sorbello for the kind words in his nomination; Leg. Brown for her support and all of the legislators for their confidence in him.

**ELECTION OF CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:**

Chairman Leemann opened the floor for nominations for Clerk of the Legislature.

Leg. Gardner nominated Theodore Jerrett, seconds were offered by Legs. Doyle and Brown. There being no other nominations, a voice vote was taken, with all in favor.

Ted Jerrett, accompanied by his brother Larry, was sworn in by Honorable Norman W. Seiter, Jr., J.S.C.

Chairman Leemann thanked Justice Seiter for giving his valuable time to swearing in the Legislature.

Chairman Leemann invited retired Leg. Clayton Brewer to come forward along with his children, Bonnie McIntyre, Becky Beeman, Jean Bissett, Clayton Brewer, Jr., and his grandson, Kevin Milo. Chairman Leemann presented a plaque to Leg. Brewer for his 30 continuous years of distinguished service as a legislator. Chm. Leemann recited a 30 year list of Leg. Brewer's service on committees, including several chairmanships. He noted that the legislature has enjoyed Leg. Brewer's friendship, admired his sense of decency and respected his heartfelt commitment to the families and businesses of Oswego County. Leg. Brewer thanked the legislature for this recognition and their years of friendship, his constituents for their confidence and the honor of serving the people of Oswego County. Leg. Brewer was answered by a long standing ovation.

**MINUTES:** In the absence of any objections/corrections, the minutes of the December 10 and 15, 2009 meeting were approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON RESOLUTION OF THE DAY:** None.

**REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS:**

Leg. Doyle offered a brief report on the status of the proposed Galloo Island Wind Farm, stating that the resolution was pulled at the Jefferson County meeting for further study.

Leg. Brown stated that at the recent Farmland Protection Board Meeting, those present also expressed their concerns regarding the proposed wind farm.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS/WHIPS:**

The Republican Caucus announced the appointment of Leg. Beardsley as Majority Leader and Leg. Linda Lockwood, as Majority Whip.

The Democratic Caucus announced the appointment of Leg. Kunzwiler as Minority Leader and Leg. Malone as Minority Whip.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Leg. Potter offered Resolution No. 1, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO. This appoints Richard C. Mitchell as County Attorney for a term of two years, commencing January 1, 2010.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 2, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO. This appoints Philip R. Church of the City of Oswego as County Administrator for a term to coincide with the term of this Legislature.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

County Administrator Church thanked the legislature and invited everyone to continue sharing their hopes and concerns with him.

Leg. Potter offered Resolution NO. 3, entitled, RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATION OF ALL ELECTION NOTICES, OFFICIAL CANVASS, LOCAL LAWS, NOTICES AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED. The Oswego County Weeklies of Mexico, New York; The Valley News of Fulton, New York; and The Syracuse Post-Standard of Syracuse, New York were designated as the official newspapers.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 4, entitled, RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN OSWEGO COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY AND DESIGNATING BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES OF COUNTY FUNDS.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 5, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE AUDITOR. Stephen Loadwick of Oswego was appointed auditor for the County of Oswego.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Lockwood offered Resolution No. 6, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Patricia Egan was appointed Director of Emergency Management.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Ospelt offered Resolution No. 7, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING PURCHASING DIRECTOR. Fred Maxon of Oswego was appointed Purchasing Director.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 8, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO. Dennis P. Norfleet, M.D. was appointed Director of Public Health.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 9, entitled, RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES. Donna Kestner's appointment as Director of Veterans Services was unanimously supported.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Gardner offered Resolution No. 10, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL SERVICES. Richard M. Hogan was appointed Director of Central Services.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Lockwood offered Resolution No. 11, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF 911 COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. Michael Allen was appointed Director of 911 Communication System.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 12, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING AGING SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR. Laurence Schmidt was appointed Aging Services Administrator.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 13, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF YOUTH BUREAU. Kathleen Fenlon was appointed Director of the Youth Bureau.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Beardsley offered Resolution No. 14, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE PROGRAMS. Frank Visser was appointed Director of Solid Waste Programs.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Sorbello offered Resolution No. 15, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PLANNING. David R. Turner was appointed Director of the Department of Community Development, Tourism and Planning.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
Legs. Doyle and Karasek in opposition.  
YES: 23 NO: 2 ABSENT: 0

Leg. Proud offered Resolution No. 16, entitled, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF SCRIBA AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSWEGO RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR POWER STATION. The County Attorney, Richard Mitchell, explained that the resolution needed to be amended because the original agreement was based on the 2009 rate, including the library, the current agreement among the jurisdictions reflect the amended percentages.

Resolution passed, as amended, with a voice vote  
Legs. Kunzwiler and Oldenburg abstaining.  
YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 2

Leg. Kunzwiler moved to waive the rules to consider an additional resolution, seconded by Leg. Malone, all in favor.

Leg. Kunzwiler offered Resolution No. 17, entitled, RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO. This resolution appointed Richard Atkins to be appointed Democrat Commissioner of Elections for the County of Oswego beginning January 7, 2010.

Resolution passed, with a voice vote  
YES: 25 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion by Leg. Oldenburg, second by Leg. Gardner, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Myron Pringle expressed his concern that the Sheriff of Oswego County is not being adequately paid and is making less than the Undersheriff. He urged the Legislature to raise the salary of the Sheriff.

There were no others wishing to speak.