

Chautauqua County Legislature  
Organizational Meeting  
Monday, January 2, 2018, 4:00 p.m.  
Legislative Chambers, Mayville, New York

Clerk Tampio called the Organizational Meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and announced a quorum present. (Absent: Gould, Rankin, Vanstrom)

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

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**Swearing in New Legislators**  
**By**  
**Judge Stephen Cass**

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

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

Legislator Chagnon: Madam Clerk, it's my honor and my distinct pleasure to nominate PJ Wendel.

Clerk Tampio: Is there a second?

Legislator Nazzaro: Yes, in the spirit of bipartisan cooperation, I will second the nomination of Paul M. Wendel, Jr. otherwise known as PJ Wendel.

Clerk Tampio: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, can we have a motion to close the nominations?

Legislator Bankoski: I so move.

Legislator Whitford: Second.

*Unanimously Carried*

Clerk Tampio: The nominee is Paul M. Wendel. When I call your name, please state the name of your vote this evening.

16 – Paul M. Wendel  
3 – Absent

Clerk Tampio: Having received 16 votes with 3 absent, the Chairman of the Legislature for 2018 is Paul M. Wendel. Please come forward. (*Applause*)

### ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN

Chairman Wendel: Briefly I would just like to thank everybody for their support. As I said before and as I continue to say, I think the success of Chautauqua County Legislature and Chautauqua County government has been by bipartisan efforts. The ability for those of us that are here to do the business of Chautauqua County, to do it in the manner that doesn't reflect politics, doesn't reflect individual ambitions or party agendas. We move forward for the people of Chautauqua County and do it in the right way. I'm excited now, with our new County Executive, Mr. Borrello, I appreciate – again, I want to thank Mr. Himelein our previous Chairman and those who came before you. Like I told people before, sometimes it's like captaining a ship. I'm here as the Chairman and the ship is Chautauqua County government and there has been many before me and there will be many after me. I just hope to do my job and do my best to represent the people of Chautauqua County and work with this fine body. We need to keep up the good work and again, eager and excited for what the future brings for Chautauqua County, thank you. (Applause)

Now we do have one order of business. I would ask for a recess for the Republican caucus to meet in room 331.

Legislator Chagnon: I would make that motion.

Legislator Odell: Second.

*Unanimously Carried (4:12 p.m.)*

Chairman Wendel: I would like to call the meeting back to order.(4:18 p.m.) We will now go to the 1<sup>st</sup> privilege of the floor.

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

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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 2018 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: Wendel, Himelein, Hemmer, Rankin, Niebel, Gould, Davis, Scudder, Odell, Wilfong, Pavlock, Chagnon, Muldowney

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#### **(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 2018 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, O'Connell

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**APPOINTMENT OF MAJORITY LEADER AND ASSISTANT**

Clerk Tampio: Mr. Himelein has withdrawn his name as Majority Leader and a new form has been submitted to the Clerk. I will read that.

We, the undersigned being the Republican members of the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby designate Legislator Pierre Chagnon as the Leader of the Chautauqua County Legislature for the year 2018 in accordance with Local Law No. 6-1969 adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1970. And appoint, as the Assistant Leader, Legislator Lisa Vanstrom

Signed: Wendel, Odell, Niebel, Hemmer, Pavlock, Wilfong, Davis, Muldowney, Chagnon, and Scudder

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**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 2018 in accordance with Local Law No. 6-1969 adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1970. And appoint, as the Assistant Leader, Legislator Robert K. Bankoski

Signed: Nazzaro, Bankoski, Starks, Whitford, O'Connell

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RES. NO. 1-18 Appointing Clerk to the Legislature – R/C Vote: 16 Yes; 3 Absent – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 2-18 Appointing Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature – R/C Vote: 16 Yes; 3 Absent – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 3-18 Confirm Appointment – Public Defender - R/C Vote: 16 Yes; 3 Absent – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 4-18 Designation of Official Newspapers – 2018**

Chairman Wendel: Any discussion?

**RES. NO. 4-18 - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**RES. NO. 5-18 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**

Chairman Wendel: Any discussion?

**RES. NO. 5-18 - UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

Chairman Wendel: This evening we have an emergency resolution on your desks. We do need to bring that off the floor. If you would please, all those in favor of bringing this to the floor signify by a show of hands. (*Sufficient shown*) Thank you.

**EMERGENCY RES. NO. 6-18 – Confirm Appointment – Acting County Executive**

Chairman Wendel: Any questions or debate?

**RES. NO. 6-18 – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Legislator Scudder: I would just like to say what a pleasure it's been to serve at the same desk with Pierre. I really enjoyed it and I'm going to miss him moving over to my left. Thank you.

Chairman Wendel: Anyone else for announcements? I don't know if you haven't forgotten, this Sunday our County Executive and his faithful servant or sidekick Mr. Wilfong, will be breaking the depths of Lake Erie for the Polar Plunge in Silver Creek. So please come out and support them. Last year was Thunder and Lightning and this year there is a new title, so feel free to show up and see what they brand themselves.

Clerk Tampio: Mr. Chairman, if I may. If you haven't already, please remember to sign your oath's of office that are on your desks and return them to myself or Ms. Foster. Thank you.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Privilege of the Floor**

George Borrello, Irving, N.Y. Wow, it's really weird standing up here. I just want to say, first of all, what a pleasure it has been to serve in this Legislature for 8 years and now look forward to working with each and every one of you as the new County Executive and thank you very much and Happy New Year.

Chairman Wendel: Anyone else to speak to the 2<sup>nd</sup> privilege of the floor? Seeing none, we'll close the 2<sup>nd</sup> privilege.

Legislator Nazzaro: Motion to adjourn.

Legislator Bankoski: Second.

*Unanimously Carried (4:23 p.m.)*

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,  
Lori J. Foster, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature