

Chautauqua County Legislature
Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, January 2, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
Legislative Chambers, Mayville, New York

Clerk Tampo called the Organizational Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced a quorum present. (Absent: Gould)

Legislator Davis delivered the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in New Legislators
By
Judge Stephen Cass

Nominations, Second and Roll Call Vote for Chairman of the Legislature

Clerk Tampo: We will now accept nominations for Chairman of the Legislature.

Legislator Odell: It is my distinct honor and privilege to nominate Mr. Pierre Chagnon as the Chairman of the Legislature.

Legislator Vanstrom: I'll second that.

Clerk Tampo: Thank you. We have a nomination for Legislator Chagnon made by Mr. Odell and seconded by Mrs. Vanstrom. Are there any other nominations?

Legislator Bankoski: I'd like to nominate Chuck Nazzaro for Chairman.

Legislator Whitford: Second.

Clerk Tampo: There's a nomination made by Mr. Bankoski and seconded by Mr. Whitford. Are there any other nominations?

Legislator Niebel: I motion for nominations to be closed.

Legislator Bankoski: Second.

Clerk Tampo: All those in favor?

Unanimously Carried to Close Nominations

Clerk Tampo: Nominations have been closed and we have two nominees: Mr. Chagnon and Mr. Nazzaro. When I call your name please indicate by name of the nominee your vote this evening.

13 – Pierre Chagnon
5 – Charles Nazzaro
1 – Absent

Clerk Tampio: There are five votes for Mr. Nazzaro, one absent and that makes 13 votes for Mr. Chagnon. With a majority of votes indicated for Mr. Chagnon I will now indicate that Mr. Chagnon is your newly elected Chairman of the Legislature for 2020.

Applause

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN

Chairman Chagnon: That is one of the first times that Chuck and I have voted differently. I am honored and privileged to accept the position of Chairman of the Legislature. In this role I will do my very best to demonstrate servant leadership.

Servant leadership is a philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world. Ten characteristics of a servant leader are listening, empathy, healing, awareness, persuasion, conceptualization, foresight, stewardship, commitment to the growth of others, and building community.

The servant-leader is servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is leader first, perhaps because of the need to assuage an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions... The leader-first and the servant-first are two extreme types. Between them there are shadings and blends that are part of the infinite variety of human nature.

The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant-first to make sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served. The best test, and difficult to administer, is: Do those served grow as persons? Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants?

A servant-leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong. While traditional leadership generally involves the accumulation and exercise of power by one at the top of the pyramid, servant leadership is different. The servant-leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible.

I make the following commitments to my fellow legislators:

- To listen aggressively and effectively
- To ask probing, expansive, and thought-provoking questions
- To define the big picture from the constituent details
- To convey a vision that others can clearly understand and willingly support the pursuit of
- Dogged determination to stay the course toward the vision, and to achieve the goals that support the mission
- To repress my own ego and support the Legislature
- To be the best example of servant leadership that I can be

Thank you.

Applause

1st Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

(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 2020 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: Chagnon, Gould, Scudder, Davis, Pavlock, Hemmer, Muldowney, Harmon, Vanstrom, Odell, Rankin, Niebel

(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 2020 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: Bankoski, Nazzaro, Starks, Whitney, Whitford

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 2020 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, Gould, Scudder, Davis, Pavlock, Hemmer, Muldowney, Harmon, Vanstrom, Odell, Rankin, Niebel

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 2020 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: Bankoski, Nazzaro, Starks, Whitford, Whitney

RESOLUTIONS:

RES. NO. 1-20 Filling Vacancy – County Executive – R/C Vote: 18 Yes; 1 Absent – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED – R/C Vote: 18 Yes; 1 Absent – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**Swearing in County Executive
By
Judge Stephen Cass**

County Executive Wendel: Just that I'm humbled is the least that I could actually say. I feel honored and privileged. I've worked with many of you for the last eight years and it's an honor to be chosen by you to lead this county. With technology the way it is my daughter, who has been a big supporter, is watching now from Prague, Czechoslovakia so I think we've reached the Jetson's era. Having said that, I think it's a new vision for Chautauqua County. To follow in the footsteps of George Borrello is no slight feat. It's going to be a great undertaking. We've already set up a time to sit and discuss what we have in store for the future of Chautauqua County to continue the many initiatives that George has started as well as to bring in my own twist and my own initiatives in this upcoming year.

I made a commitment back in December when I met with the County representatives from the Republican committee and I said my commitment to you is the next five years- a minimum of five years. I have to run next November and then again the following year for a four year term. That is my commitment that I'm going to be here as willing to be your County Executive- great initiatives- this is a great place to live.

After college I came back. Somebody asked me yesterday and they said they wished they were able to bring their kids back and what made you come back? My response was the sense of community and the sense of pride that I have in Chautauqua County.

I was very fortunate- there's a man looking down on my right now- Tony Caprino. Tony started me 13 years ago running for the Village of Lakewood and it was that education and leadership I learned from Tony and the many people- Al Hendrickson in the back- and those who helped me out throughout my career. It's that great leadership that I've followed and I've mentored. I've stood across the mat from world and Olympic champions, but by far this is the greatest challenge I have is to now realize that I will be the leader of Chautauqua County, that the buck stops with me. My vision is that I share the success and will burden the failures. We are going to move forward in Chautauqua County. I really thought about in the moments before I came up here – and that's what I really feel that I've done is been that servant leader. I want to empower the people and our department heads to come up with visions and generate their own excitement for Chautauqua County. I want people to take great pride in- more than what they have already- to be a resident of Chautauqua County. I want to be able to sing from the mountain tops the successes we have and bring new business and new excitement to Chautauqua County. This is a great place to live and I'm extremely honored and humbled to now be the next County

Executive. I thank you and I look forward to the next several months and then some down the road, but again, I thank you very much for your support and look forward to being your County Executive in the upcoming year. Thank you.

Applause

Commendation

Legislator Paul M. Wendel
By
Chairman Pierre E. Chagnon
and
Acting County Attorney Stephen M. Abdella

RES. NO. 2-20 Appointing Clerk to the Legislature – R/C Vote: 17 Yes; 1 Absent; 1 Open Seat – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 3-20 Appointing Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature – R/C Vote: 17 Yes; 1 Absent; 1 Open Seat – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 4-20 Confirm Appointment – Public Defender – R/C Vote: 17 Yes; 1 Absent; 1 Open Seat – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 5-20 Designation of Official Newspapers – 2020 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 6-20 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 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 7-20 Authorize Public Hearing on FBO and Hangar Lease Agreement at the Chautauqua County Dunkirk Airport

Legislator Odell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As chairman of the Airport Commission I have to tell you sometimes when it rains it pours. A couple years back we lost our FBO operations out of the Dunkirk Airport and we found ourselves in a position to put a band aid on it. Thank you so much to Mr. Geise and my colleagues at the IDA and CREDC for holding that together. At that time we only had Dunkirk in play, now with the proposal to have the fixed based operations or FBO for both Jamestown and Dunkirk available that brought forth in our last solicitation, four qualified proposals. So, at this point Centric Air looks very good. They've got a great track record in dealing with part 139 airports like we have in Jamestown along with other airports utilizing essential air service and Boutique Air highly recommended them as well. We look forward to getting this public hearing through the process and we appreciate everyone's support.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you.

RES. NO. 7-20 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

RES. NO. 8-20 Authorize Public Hearing on FBO and Hangar Lease Agreement at the Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Clerk Tampio: Mr. Chairman, I have received a letter signed by Paul M. Wendel Jr. as Chautauqua County Executive regarding the appointment of Acting County Executive.

“Dear Mr. Abdella,

Pursuant to Section 3.04 of the Chautauqua County Charter, I hereby designate you as Acting County Executive for the County of Chautauqua. By copy of this letter to the Clerk of the County Legislature, I respectfully request confirmation by the Chautauqua County Legislature.”

There is an emergency resolution on your desk this evening and we will need a motion to bring it to the floor.

Chairman Chagnon: Do I have a motion to bring the emergency resolution that’s on your desk to the floor?

Legislator Vanstrom: I’ll make the motion.

Chairman Chagnon: A second?

Legislator Niebel: I’ll second that.

Chairman Chagnon: All those in favor of bringing the resolution to the floor?

Unanimously Carried to Bring to the Floor

Clerk Tampio: I will number it for you prior to the discussion. It will be emergency resolution 9-20: Confirm Appointment – Acting County Executive.

EMERGENCY RES. NO. 9-20 Confirm Appointment – Acting County Executive

Chairman Chagnon: Discussion on the resolution?

Legislator Nazzaro: I’d like to make a brief comment to thank Mr. Abdella for his dedicated service to Chautauqua County not only as County Attorney, but filling in as Acting County Executive numerous times and sometimes during difficult times. The work you do is certainly appreciated and I’ll be glad to support this.

Chairman Chagnon: Well said. Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

EMERGENCY RES. NO. 9-20 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

2nd Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

MOVED by Legislator Scudder, SECONDED by Legislator Starks and duly carried the meeting was adjourned. (4:34 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia L. Ames, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature