

**Town of Oswego  
Town Board Meeting  
July 9, 2019**

The meeting of the Town Board was held on July 9, 2019 at town hall. Supervisor Kaulfuss opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:**

Supervisor	Richard Kaulfuss
Councilor	Greg Herrmann
Councilor	Margaret Mahaney
Councilor	Victoria Mullen
Councilor	Richard Tesoriero
Attorney	Kevin C. Caraccioli

**Others Present:**

Historian	George Demass
Assessor	Rick Hogan
	Robert Malone Jr.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Old Business:**

Thompson Rd Bridge update: Public information meeting was held June 18. BCA Engineers explained the initial findings that explain how there is severe scouring under the culvert structure. They presented 3 scenarios that are being considered and the pros and cons of each. They also covered the expected timeline of determining the most feasible and affordable plan and funding that may be available.

**New Business:**

\*The Oswego Town Board wished to give a formal Thank You to the Highway Department and the Fire Department for all of their hard work, extended hours and tremendous response to the town and its residents for the storm on June 20.

\*Attorney Caraccioli is going to send a letter to Frontier Communications with regards to their lines that run through the culvert on Hall Road. They have been asked several times to address this so that the culvert can be repaired. More detail on David Sterio's report.

\*Councilor Tesoriero asked for the proper agencies to be notified of Giant Hogweed in the Town, specifically on RT 104.

**Resolution 2019-69 Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second Councilor Herrmann the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Mullen, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved the Oswego Town Board approves the minutes from the June 11, 2019 Board meeting, the Town Clerk's Report, the Supervisors Financial Report, the Code Enforcement Report, the Dog Control Officer's Report and the Cemetery Report.

**Resolution 2019-70 Approval of Abstract**

On motion by Councilor Herrmann, second Councilor Tesoriero the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Mullen, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved the Oswego Town Board approves the invoices on Abstract #8 as follows:

General Fund	Vouchers	217-244	\$34,784.71
Highway	Vouchers	97-111	\$27,700.16
Special Districts	Vouchers	35-39	\$ 16,000.82
Trust & Agency	Vouchers	7	\$ 442.00

**Resolution 2019-71 Budget Modifications**

On motion by Councilor Mullen, second Councilor Mahaney the following resolution was adopted 5 Ayes, Herrmann, Kaulfuss, Mahaney, Mullen, Tesoriero, 0 Nays. Resolved the Oswego Town Board approves the following budget modifications:

**Budget Modification:** \$17,793.45 to DA 3501 State Aid; and,

**Budget Modification:** \$17,793.45 to DA 5112.4 Capital Projects, Contractual

**Resolution 2019-72 Support to Suspend the IJC Plan 2014**

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

**WHEREAS**, Lake Ontario is a valuable regional, national and international resource, and

**WHEREAS**, federal governments of the United States and Canada and the International Joint Commission (IJC) have, in partnership with the States and Provinces, a joint interest in the management of Lake Ontario, and

**WHEREAS**, the management of the lake levels falls within this joint interest, and

**WHEREAS**, the flooding experienced by shoreline residents, by shoreline businesses and within public waterfront spaces has threatened life and safety while causing severe property damage, significant environmental damage, substantial economic loss and protracted mental health trauma, and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities have expended significant staffing and financial resources in flood mitigation, flood protections and emergency/disaster response, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oswego has suffered significant financial damage directly related to the high water levels and flooding as a result of the IJC Plan 2014, which has washed out town roads forcing temporary closures, and other areas of both public and private property have been severely damaged, negatively affecting the quality of life, tourism, industry and overall economy in the Oswego area along with consuming Town of Oswego government operations and financial resources, and

**WHEREAS**, it is conceivable and reasonable to anticipate future flooding as was experienced in the spring of 2017 and is being experienced now in 2019, if changes to the current plan are not implemented, now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Oswego supports the action to revoke the International Joint Commission Plan 2014 and its devastating effects on our community, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Oswego joins the City of Oswego and the Town of Scriba, and other municipalities in requesting that the representatives of the International Joint Commission and the United States and Canadian federal governments immediately suspend Plan 2014 and establish a plan that better protects the interests of municipalities, emergency responders, riparian and private land owners.

Motion by Councilor Tesoriero, second Councilor Mahaney to close the meeting at 6:14 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Nikki Fowler  
Oswego Town Clerk