

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LEGISLATURE – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

01/4/2021

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Chautauqua County Legislature

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the January 4, 2021 Legislature meeting will be held by remote access. The public may participate in Privilege of the Floor by emailing a statement prior to the County Legislature’s 4:00 PM meeting to the Clerk of the Legislature at TampioK@co.chautauqua.ny.us – emailed statements received by the Clerk shall be read during the Privilege of the Floor. The Public may view the meeting by accessing the live stream on the county Facebook page

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER BY LEGISLATOR WHITFORD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Swearing in New Legislators

Nominations for Chairman of the Legislature

Seconding of Nominations

Roll Call Vote for Chairman

Clerk Tampio Announces Chairman

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Members of the public may comment on any subject relating to any local law, resolution, or motion appearing on the agenda.

Individual comments are limited to 3 minutes and comments representing a group shall be limited to 5 minutes. Emailed comments will be read by the Clerk.

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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 2021 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: Muldowney, Scudder, Niebel, Harmon, Odell, Chagnon, Lawton, Rankin, Pavlock, Vanstrom, Davis, Gould, Ward, Hemmer

(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 2021 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, Whitney

APPOINTMENT OF MAJORITY LEADER AND ASSISTANT

We, the undersigned being the Republican members of the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby designate Legislator Frank “Jay” Gould as the Leader of the Chautauqua County Legislature for the year 2021 in accordance with Local Law No. 6-1969 adopted on the 2nd day of January 1970. And appoint, as the Assistant Leader, Legislator Lisa Vanstrom
Signed: Chagnon, Odell, Vanstrom, Scudder, Muldowney, Hemmer, Niebel, Gould, Pavlock, Davis, Rankin, Lawton, Ward, Harmon

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 2021 in accordance with Local Law No. 6-1969 adopted on the 2nd day of January 1970. And appoint, as the Assistant Leader, Legislator Robert K. Bankoski
Signed: Nazzaro, Bankoski, Starks, Whitford, Whitney

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RESOLUTIONS:

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3-21 Designation of Official Newspapers – 2021

4-21 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Members of the public may comment on any subject.

A member of the legislature may speak on any subject.

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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RES. NO. 1-21

Appointing Clerk of the Legislature

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon, Legislators Muldowney, Scudder, Niebel, Harmon, Odell, Lawton, Rankin, Pavlock, Vanstrom, Davis, Gould, Ward, Hemmer, Starks, Nazzaro, Bankoski, Whitford and Whitney:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 179-14, the hours of the Clerk of the County Legislature were expanded to perform the duties of the Financial Analyst; and

WHEREAS, it would be advantageous to continue having the Clerk perform the duties of the Financial Analyst in 2021; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Katherine K. Tampio, 39 Hanover Street, Silver Creek, New York, is hereby appointed Clerk of the Chautauqua County Legislature effective January 1, 2021, to serve at the pleasure of the Chairman of the Legislature at an annual salary of \$42,464 for 100% time.

Signed: Chagnon

RES. NO. 2-21

Appointing Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon, Legislators Muldowney, Scudder, Niebel, Harmon, Odell, Lawton, Rankin, Pavlock, Vanstrom, Davis, Gould, Ward, Hemmer, Starks, Nazzaro, Bankoski, Whitford and Whitney:

RESOLVED, That Olivia L. Ames, 55 North Main St., Cassadaga, New York, is hereby appointed Secretary to the Chautauqua County Legislature for the year 2021 at a salary of \$18.91 per hour; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in addition to Secretary to the Legislature, Olivia L. Ames be, and hereby is, appointed Deputy Clerk for the Chautauqua County Legislature for the year 2021, and shall be additionally compensated for her duties as Deputy Clerk at an annual salary of \$4,000, effective January 1, 2021.

Signed: Chagnon

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RES. NO. 3-21

Designation of Official Newspapers – 2021

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

RESOLVED, That the Post Journal, 15 West Second Street, Jamestown, NY and the Observer, 10 East Second Street, Dunkirk, NY be and hereby are designated, pursuant to Section 214, paragraph 2 of the County Law, to be the official newspapers of Chautauqua County during the year 2021 for the publication of all local laws, notices, and other matters required by law to be published.

Signed: Chagnon

RES. NO. 4-21

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

At the Request of Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon:

WHEREAS, Sections 554 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law authorize a tax levying body to delegate its authority to correct errors on tax rolls and to provide refunds and credits of taxes where the recommended correction, refund, or credit is Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or less; and

WHEREAS, such delegation would only apply when the County's Director of Real Property Tax Services has investigated an application for correction, refund, or credit and recommended approval based upon that investigation; and

WHEREAS, the delegation of authority would afford the taxpayers of Chautauqua County a mechanism for prompt approval of such applications for correction, refund, or credit; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Sections 554 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, the County Legislature hereby delegates to the Chairman of the Legislature its authority to correct errors on tax rolls and to provide refunds and credits of taxes where the recommended correction, refund, or credit is Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or less; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the delegation of authority granted herein, the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby empowered to authorize such correction of errors on tax rolls and to provide refunds and credits of taxes where the recommended correction, refund, or credit is Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or less, without prior audit by the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution will be in effect from this date until December 31, 2021.

Signed: Chagnon