

# TOWN OF OSWEGO

Supervisor: Richard E. Kaulfuss

Town Board Members:

Timothy DeSacia, Greg Herrmann, Margaret Mahaney, Richard Tesoriero

Attorney to the Board: Kevin C. Caraccioli

The meeting of the Town Board was held on August 9, 2016 at town hall. Supervisor Kaulfuss opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Present:**

Supervisor	Richard Kaulfuss
Councilor	Tim DeSacia
Councilor	Greg Herrmann
Councilor	Margaret Mahaney
Councilor	Richard Tesoriero
Attorney	Kevin Caraccioli

## **Others Present:**

County Legislator	Tim Stahl
County Legislator	Terry Wilbur
Highway Superintendent	David Sterio

**Public Comment:** Residents of Valley View Drive expressed their concern for the pole barn that was erected in the Valley View Subdivision. Concerns that the building followed the permit that was issued, and if there are restrictions for commercial use.

Reports of the Town Supervisor, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk can be accessed at [www.townofoswego.com](http://www.townofoswego.com)

## **Old Business**

- a. See Supervisor's Report

## **New Business:**

- a. Cornell Roads Report Presentation. Nick Bertsch, Summer Intern with the Highway Department, presented his Highway Inventory Report. A copy of the report may be found on the town website under the Highway Department tab.
- b. Community Center. Town Clerk, Nikki Fowler, is forming a volunteer committee to get the new Community Center into use. If you would like to participate and/or have ideas, please contact Nikki at the Clerk's office.

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**New Business Continued:**

- c. The Town Board recognized George “Jake” Myers for his Eagle Scout Certification. (See Resolution 2016-81)
- d. The Board is recommending a Public Hearing of State and Local laws covering property maintenance and the authority to take action and pursue all legal avenues to gain compliance with nuisance properties. Further, the Board has requested the Town Attorney draft a new local law regarding legal options to remedy. It is recommended the Hearing take place to coincide with the September Budget Hearing.
- e.

**Resolution 2016-79 Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second Councilor Mahaney, the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays.

Resolved the Oswego Town Board approves the minutes from the July 12, 2016 meeting, the Supervisor’s Financial Report, the Town Clerk’s Report, the Code Enforcement Report, The Dog Control Officer’s Report, and the Cemetery Report.

**Resolution 2016-80 Audit of Claims**

On motion by Councilor Herrmann, second Supervisor Kaulfuss, the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays.

Resolved the Oswego Town Board approves the bills on Abstract 8 as follows:

General Fund	\$16,007.86	v246-v267
Highway Fund	\$ 4,891.27	v130-v141
Franklin/Baylis Lighting District	\$ 90.62	v147
Sleepy Hollow Sewer District	\$ 4,031.61	v142,145,146
Ontario Heights Sewer District	\$ 198.64	v143,144

**Resolution 2016-81 Eagle Scout Recognition Jake Myers**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Oswego, New York stand firmly committed to promoting young town residents’ future academic success, their positive citizenship attributes and teachings, their preparation for America’s jobs of the future and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Jake Myers has provided significant leadership and active participation in the Boy Scouts of America, in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle of our community’s well-being and based upon solid ethical principals and work ethic to support the long-term quality of life of the residents of the Town of Oswego; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is a national entity, which promotes such principals and ethics and which has awarded Jake Myers the Eagle Scout Badge for his active participation in and achievements within the Boy Scouts of America, which is documented in the records of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Due deliberation having been made upon the above matters, upon motion duly made by Richard E. Kaulfuss and seconded by Town of Oswego Board, the following Resolution is unanimously adopted, to-wit:

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Town of Oswego, New York calls on the citizens of the Town of Oswego to acknowledge and to honor Jake Myers for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and to make this acknowledgement of his such achievement part of the permanent records of the Town of Oswego, New York by the Town of Oswego's adoption of this Resolution.

**Resolution 2016-82** Budget Modification

On motion by Councilor Mahaney, second Supervisor Kaulfus the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved the Oswego Town Board approves the budget modifications from Attachment A.

**Resolution 2016- 83** Planning Board Alternate

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second Councilor Herrmann the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved that the Oswego Town Board appoints Robert H. Smith as a Planning Board Alternate for a term to expire 02/2022

**Resolution 2016-84** Fifth Street Road Ownership

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second Councilor Mahaney, the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved that the Oswego Town Board accepts all legal and maintenance and repair responsibility for the ownership of the 1.82 miles of West Fifth Street Road, southbound lane only, beginning at County Route 25 and ending at South Town Line in Granby. Further, the northbound lane is in the Town of Minetto.

**Resolution 2016-85** West Lake Road Ownership

On motion by Councilor Herrmann, second Councilor Tesoriero the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved the Oswego Town Board accepts all legal and maintenance and repair responsibility for the ownership of the .06 miles of West Lake Road, beginning at County Route 20 and ending at the Cayuga County line.

**Resolution 2016-86** Conference

On motion by Councilor DeSacia, second Councilor Mahaney the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved the Oswego Town Board authorizes Supervisor Richard E. Kaulfuss and Highway Superintendent David Sterio to attend the Conference on Sustainable Development & Collaborative Governance to be held Thursday August 11th at Marriot Syracuse NY Downtown.

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**Resolution 2016-87 Highway Superintendent Conference**

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second Councilor Herrmann the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved that the Oswego Town Board authorizes Highway Superintendent David Sterio to attend the NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways 2016 Annual Conference at the Crown Plaza in Lake Placid, NY on September 16-19th.

**Resolution 2016-88 Ontario Heights Sewer Usage Agreement**

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second Councilor DeSacia the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved that the Oswego Town Board directs the Supervisor to negotiate and sign an Ontario Heights Sewer Usage Agreement with the City of Oswego.

**Resolution 2016-89 Ontario Heights Operational Audit**

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second Councilor DeSacia the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved that the Oswego Town Board directs the Supervisor to sign the Authorization for Professional Services Agreement with Bernier, Carr & Associates (BCA) for Ontario Heights Operational Audit at a fee not to exceed \$5,000 and authorizes the expenditures of Special District funds to cover the costs.

**Resolution 2016-90 Retiree Health Insurance**

On motion by Councilor Herrman, second Councilor Tesoriero the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Whereas former Highway Superintendent Leon Carter, now retired, has reached participation requirements for Medicare Insurance Coverage and is in need of changes in coverage, and

Whereas retirees are to be covered by health care insurance as provided by the local bargaining unit Labor contract, and whereas said retiree is no longer a resident of New York State & not qualified for current insurance programs or through current provider, Be it resolved that the Oswego Town Board authorizes Mr. Steve Wilkie, of Affordable Benefits, to act, in cooperation with the Town Supervisor, as an advisor to inform Mr. Leon Carter of his options in this matter and regarding Supplemental Medicare Coverage, and

Be it further resolved that the Town of Oswego will authorize payment for said insurance options, in keeping with current retiree benefit rates through the MVP plan, but not to exceed \$350.30 monthly, and

Be it further resolved that any agreement reached shall be revisited and adjusted annually and with regard to the 2% tax cap limitations imposed upon the Town by NY state.

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**Resolution 2016-91 Health Care Benefits for Current and Retired Employees**

On motion by Councilor Herrman, second Councilor Tesoriero the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays

Whereas the costs of retiree benefits, especially in regards to Health Care, have greatly accelerated far beyond the 2% Tax Cap ceiling imposed by NY State to the point where additional costs cannot be absorbed by the Town of Oswego without sacrificing other needed or mandated services,

Be it resolved that the Town Board accepts the Town Supervisor's recommendation that the current Labor agreement, in stating retirees be provided health insurance "with the current retiree health insurance plan" does not mandate coverage through the Teamsters union, and that the "current retiree health insurance plan" which is being offered by the Town to retirees over age 65, might be extended to all. Be it further resolved that the Town Board for the Town of Oswego authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, in conjunction with the Town Attorney, to seek other options.

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second Councilor Mahaney to close the meeting at 7:53 PM, 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays.

Respectfully Submitted

Nikki Fowler  
Oswego Town Clerk