

Chautauqua County Legislature  
Organizational Meeting  
Monday, January 3, 2017, 4:00 p.m.  
Legislative Chambers, Mayville, New York

Clerk Tampo called the Organizational Meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and announced a quorum present. (Absent: Gould)

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

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

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

Legislator Wendel: It is my pleasure to nominate David Himelein as Chairman of the Legislature.

Legislator Tarbrake: It would be my distinct pleasure to second the nomination of Legislator David Himelein.

Clerk Tampo: We have a nomination by Mr. Wendel for Mr. Himelein and second by Mr. Tarbrake. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to close the nominations.

Legislator Lemon: So moved.

Legislator Wilfong: Second.

Clerk Tampo: All those in favor, say aye.

*Unanimously Carried*

Clerk Tampo: The nominee is Mr. Himelein. We will now have the roll call vote. You indicate your vote by your choice by stating the name of the nominee.

Vote: Mr. Himelein - 18  
1 Absent

Clerk Tampo: With 18 votes for Mr. Himelein and one absent, it is my pleasure by having received the required majority of votes to declare Mr. Himelein to be the newly elected Chairman of the Chautauqua County Legislature for 2017. Congratulations and please come forward. (Applause)

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Himelein: Good afternoon everybody. It's a pleasure to be here. I am glad to see so many smiling faces. I'm going to try and keep my comments as short as possible.

First of all, I would like to thank my wife, Joan. She stood by me through thick and thin, thank you.

Where would we be without the full Legislature? We have worked together, sometimes, disagreeing but always working for the people of this County. Thank you for your support as your new Chairman.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work done by our office staff, Kathy and Lori. Thank you.

Next, I would like to thank the Executive staff – Mr. Abdella and Ms. Crow for keeping me on track when I went astray. Boy, there was more than once that I did that.

During my tenure as Majority leader, the Minority Leader has been very cooperative in working out our differences. Thank you.

Some of the things that I have strived to do, with success, is reducing property taxes and also the age to purchase cigarettes and e-cigarettes has moved from 18 to 21 and I have also backed allowing the use of sparklers on July 4<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

After much deliberation at the last Legislature meeting the Deputy Sheriffs' and Lieutenants wage contract for five years was approved.

Now 2017 hopefully will bring a continued growth in our infrastructure that will create more jobs. Part of that growth is to finish the building of the Sherman garage. Other things moving forward are the North County Water District, the Chautauqua Lake Sewer District, and more discussion on the police consolidation with Jamestown.

For the citizens of the County, I will continue to strive to keep property taxes as low as possible.

Your vote of confidence in me as your Chairman is greatly appreciated. Thank you all. (Applause).

We will now move to the first privilege of the floor?

**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 2017 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: Himelein, Lemon, Niebel, Scudder, Odell, Vanstrom, Muldowney, Hemmer, Borrello, Chagnon, Tarbrake, Wendel, Wilfong, Gould, Rankin

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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 2017 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

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**APPOINTMENT OF MAJORITY LEADER AND ASSISTANT**

We, the undersigned being the Republican members of the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby designate Legislator Paul Wendel as the Leader of the Chautauqua County Legislature for the year 2017 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 Mark Tarbrake

Signed: Himelein, Lemon, Niebel, Scudder, Odell, Vanstrom, Muldowney, Hemmer, Borrello, Chagnon, Tarbrake, Wendel, Wilfong, Gould, Rankin

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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 2017 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

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**1-17 Appointing Clerk to the Legislature**, by Chairman Gould – R/C Vote: 18 Yes; 1 Absent – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**2-17 Appointing Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature**, by Chairman Gould – R/C Vote: 18 Yes; 1 Absent – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**3-17 Designation of Official Newspapers – 2017**, by Chairman Gould - **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**4-17 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**, by Chairman Gould – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Legislator Borrello: Thank you Mr. Chairman and congratulations. One more time, this Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, the Polar Bear swim in Silver Creek at the Fireman's Club on the end of Jackson Street. Registration is at noon. We're going in at 1:00 and please come out and help Legislator Wilfong and myself as we plunge into Lake Erie.

Chairman Himelein: Are there any other announcements? Seeing none, we'll have the second privilege of the floor.

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

No one chose to speak at this time.

MOVED by Legislator Nazzaro, SECONDED by Legislator Bankoski and duly carried the meeting was adjourned. (4:18 p.m.)

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