

Chautauqua County Legislature  
Organizational Meeting  
Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 4:00 p.m.  
Legislative Chambers, Mayville, New York

Clerk Tampio called the Organizational Meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and announced a quorum present. (Absent: Gould, Rankin, Scudder)

Legislator Hemmer delivered the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Nominations, Second and Roll Call Vote for Chairman of the Legislature**

Clerk Tampio: We will now accept nominations for Chairman of the Legislature.

Legislator Chagnon: It is my distinct honor and pleasure to nominate PJ Wendel as the Chairman of the Legislature.

Legislator Vanstrom: I would like to echo the words of my esteem colleague Pierre Chagnon and I would like to second his nomination.

Clerk Tampio: Thank you. We have a nomination for PJ Wendel, made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mrs. Vanstrom. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to close the nominations.

Legislator Bankoski: So moved.

Legislator Nazzaro: Second.

Clerk Tampio: All those in favor?

*Unanimously Carried*

Clerk Tampio: The nominee is Paul M. Wendel. We will now have a roll call vote. As required by our rules and regs, would you please indicate your choice by stating the name of the nominee.

Paul. M. Wendel  
15 Yes; 4 Absent

Clerk Tampio: There are 15 yes votes and 4 absent, Mr. Wendel is the newly elected Chairman of the Chautauqua County Legislature for 2019. Congratulations. (*Applause*)

### **ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Wendel: As you know by my voice it still hasn't come back so this will be brief. I do want to thank everybody for your work for the past year and again for your nominating and electing me as Chairman for the 2019 year. We had a lot of things that we accomplished in this past year. I think again, the excitement, exuberance of our County Executive and his lead and our ability to work with him has really brought the County into the forefront of several different areas. We know one of the biggest issues coming up for us now is the lake as the end of the lake season came upon us, some questions and issues have arisen so (*inaudible*) that we're going to move forward along with other issues and economic incentives that we have. The County Executive is looking to bring in air service back to Jamestown. We're still looking for the opening of Athenex in the near future and some other things that are looming on the horizon. I think this year's budget task was long. We were concerned as to, I think that we spoke at the elevator that this may be the first time that the incoming County Executive would have to possibly raise taxes but instead we came in under what we projected and with some of our incentives and initiatives looking for a bright future in next year's budget as well. Again, I would like to thank everybody. I appreciate everybody's hard work and diligence. I know this takes time away from you and your family but I do appreciate everybody's efforts. I think that we are a united Legislature. From the days of old when there was a lot of contention, we work together, we do things upfront publicly and we really leave no room for questions and concerns. So again, I appreciate everybody's efforts and look forward to another great year in 2019. Thank you.

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

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#### **(REPUBLICAN) DESIGNATE NEWSPAPER**

We, the undersigned members of the Chautauqua County Legislature, and representing the Republican party, one of the two principal parties into which the people of Chautauqua County are divided, do hereby designate for the year 2019 the POST JOURNAL as the Republican newspaper to publish the concurrent resolutions, election notices and official canvas, all pursuant to Section 214, paragraph 1, of the County Law.

Signed: Chagnon, Odell, Vanstrom, Scudder, Himelein, Muldowney, Wilfong, Hemmer, Niebel, Gould, Wendel, Pavlock, Davis, Rankin

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#### **(DEMOCRATIC) DESIGNATE NEWSPAPER**

We, the undersigned members of the Chautauqua County Legislature, and representing the Democratic party, one of the two principal parties into which the people of Chautauqua County are divided, do hereby designate for the year 2019 the OBSERVER as the Democratic newspaper to publish the concurrent resolutions, election notices and official canvas, all pursuant to Section 214, paragraph 1, of the County Law.

Signed: Nazzaro, Bankoski, Whitford, Starks

### **APPOINTMENT OF MAJORITY LEADER AND ASSISTANT**

We, the undersigned being the Republican members of the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby designate Legislator Pierre Chagnon as the Leader of the Chautauqua County Legislature for the year 2019 in accordance with Local Law No. 6-1969 adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1970. And appoint, as the Assistant Leader, Legislator Lisa Vanstrom  
Signed: Chagnon, Odell, Vanstrom, Scudder, Himelein, Muldowney, Wilfong, Hemmer, Niebel, Gould, Wendel, Pavlock, Davis, Rankin

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### **APPOINTMENT OF MINORITY LEADER AND ASSISTANT**

We, the undersigned being the Democratic members of the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby designate Legislator Chuck Nazzaro as the Leader of the Chautauqua County Legislature for the year 2019 in accordance with Local Law No. 6-1969 adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1970. And appoint, as the Assistant Leader, Legislator Robert K. Bankoski  
Signed: Nazzaro, Bankoski, Starks, Whitford

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### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**1-19 Appointing Clerk of the Legislature – R/C Vote: 16 Yes; 3 Absent – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

Clerk Tampio: Thank you very much for your support.

**2-19 Appointing Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature– R/C Vote: 16 Yes; 3 Absent – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**3-19 Designation of Official Newspapers – 2019 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**4-19 Delegate Authority to Chairman of Legislature to Correct Errors on Tax Rolls and to Provide Refunds and Credits of Taxes Pursuant to Section 554 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law– UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Legislator Chagnon: I have a perspective that I would like to share with the Legislature. It's most appropriate at this time of the year to pause and reflect on the history of this august body. At the annual meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors held on November 11, 1834, one of the few resolutions adopted read as follows: RESOLVED, that the Clerk furnish each member of the Board with a lead pencil and charge it to the stationary bill.

This dear friends is a gentle reminder of the frugality of our forefathers and their dedication to public service.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Privilege of the Floor

County Executive Borrello: First of all I just wanted to say, Happy New Year to everybody and I'm truly excited about the year ahead. We have a lot of great plans and I really appreciate the support of this body. We have great government here in Chautauqua County. I really appreciate all that you do and will continue do to to advance that in 2019.

The other reason I am up here is, I would like to remind you all that back again for another year is the Polar Bear plunge and that will be taking place a week from Sunday at the Silver Creek Fire Departments grounds, excuse me, the Rescue Squad grounds in Silver Creek and myself and Mr. Wilfong will be going in again. So if any of you are interested in sponsoring us, this goes to several charity organizations including Oshi Children's Hospital, the Silver Creek Fire Department, Silver Creek Rescue Squad, Sunset Bay Volunteer Fire Department, and the Silver Creek Food Pantry. Last year we were the largest donation getters and we're hoping to do that again and we'll be plunging into the icy cold waters of Lake Erie at 1:00 p.m., a week from Sunday. So please come and join us.

Chairman Wendel: Last year you were, what were you last year?

County Executive Borrello: Last year we were Batman and Robin.

Chairman Wendel: I know that you were Thunder and Lightning so we'll wait and see what you are going to be this year. Anyone else to speak to the 2<sup>nd</sup> privilege of the floor?

MOVED by Legislator Bankoski, SECONDED by Legislator Nazzaro and duly carried the meeting was adjourned. (4:21 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Lori J. Foster, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature