

# 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 Special Budget meeting of the Town Board was held on November 18th, 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:

Legislator	Marie Schadt
Highway Superintendent	David Sterio

## Executive Session:

- a. At 6:03 PM a motion was made by Councilor Herrmann for the Board to go into Executive Session, second by Councilor Tesoriero. 5 Ayes. DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero. 0 Nays. Motion passed.
- b. At 6:24 PM a motion was made by Supervisor Kaulfuss to resume the Special Budget Meeting of the Oswego Town Board, second by Councilor Tesoriero. 5 Ayes. DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero. 0 Nays. Motion passed.

## Public Comment:

- A. Fred Knopp, Jr. - Thought the Board should put a cap on the Tax Cap Override option. For example the Board can go over the Tax Cap (this year it is .68%) but only up to a predetermined percent.
- B. County Legislator Marie Schadt – Is the Board required to file the Tax Levy Limit Override with the Secretary of State before the override is legal? Ans.: No. What is the current Reserve Fund? Ans.: \$107,000.00 Unallocated Fund \$160,000.00 Supervisor Kaulfuss.
- C. Doug Malone – Stated that according to the Post Standard the STAR Program is still in effect and people are still getting refund checks. Reply: With the Tax Cap Legislation the State had tax rebates associated with it. Passing a Tax Cap Override will not affect rebate/refund checks this year, stated Supervisor Kaulfuss.

Mr. Malone also wanted to know if anyone had contacted President Stanley at SUNY Oswego to see if the Town could get money for “being a good neighbor.” Ans.: Attorney Caraccioli is working on a meeting between the Town and College. Historically, the College has not given money to the Town for any reason, stated Supervisor Kaulfuss.

- D. David Sterio, Town of Oswego Highway Superintendent – In response to Doug Malone’s discussion of the STAR Program, stated that he thought the rebate/relief checks being sent out this fall were probably tied to the 2016 Budget Year.

Mr. Sterio wanted to know if the Budget Change Recommendations, that the Board was presenting tonight, were already in the Preliminary Budget 2017 or might they be added to the Preliminary Budget 2017 tonight? Ans.: Might be added to the Preliminary Budget 2017 tonight, stated Supervisor Kaulfuss.

- E. Michael Dunn – asked if the Budget 2017 didn’t get passed tonight would the public get to vote on Budget 2017? Ans.: No, if the Budget 2017 does not get passed tonight by the Board then the Preliminary Budget 2017 automatically goes into effect, stated Supervisor Kaulfuss.

Mr. Dunn also asked if the Town Highway Department plowed Fallbrook and Rice Creek for the College. Ans.: No, stated Supervisor Kaulfuss.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Resolution 2016-114 Tax Levy Limit Override**

On motion by Supervisor Kaulfuss, second by Councilor DeSacia, the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Be it resolved that the Oswego Town Board approves Local Law No. 1-2016 – Tax Levy Limit Override for 2017 and directs the Oswego Town Supervisor to file said Local Law 1-2016 with all required agencies.

##### **Discussion on Resolution 2016-115 Amendments to Preliminary Budget 2017**

On a motion by Councilor Herrmann, second by Councilor DeSacia, the following Amendments to the Preliminary Budget 2017 were passed. 1.) Remove \$1,000.00 from Budget 2017 line item for telephone service (Central Communications Systems). 2.) Remove \$900.00 from Budget 2017 line item for Town Clerk. 4.) Remove \$1,800.00 from Budget 2017 line item for Sewer Personnel. 4 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Tesoriero. 1 Nay, Mahaney. Three out of four Amendments to Budget 2017 passed.

##### **Resolution 2016-115 Budget 2017 with Amendments**

On a motion made by Councilor Herrmann, second by Councilor Tesoriero the following resolution was adopted with amendments. 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero. 0 Nays. Be it resolved that the Oswego Town Board adopts the Oswego Town Budget for 2017, with amendments, as attached and directs the Oswego Town Supervisor to submit said budget to the Oswego Town Clerk for certification. The Supervisor is further directed to file said budget with all the required agencies. Motion passed.

##### **Resolution 2016-116 Sewer Bill for Hall Newman Center**

On a motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second by Councilor DeSacia the following resolution passed. 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero. 0 Nays. Be it resolved that

the Oswego Town Board approves an adjustment to the Sewer Bill for the Hall Newman Center to the amount of \$403.00, based upon adjustments from OCWA. Motion passed.

**Adjournment: 7:03 PM**

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second by Councilor DeSacia the Board closed the meeting at 7:03 PM, 5 Ayes, DeSacia, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Tesoriero 0 Nays. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Julie DeSacia  
Oswego Town Deputy Clerk