

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

5:30 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	Ron Serven	Waterloo, NY
Lodi	Lee Davidson	Interlaken, NY
Ovid	David Dresser	Ovid, NY
Romulus	David M. Kaiser	Ovid, NY
Seneca Falls	Peter W. Same	Seneca Falls, NY
	Chuck Lafler	Seneca Falls, NY
	James E. Terryberry	Seneca Falls, NY
Tyre	Patsy Amidon	Waterloo, NY
Varick	Robert H. Hayssen	Seneca Falls, NY
Waterloo	James H. Mooney	Waterloo, NY
	Robert Shipley	Waterloo, NY
	Gary Westfall	Waterloo, NY

Miss Li asked the pleasure of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Kaiser and seconded by Mr. Davidson to organize as a Board of Supervisors for the year 2008. The motion was carried.

Miss Li asked the further pleasure of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Kaiser and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to nominate James H. Mooney as Temporary Chair. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. The motion to appoint Mr. Mooney as Temporary Chair was carried.

Mr. Mooney, in the Chair, called for nominations for Temporary Clerk of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Kaiser and seconded by Dr. Dresser to nominate Margaret Li as Temporary Clerk of the Board. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. Mr. Mooney declared Margaret E. Li as temporary Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Mooney called for nominations for Permanent Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Barto and seconded by Mr. Shipley to nominate Chuck Lafler as Permanent Chair for 2008. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and

carried. Mr. Hayssen voted in the negative on the nomination. Mr. Mooney declared Mr. Lafler as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2008.

Mr. Mooney called for nominations for permanent Clerk of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Kaiser and seconded by Mr. Same to nominate Margaret E. Li as permanent Clerk of the Board. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. Mr. Mooney declared Margaret E. Li as Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

Pursuant to Section 401 of NYS County Law, Miss Li appointed Kathryn A. Peterson as Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The Board 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 Mr. Lafler in the Chair.

Accepting the appointment as Board Chairman for the year 2008, Chairman Lafler's remarks focused on change experienced in Seneca County, citing a new board, a new county manager, a new sheriff, and the appointment of a new county attorney. Chairman Lafler stated that the board will continue to strive to provide needed services effectively and with affordability to the community. The board will continue to seek ways to cut spending and lower taxes through consolidation and attrition when possible. To achieve this, Chairman Lafler said the Board would work with the county employees as a team. He thanked county employees for their hard work that helped run county business efficiently and effectively. Chairman Lafler said the Board needed to remain focused on main issues in 2008 such as continued involvement in Indian affairs; meeting the requirement of the Help America Vote Act; and Achievement of Accreditation for the Sheriff Department. Chairman Lafler closed his remarks by stating that accountability was the key to success, and "all functions of this Board and the many entities that work with us must conduct business in an open, honest and advantageous manner for the benefit of the people who pay the bills", the taxpayers.

Chairman Lafler called for nominations for Public Defender.

A motion was made by Mr. Barto and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to nominate Michael Mirras as Public Defender. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. Chairman Lafler declared Michael Mirras as Public Defender for a two-year term.

Chairman Lafler called for nominations for County Historian.

A motion was made by Mrs. Amidon and seconded by Mr. Mooney to nominate Walter Gable as County Historian for a two-year term. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. Chairman Lafler declared Walter Gable as County Historian for a two-year term.

Chairman Lafler called for nominations for Jury Board member.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaiser and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to nominate Edward L. Barto as Jury Board member. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried. Chairman Lafler declared Edward L. Barto as Jury Board member for a two-year term.

Chairman Lafler called for nominations for Off Track Betting Director.

A motion was offered by Mr. Shipley and seconded by Mr. Mooney to nominate William White. A motion was made by Mr. Same and seconded by Dr. Dresser to nominate James Stevers. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried.

Chairman Lafler called for a roll call vote on the nomination of William White. The vote recorded 375 ayes (Shipley, Mooney, Reynolds, Barto, Davidson, Kaiser, Hayssen) and 375 nays (Serven, Dresser, Same, Lafler, Terryberry, Amidon, Westfall).

Chairman Lafler called for a roll call vote on the nomination of James Stevers. The vote recorded 375 ayes (Same, Dresser, Serven, Lafler, Terryberry, Amidon, Westfall) and 375 nays (Reynolds, Barto, Davidson, Kaiser, Hayssen, Mooney, Shipley).

Chairman Lafler declared the question lost on the appointment of an Off Track Betting Director as a majority vote was not received for either nomination made.

Chairman Lafler called for nominations for Finance Director for 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Hayssen and seconded by Mr. Shipley to nominate Edward L. Barto as Finance Director for 2008. A motion was made by Dr. Dresser and seconded by Mr. Terryberry to nominate Peter W. Same as Finance Director for 2008. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried.

Chairman Lafler called for a roll call vote on the nomination of Edward L. Barto. The vote recorded 446 ayes (Hayssen, Shipley, Reynolds, Barto, Davidson, Kaiser, Lafler, Mooney) and 304 nays (Serven, Dresser, Same, Terryberry, Amidon, Westfall).

Chairman Lafler declared Edward L. Barto as Finance Director for the year 2008.

Chairman Lafler appointed Doyle Marquart as STOP-DWI Coordinator in accordance with statute NYVT §1197.

Chairman Lafler stated that the appointment of a county attorney would be deferred until the county manager made her recommendation. In the interim, Frank Fisher, Assistant County Attorney would be responsible for the Law Department.

James H. Mooney was designated as the 2008 Majority Party Leader by the Republicans.

Peter Same was designated as the 2008 Minority Party Leader by the Democrats.

Dr. Dresser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Same, to nominate the Reveille Between-the-Lakes and the Ovid Gazette as the official county newspapers. No other nominations were offered. Close of nominations was moved, seconded and carried.

Chairman Lafler declared the official county newspapers be the Reveille Between-the-Lakes and the Ovid Gazette.

SUPERVISORS ADOPT RULES OF ORDER FOR 2006

RESOLUTION NO. 01-08, moved by Mr. Shipley, seconded by Mrs. Amidon and adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Rules of Order for the Board of Supervisors for the year 2007 (revised September 25, 2007) be and hereby are adopted as the rules of the Board for the year 2008. All parliamentary questions not covered by said rules to be decided by Roberts Rules of Order.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kaiser, seconded by Dr. Dresser and carried.