

**Town of Oswego  
Town Board Meeting  
June 8, 2021**

The meeting of the Town Board was held June 8, 2021 at town hall. Supervisor Kaulfuss opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:**

Supervisor	Richard Kaulfuss
Councilor	Jonathan Fowler-
Councilor	Greg Herrmann
Councilor	Victoria Mullen
Councilor	Richard Tesoriero
Attorney	Kevin C. Caraccioli

**Others Present:**

Highway Superintendent	Robby Malone
Assessor	Richard Hogan
	Dan Gurney

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

**Resolution #2021-45** Be it resolved that the Oswego Town Board approves the minutes from the May 11 and May 25, 2021 Board Meetings, the Town Clerk’s Report, the Supervisor’s Financial Report, the Code Enforcement Report, the Highway Superintendent’s report, The Dog Control Officer’s Report and the Cemetery Report.

Moved by Councilor Fowler, Second Councilor Tesoriero. Motion passed unanimously

**Resolution #2021-46** Be it resolved that the Oswego Town Board approves the invoices on Abstract #06 as follows:

General Fund	V 150 – 181	\$ 26,235.75
Highway Fund	V 84 - 106	\$ 597,677.55
Special Districts	V 31 – 34	\$ 2,946.44
HH & HS Special Dist. 3 & Sewer Grant	V 9 – 10	\$ 45,876.24
HB – Thompson Rd	V	\$
Trust & Agency	V 7	\$ 398.00

HA & HE West Lk Rd & Lakeshore Rd	V 4 – 5	\$ 1,840.00

Moved by Councilor Herrmann Second Councilor Fowler. Motion passed unanimously

**Resolution #2021- 47** Be it resolved that the Oswego Town Board does hereby authorize CNY Regional Planning & Development Board to file a grant application on our behalf to amend the Comprehensive Plan to include Smart Growth technology.

Moved by Councilor Tesoriero, Second Councilor Mullen. Motion passed unanimously

**Resolution #2021-48** Be it resolved that the Oswego Town Board does hereby approve security upgrade quotes from Volney Multiplex.

Moved by Supervisor Kaulfuss, Second Councilor Herrmann. Motion passed unanimously.

At 6:25 Motion was made by Supervisor Kaulfuss to move to executive session to discuss the Collective Bargaining negotiations, Second by Councilor Mullen. Motion passed unanimously.

At 6:40 Motion was made by Councilor Tesoriero to end the executive session, Second by Councilor Mullen. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Kaulfuss requested to recess the meeting from 6:40 till 7:00 PM.

7:00 PM out of recess.

7:00PM start the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 1 of 2021 providing for the Town of Oswego to Opt Out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-site Consumption Sites.

Supervisor Kaulfuss read a statement he prepared as to the reasons to Opt out of the MRTA for the time being. The statement is included in the official minute book.

Fran Delamano was the first to speak. He has been a member of the planning board for more than 50 years. The main purpose of planning and zoning is to protect residents in the process of making changes to planning and zoning. He is in favor of more business in the town, but not in residential areas. He referenced page 23 of the planning rules.

Sara Stenuf - She introduced herself and gave a detailed account of her background with regards to cannabis and the many reasons she feels that the town should not opt out of MRTA (Marijuana Regulation Taxation Act). A transcript is included with the official minutes.

Jennifer Senef - She spoke to the many medical benefits of cannabis as she works with medical cannabis with people with PTSD, and mental health. She is in favor of cannabis.

Ryan Cornillius is in favor of cannabis and the revenues it can bring to a community.

William Weimer – Spoke to the medical benefits he has personally experienced and also on the business aspect. He is not in favor of the town to Opting out.

On motion by Councilor Tesoriero and Second by Supervisor Kaulfuss to table Resolution 2021-49 Local Law No. 1 of 2021 and close the Public Hearing at 7:50 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution #2021-\_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has passed the New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) and the Governor has signed it into law, providing for the legalization of adult use marijuana effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, the MRTA has a provision that enables local municipalities to "Opt Out" of allowing adult use cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites through the enactment of a local law, which is subject to permissive referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oswego has authorized an update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oswego has authorized an update of Zoning Law governing a myriad of uses throughout the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oswego has undertaken the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program which is also designed to review best code practices and related land use planning option; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Oswego declares it to be in the best interest of the residents and businesses of the Town of Oswego to opt out of the applicable provisions of the MRTA at this time and unless or until the Town's land use plan addresses uses under the MRTA that can be regulated in a manner that best protects the Town of Oswego; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Oswego opts out of the applicable provisions of the New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act related to allowing Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites anywhere within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Oswego; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Oswego hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2021, a local law providing for the Town of Oswego to opt out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-site Consumption Sites, effective immediately but subject to permission referendum as provided for in NYS Cannabis Law § 131 and NYS Municipal Home Rule Law §24.

**Resolution 2021-50** Be it Resolved that the Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of TickTock Safe and Lock of Liverpool, Ny to install an ADA-EZ Door Operator, pursuant to estimate # 060221-01 in the sum of \$6,842, for the Town Hall.

Moved by Councilor Tesoriero, Second Councilor Mullen. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilor Tesoriero, Second Councilor Mullen to close the board meeting at 8:03 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Fowler,  
Town Clerk