

OPERATION OSWEGO COUNTY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
ZOOM
May 5, 2025

PRESENT:

BEHLING	HOLST	SHARKEY IV
CULLINAN	MALONE	SHATRAU
DEMARS	MASON	TASCARELLA
GALLOWAY	MURPHY	TUCKER
GILSON	PETER-CLARK	WEBER
GRECO	PIERCE	WEAVER
HEFFRON	ROMAN	

Ex-Officio: M. Chesbrto, Dr. Nwosu

Staff: Alex Fitzpatrick, Kevin LaMontagne, Amber Miller, Karen Perwitz, and Austin Wheelock

Counsel: Kevin C. Caraccioli

President Cullinan called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

President Cullinan listed the items in the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any reports in the Consent Agenda that anyone would like pulled out for further discussion. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Ms. Holst, the Consent Agenda Items were approved, as follows: Board of Director meeting minutes of March 17, 2025, Executive Committee minutes of April 10, 2025, Business Outreach Committee minutes of April 4, 2025, Real Estate Development Committee minutes of April 4, 2025 and Marketing and Development Committee minutes of April 2, 2025.

FINANCIALS

Ms. Peter-Clark, assisted by Mr. LaMontagne, presented the OOC Financials as of March 31, 2025. Following a discussion, a motion by Ms. Peter-Clark, seconded by Mr. Tascarella the OOC Financials as of March 31, 2025, were approved.

IRS FORM 990 & NYS CHAR 500 2024

Mr. LaMontagne discussed the IRS Form 990 and NYS CHAR 500 for 2024. Operation Oswego County, Inc. and Operation Oswego County Foundation are required to file these returns on a yearly basis. Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Holst, seconded by Mr. Galloway, authorization was given to file both the IRS Form 990 and NYS CHAR 500 for year ending 2024.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Nominating Committee Chair Chena Tucker provided an update on the efforts of the Committee to fill two 3-year term vacancies on the Operation Oswego County Board of Directors. Those nominees include Bob Chetney from Fulton Savings Bank and Peter Redmond from Novelis. Chair Tucker also discussed the open vacancy for the position of Treasurer. The committee is nominating Ron G. Tascarella from Pathfinder Bank to fill that position.

Nominees will be voted on at the 73rd Annual Meeting of Operation Oswego County, being held on June 19, 2025.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Wheelock provided an update on the planning of the 73rd Annual Meeting of Operation Oswego County, taking place on June 19, 2025 at the Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

President Cullinan provided an update on the ongoing strategic planning being undertaken by Operation Oswego County with the help of Chena Tucker and the Shineman Foundation. It was reported that Steve Sherek is being contracted to conduct Phase II. Teams were also announced in regard to the strategic planning including a Core Team of Chena Tucker, Austin Wheelock, Nate Emmons and Pete Cullinan; Strategic Planning Committee of Rachel Pierce, Ed Gilson along with the Core Team; and Strategic Advisory Committee consisting of Ellen Holst, John Sharkey, IV, Tricia Peter-Clark, Kevin LaMontagne, and Mary Ellen Chesbro.

185 E. SENECA STREET (BUSINESS EXPANSION CENTER)

Mr. Emmons discussed the disposition of the Business Expansion Center by selling the that building to the County of Oswego. The agreed upon amount was \$450,000. Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Greco, seconded by Mr. Tascarella, it was approved to sell the 185 E. Seneca Street (Business Expansion Center) to the County of Oswego for \$450,000.

AML

Mr. Emmons discussed AML purchasing the land in the LMT OCIP behind the Ender's Racing Building for their expansion. The parcel requested by AML is a 3-acre site that was approved by the Real Estate Development Committee at a previous meeting. During discussion, it was suggested that the Board amend the approval by the Real Estate Development Committee from 3-acres to 4-acres. Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Tascarella, seconded by Mr. Behling, it was approved to sell the 4-acre site in the LMT OCIP to AML.

CIVICSERVE SOFTWARE

Mr. Emmons provided an update on the CivicServe Software purchased earlier this year. Progress is being made with the onboarding of information provided by OOC and is expected to take about eight weeks to complete.

EMAIL BREACH

Mr. Wheelock reported that there was a breach of OOC email. Once discovered, the breach was immediately reported and acted upon to alleviate the threat, letters were sent to clients and a report filed with the FBI Internet Complaint System.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Wheelock discussed provided a report on the following projects/initiatives: Q4 2024 Economic Development Activity Report, OCO Discovery Daycare, LMT OCIP Expansion, American Material Processing, Beck's Hotel, Lock 1 Distillery, K&Ns Foods, USA, Travery Manufacturing, Opal Gas & Energy/Remco, Selkirk Lighthouse Lodge, AML Property Maintenance, Upstate Energy Jobs Coalition, Pulaski DRI Co-Chair and Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OOC Board of Directors is scheduled for June 19, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Peter Clark, seconded by Ms. Holst, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Behling
Secretary