

Seneca County Board of Supervisors

Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

The Board of Supervisors convened for the purpose of reorganizing under the Rules of the Board. The meeting was called to order by Margaret E. Li, Clerk of the previous Board at 5:30 p.m., and the following Supervisors answered the roll call:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Covert	Michael G. Reynolds	Interlaken, NY
Fayette	Cindy Garlick Lorenzetti	Seneca Falls, NY
Junius	C. Ernest Brownell	Clyde, NY
Lodi	Lee Davidson	Interlaken, NY
Romulus	David M. Kaiser	Ovid, NY
Seneca Falls	Gregory P. Lazzaro	Seneca Falls, NY
	Paul Kronenwetter	Seneca Falls, NY
	Ralph Lott	Seneca Falls, NY
Tyre	Ronald McGreevy	Waterloo, NY
Waterloo	Don Trout	Waterloo, NY
	Robert Shipley	Waterloo, NY
	Lisa Hochadel	Waterloo, NY

Supervisors not present at this meeting:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Ovid	Walter Prouty	Waterloo, NY
Varick	Robert Hayssen	Varick, NY

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Organize as a Board of Supervisors for the year 2018

Miss Li asked the pleasure of the Board. A motion was made by Sprvr. Davidson, second by Sprvr. Shipley, and carried, to organize as a Board of Supervisors for the year 2018.

Appointment of Temporary Chairman

A motion was made by Sprvr. Reynolds and seconded by Sprvr. Kronenwetter to nominate and appoint Lee Davidson as Temporary Chair. With no other nominations being offered, Sprvr. Kaiser moved the nominations be closed.

The motion to appoint Sprvr. Davidson as Temporary Chairman was carried.

Appointment of Temporary Clerk to the Board

A motion was made by Sprvr. Lazzaro, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti to nominate and appoint Margaret E. Li as Temporary Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. With no other nominations being offered, Sprvr. Kaiser moved the nominations closed.

The motion to appoint Margaret E. Li as Temporary Clerk to the Board was carried.

Appointment of Permanent Chair for 2018

Sprvr. McGreevy made a motion, second by Sprvr. Kaiser to nominate and appoint Robert Shipley for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2018. With no other nominations being offered, Sprvr. Hochadel moved the nominations closed.

The motion to appoint Robert Shipley as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2018 was carried.

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.

Return to Regular Order

The Board returned to regular order. Chairman Shipley made the following remarks:

County Manager Sheppard, Dedicated Staff and Honored Guests:

Fellow Supervisors, I thank you for your support and confidence that you have given me, over the past year. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to help lead this community forward as Chairman of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors.

After I absorbed Governor Cuomo's State of the State remarks yesterday, In my opinion, the Cuomo administration would be better off solving the "multi-billion dollar State deficit" and finding solutions to the ongoing opioid crisis rather than blaming Washington for New York State shortfalls created by Cuomo's excessive social program "giveaways".

Tonight, I report to this Board... The State of Seneca County is flourishing and we are growing in spite of the unfunded mandates passed down from Albany. Make no mistake; Seneca County is at the forefront of an upstate NY renaissance due to "private investment".

Last January, I asked this Board to embrace our diversity and work together to find mutually beneficial solutions for all of Seneca County's businesses, residents and visitors. To that end, the results achieved during 2017 were truly remarkable:

Our workforce As I previously stated, the most important resource we have is our people. We pledged to lead the way in attracting and retaining the best and

brightest – starting with our own County workers. This Board used “outside the box” thinking when we enhanced the wages of targeted County positions to help reduce the “training image” associated with losing quality hometown talent. Only a month ago, The New York State Dept of Labor announced that Seneca County has the fourth lowest unemployment rate (3.9%) out of New York’s 62 Counties... thanks in part to our largest employer and the opening of del Lago.

Economic development I asked for collaboration to create an Economic Development Strategy that will support local Businessmen and Women, to help them grow here, in a business-friendly climate. We formed a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and the IDA. Now, we must heed the message developed by the “One Seneca” initiative. In order for this community to become stronger, more prosperous and more attractive to both visitors and residents – we need to embrace an attitude that puts the benefit of the entire County first. It should not be a community that is divided based on geographic boundaries. We must raise the awareness for everything that our communities have to offer, especially those communities located in the southern end of Seneca County. Our economic drivers continue to be positive.... a 50% increase in Thruway exit 41 traffic, our Sales tax receipts spiked during the third quarter as we were in the top “four” county growth, finishing \$1.3 million above last year. Finally, our multi-million dollar Route 318 sewer project has the potential to attract significant development to our community which will ultimately grow our local tax base.

As a team and working together -- we will move forward on these and other important issues during 2018. I am confident this Board has an historic opportunity to build a lasting legacy for our future generations.

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

Appointment of Permanent Clerk to the Board

A motion was made by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Lazzaro to nominate and appoint Margaret E. Li as Permanent Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. With no other nominations being offered, Sprvr. Kaiser moved the nominations closed.

The motion to appoint Margaret E. Li as Permanent Clerk to the Board to serve at the pleasure of this Board was carried

Appointment of Finance Director

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for the Finance Director for a one-year term.

Sprvr. Davidson nominated Michael Reynolds as Finance Director, second by Sprvr. Trout.

Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti nominated Lisa Hochadel as Finance Director, second by Sprvr.

Hochadel. Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti said she believed that Sprvr. Hochadel would be a better choice to represent the Board of Supervisors as its Finance Director because she had a financial background and is a certified public accountant.

Hearing no other nominations, Sprvr. Kronenwetter moved the nominations closed.

The motion to appoint Michael Reynolds as Finance Director for the Board of Supervisors was carried by 510 ayes; 146 nays (Garlick Lorenzetti and Hochadel); and 94 not present (Prouty and Hayssen).

Appointment of County Attorney

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for County Attorney for a two-year term. Supervisor McGreevy nominated Frank Fisher for the position of County Attorney, second by Sprvr. Reynolds. With no other nominations offered, Sprvr. Kaiser moved the nominations closed.

The motion to appoint Frank R. Fisher as Seneca County Attorney for a two-year term was carried.

Appointment of Public Defender

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for the Seneca County Public Defender for a two-year term. Sprvr. Trout nominated Michael Mirras as Public Defender, second by Sprvr. Lazzaro. With no other nominations offered, Sprvr. Davidson moved the nominations closed.

The motion to appoint Michael Mirras as the Public Defender for a two-year term was carried.

Appointment of County Historian

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for the Seneca County Historian. Sprvr. Reynolds nominated Walter Gable as County Historian, second by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti. With no other nominations offered, Sprvr. Kronenwetter moved the nominations closed.

The motion to appoint Walter Gable as Seneca County Historian for a two-year term was carried.

Appointment of Off Track Betting Director

Chairman Westfall called for nominations for the Off Track Betting Director for a two-year term. Sprvr. McGreevy nominated Richard Ricci as Off Track Betting Director, second by Sprvr. Hochadel. With no other nominations offered, Sprvr. Trout moved the nominations closed.

The motion to appoint Richard Ricci as Off Track Betting Director for a two-year term was carried.

Although OTB no longer has a stand-alone location in Seneca County, we are members of Western New York OTB. The county continues to received annual payments over the years, estimated to be a total of \$2.5 million.

Appointment of Jury Board Member

Chairman Shipley called for nominations for Jury Board Member for a one-year term. Sprvr. Lazzaro nominated Michael Reynolds as Jury Board Member, second by Sprvr. Brownell. With no other nominations offered, Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti moved the nominations closed.

The motion to appoint Michael Reynolds as Jury Board member for a one-year term was carried.

Majority Leader Designation

Lee Davidson will serve as the Majority Party Leader for 2018.

Minority Leader Designation

Cindy Garlick Lorenzetti will serve as the Minority Party Leader for 201.

Designation of Official County Newspapers

Sprvr. Kronenwetter moved that Reveille between the Lakes and the Ovid Gazette to be the county's official newspapers.

Adopt Rules of Order for 2018

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT RULES OF ORDER FOR 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 01-18, moved by Sprvr. Garlick Lorenzetti, second by Sprvr. Davidson and adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Rules of Order for the Board of Supervisors for the year 2017 be and hereby are adopted as the Rules of Order of the Board for the year 2018. 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 5:55 p.m.