

Seneca County Board of Supervisors  
Re-Organizational Meeting  
Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

The Board of Supervisors convened in its annual session for the purpose of re-organizing under the Rules of the Board. The meeting was called to order by Margaret E. Li, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 6:00 p.m., and the following Supervisors answered the roll call with the exception of Sprvrs. Hayssen, Kaiser and Reynolds who arrived shortly thereafter:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Covert	Michael G. Reynolds	Interlaken, NY
Fayette	Cindy Garlick Lorenzetti	Seneca Falls, NY
Junius	Greg Wadhams	Phelps, NY
Lodi	Lee Davidson	Interlaken, NY
Ovid	Walter Prouty	Ovid, NY
Romulus	David M. Kaiser	Ovid, NY
Seneca Falls	Gregory P. Lazzaro	Seneca Falls, NY
Seneca Falls	Steve Churchill	Seneca Falls, NY
Seneca Falls	Paul Kronenwetter	Seneca Falls, NY
Tyre	Ronald McGreevy	Waterloo, NY
Varick	Robert W. Hayssen	Seneca Falls, NY
Waterloo	Gary Westfall	Waterloo, NY
Waterloo	Robert Shipley	Waterloo, NY
Waterloo	Don Trout	Waterloo, NY

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Re-Organize as a Board of Supervisors for the year 2017

Miss Li, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, asked the pleasure of the Board. A motion offered by Sprvr. McGreevy and seconded by Sprvr. Davidson, to organize as a Board of Supervisors for the year 2017 was carried.

Appointment of Temporary Chairman

A motion was offered by Sprvr. Shipley and seconded by Sprvr. Westfall to nominate Lee Davidson as Temporary Chair. With no other nominations being offered, Sprvr. Shipley moved the nominations closed. Miss Li called for a vote on the motion to appoint Sprvr. Davidson as temporary chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

### Appointment of Permanent Chair for 2017

Sprvr. Davidson, as temporary chairman, called for nominations for permanent chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2017.

Sprvr. Wadhams made a motion, second by Sprvr. Trout to nominate Supervisor Robert Shipley as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2017.

Sprvr. Churchill offered a motion to nominate Supervisor Cindy Garlick Lorenzetti for the appointment of chair of the Board of Supervisors. Before a second was offered, Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti declined the proposed nomination.

Receiving no other nominations for Permanent Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2017, Sprvr. Davidson moved the nominations closed and called for a vote to appoint Robert Shipley as the Board of Supervisor chair for 2017.

Sprvr. Robert Shipley was declared Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2017 by unanimous vote.

### Administer Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Chairman

The Board recessed in order for Christina Lotz, Seneca County Clerk, to administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Robert Shipley. The Board returned to regular order with the newly appointed Chairman.

### Remarks by Chairman Robert Shipley

Fellow Supervisors, County Manager Sheppard, Dedicated Staff and Honored Guests:

First and foremost, thank you for the support and confidence that you have given me tonight. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity and eager to help lead this community forward as Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors.

I would like to take a moment to recognize outgoing Chairman Westfall for his distinguished service to this board. Gary, you have set a great example for bi-partisan cooperation and have established a solid foundation to build upon. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, we thank you for your efforts and we look forward to your continued contributions.

It will be among my personal goals to continue the leadership principles of my respected predecessor. Having more than forty years of management experience, I have learned -- firsthand -- the importance of collaboration for any group to be fully functional. Together, we must embrace our diversity and work to find mutually beneficial solutions for all of Seneca County's businesses, residents and visitors.

Make no mistake; this county is at the forefront of an upstate NY renaissance. Our board has an historic opportunity to build a lasting legacy for our future generations.

To that end, there are a number of key issues that will require our attention in the coming year. Among them are:

Our workforce. The most important resource we have is our people. Our county needs to lead the way in attracting and retaining the best and brightest – starting with our own County workers. We need an outside the box approach to eliminate the “training image” associated with losing quality hometown talent to neighboring communities that offer greater compensation and advancement.

Our industry. Ongoing investments have the potential to attract significant development to our community. Are we ready to support such growth? Do we have a viable plan to create a culture that is beneficial to business re-location or expansion? We must fully support our local Businessmen and Women, to help them grow here, in a business-friendly climate.

Our rights. I applaud the steadfast resolve of previous Boards regarding the CIN Land in trust Issue. We must continue to vigorously defend the rights of our taxpayers and maintain a proactive approach towards the Federal Government (Interior Dept./BIA) in demanding a just resolution of this matter.

As a team and working together -- we can move forward on these and other important issues during 2017. I am confident that we have the right group of people to make Seneca County a great place to live, work and visit.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to the coming year.

#### Appointment of Finance Director

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for the Finance Director for a one-year term. Sprvr. Hayssen offered a motion nominating Walt Prouty as the 2017 BoS Finance Director, with a second by Sprvr. Wadhams.

Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti offered a motion nominating Sprvr. Westfall as the 2017 BoS Finance Director, with a second by Sprvr. Churchill.

With no other nominations offered, Sprvr. Davidson moved the nominations closed.

Chairman Shipley called for a vote on the motion to appoint Walt Prouty as the 2017 BoS Finance Director. The motion was defeated by 430 nays (Garlick Lorenzetti, Lazzaro, Churchill, Kronenwetter, McGreevy, Westfall, and Trout) and 320 ayes (Hayssen, Wadhams, Reynolds, Davidson, Prouty, Kaiser, and Shipley).

Chairman Shipley called for a vote on the motion to appoint Gary Westfall as the 2017 BoS Finance Director. The motion carried by 487 ayes (Garlick Lorenzetti, Churchill, Lazzaro, Kronenwetter,

McGreevy, Westfall, Shipley, Trout) and 263 nays (Reynolds, Wadhams, Davidson, Prouty, Kaiser, Hayssen). Supervisor Gary Westfall was declared the 2017 BoS Finance Director.

#### Appointment of Jury Board Member

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for Jury Board Member. Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti nominated Sprvr. Michael Reynolds as Jury Board Member, second by Sprvr. Churchill. With no other nominations offered, Sprvr. Westfall moved the nominations closed.

Chairman Shipley called for a vote on the motion to appoint Sprvr. Reynolds as Jury Board member for a one-year term. The motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Reynolds was declared Jury Board member for the year 2017.

#### Appointment of STOP-DWI Coordinator

In accordance with New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1197 (2)(a), Chairman Shipley appointed Sheriff Tim Luce as STOP-DWI Coordinator.

#### Majority Leader Designation

Supervisor Davidson will serve as the Majority Party Leader for 2017.

#### Minority Leader Designation

Sprvr. Cindy Garlick Lorenzetti will serve as the Minority Party Leader for 2017.

#### Designation of Official County Newspapers

Sprvr. Davidson offered a motion to designate the Reveille between the Lakes and the Ovid Gazette as the official county newspapers for Seneca County; a second was made by Sprvr. Lazzaro.

Chairman Shipley called for a vote on the motion designating the Reveille between the Lakes and the Ovid Gazette as the official newspapers for Seneca County. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Adopt Rules of Order for 2017

Chairman Shipley said that the Rules of Order 2017 include the amendment that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors to offer Open Privilege of the Floor. He said the resolution that authorized the amendment does not limit speakers to only county residents. He referred the issue of again amending the Rules of Order for discussion to the Government Operations Standing Committee.

Sprvr. Wadhams offered a motion, a second was offered by Sprvr. Trout to adopt the Rules of Order for 2016 as the Rules of Order for 2017.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT RULES OF ORDER FOR 2016**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-17, moved by Sprvr. Wadhams, second by Sprvr. Trout and adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Rules of Order for the Board of Supervisors for the year 2016 be and hereby are adopted as the Rules of Order of the Board for the year 2017. All parliamentary questions not covered by said rules to be decided by Roberts Rules of Order.

#### Special Order of the Day

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.