

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 3, 2006

4:00 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors convened in Annual session for the purpose of organizing under the rules of the Board. The meeting was called to order by Margaret E. Li, Clerk of the previous Board, and the following Supervisors answered the roll call:

Town	Name	Address
Covert	Michael G. Reynolds	Interlaken, NY
Fayette	Edward L. Barto	Seneca Falls, NY
Junius	Dale Smith	Phelps, NY
Ovid	David Dresser	Ovid, NY
Romulus	David M. Kaiser	Ovid, NY
Seneca Falls	Peter W. Same	Seneca Falls, NY
	Sean Anglim	Seneca Falls, NY
	Chuck Lafler	Seneca Falls, NY
Tyre	Patsy Amidon	Waterloo, NY
Varick	Joan E. Teichner	Romulus, NY
Waterloo	James H. Mooney	Waterloo, NY
	Fred Trickler	Waterloo, NY
	Robert Shipley, Jr.	Waterloo, NY

Miss Li asked the pleasure of the Board. A motion was made by Spvsr. Kaiser and seconded by Spvsr. Smith to organize as a Board of Supervisors for the year 2006. The motion was carried.

Miss Li called for a motion to appoint a Temporary Chairperson.

Spvsr. Mooney made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Smith to nominate David Kaiser as Temporary Chairperson. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Spvsr. Kaiser as Temporary Chairperson was carried.

Spvsr. Kaiser called for nominations for a Temporary Clerk of the Board.

Spvsr. Teichner made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Smith to nominate Margaret Li as Temporary Clerk of the Board. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Margaret Li as Temporary Clerk of the Board was carried.

Spvsr. Kaiser called for nominations for a Permanent Chairperson for 2006. Spvsr. Teichner made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Same to nominate Spvsr. Amidon as Permanent Chairperson for 2006. Spvsr. Mooney made a motion, seconded by Spvsr. Trickler to nominate Spvsr. Shipley as Permanent Chairman for 2006. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried.

A roll call vote was taken to appoint Spvsr. Amidon as 2006 Chairperson of the Board, resulting in 182 ayes (Teichner, Same, Dresser, Amidon), and 568 nays (Reynolds, Barto, Smith, O'Neill, Kaiser, Anglim, Lafler, Mooney, Trickler, Shipley).

A roll call vote was taken to appoint Spvsr. Shipley as 2006 Chairman of the Board, resulting in 568 ayes (Mooney, Trickler, Reynolds, Barto, Smith, O'Neill, Kaiser, Anglim, Lafler, Shipley) and 182 nays (Dresser, Same, Amidon, Teichner).

Spvsr. Kaiser declared Robert Shipley as permanent Chairman for the year 2006.

Spvsr. Kaiser called for a motion to appoint a permanent Clerk of the Board. Spvsr. Mooney made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Dresser to appoint Margaret Li as permanent Clerk of the Board. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Margaret Li as permanent Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for a two-year term was carried.

Pursuant to Section 401 of NYS County Law, Miss Li appointed Kathryn A. Peterson as Deputy Clerk for a two-year term.

The Board then recessed for the County Clerk to administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

The Board returned to regular order with Spvsr. Shipley in the Chair.

Accepting the appointment as Board Chairman for the year 2005, Mr. Shipley made the following remarks.

"On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I want to commend our county workforce for doing such a superior job over the past two years. They were able to meet the challenge of this Board to become more efficient. This had a direct effect on the bottom line and allowed us to keep county tax increases to a minimum in the face of continued state and federal government unfunded mandates.

"I am confident that our county staff and this new legislature will continue to provide quality services to our residents in such a way that maximizes efficiency and keeps the taxpayers money in their own pockets where it belongs.

"We have been effective as a county government in rising to meet the challenges that have been presented to us. We are ahead of schedule with the new county jail project in Romulus and continue to be under budget. We can attribute this success to our management team and the Sheriff's Transition Team. We have been steadfast in our defense of the Seneca Cayuga Indian Land claim and will continue to fight to protect the interests of Seneca County landowners. We can attribute this success to our Land Claim Committee and our unified Board position.

"We should not fool ourselves into believing that these battles are over. We must be pro-active, not reactive to issues such as staffing mandates and land-into-trust matters.

"Finally, we must not only look at optimizing all county departments and services, we must also look at ourselves and focus

ahead to the challenges of our own county government structure. We cannot sit by and do nothing as the state and federal governments force increases in local taxes. Therefore, my direction to all committees will be to reduce the size and cost of county government wherever feasible".

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for County Attorney.

Spvsr. Kaiser made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Dresser and carried, to nominate Steven J. Getman as County Attorney for a two-year term. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Steven J. Getman as County Attorney for a two-year term was carried.

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for Public Defender.

Spvsr. Kaiser made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Smith and carried, to nominate Michael Mirras as Public Defender for a two-year term. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Michael Mirras as Public Defender for a two-year term was carried.

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for County Historian.

Spvsr. Kaiser made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Smith and carried, to nominate Walter Gable as County Historian for a two-year term. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Walter Gable as County Historian for a two-year term was carried. Mr. Gable's appointment was received with applause and accolades offered by Supervisors.

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for Stop-DWI Coordinator.

Spvsr. Kaiser made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Smith and carried, to nominate Richard L. Ricci as Stop-DWI Coordinator in accordance with statute NYVT §1197. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Richard L. Ricci as Stop-DWI Coordinator in accordance with statute NYVT §1197 was carried with 639 ayes and 111 nays (Same, Teichner).

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for Jury Board member.

Spvsr. Kaiser made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Smith and carried, to nominate Fred Trickler as Jury Board member of a one-year term. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Fred Trickler as Jury Board member of a one-year term was carried.

As there was no action taken regarding the appointment of Off Track Betting Director, William White would remain in the position as a "holdover".

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for Finance Director for 2006.

Spvsr. Kaiser made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Dresser and carried, to nominate Edward Barto as Finance Director for 2006.

Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Edward Barto as Finance Director for 2006 was carried.

David Kaiser was designated as the 2006 Majority Party Leader by the Republicans.

Peter Same was designated as the 2006 Minority Party Leader by the Democrats.

Chairman Shipley called for nominations to designate an official county newspaper.

Spvsr. Kaiser made a motion, which was seconded by Spvsr. Smith, to designate the Reveille Between-the-Lakes and the Ovid Gazette as the official county newspapers. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to designate the aforementioned publications as the official county newspapers was carried.

SUPERVISORS ADOPT RULES OF ORDER FOR 2006

RESOLUTION NO. 01-06, moved by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Mr. Smith and adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Rules of Order for the Board of Supervisors for the year 2005 be and hereby are adopted as the rules of the Board for the year 2006. All parliamentary questions not covered by said rules to be decided by Roberts Rules of Order.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 02-06, moved by Dr. Dresser, seconded by Mr. Same and adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors enters into Executive Session with its Attorney to discuss matters relating to the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

The Board reconvened in regular session. Spvsr. Dresser made a motion, seconded by Spvsr. Amidon, to nominate Sharon L. Secor as County Manager for a term to expire December 31, 2007. The motion to appoint Sharon L. Secor as County Manager for a two-year term was carried.

Spvsr. Dresser read the following statement.

"My comment is this. As you know...the unanimous vote to reappoint Sharon Secor as our county manager was assured in the last hour. As you also know, much has been going on behind the scenes to make this possible. This is not the time to discuss these matters. As you probably did not know, I was prepared to deliver a five-page, twenty-one point statement entitled: Reasons Why Sharon Secor Should Be Reappointed Seneca County Manager. As a result of the appointment of Sharon as county manager, much of what is contained in this statement is now irrelevant. There are, however, matters among my 21 points that should be in the public domain, so I intend to write an

open letter to the Board and the community to share information and observations that I hope will be helpful in avoiding such difficulties in the future.

"My commendation is for Sharon Secor, who has been placed under excruciating pressure over the last few weeks. Through it all Sharon has shown amazing fortitude, tremendous courage, absolute integrity, and an unwavering commitment to this county. Seneca County has the finest manager that any county could have, and I ask you all to rise with me to salute and to thank her..."

As no further business was before the Board, Spvsr. Kaiser moved the meeting adjourned.