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January 7, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Clinton County Legislature held Tuesday, January 5, 2021 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Henry, Area 3
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Robert Hall, Area 10

VACANT: Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney

County Administrator Michael Zurlo called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Michael Zurlo asked Deputy County Administrator Kim Kinblom to conduct roll call. Legislator Hall asked to be excused.

Ms. Kinblom read the title of Resolution #1, "Appointing Chairperson of the County Legislature for 2021."

Legislator Timmons offered the name of Mark Henry to be appointed as Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2021. Legislator Hughes seconded the motion. Carried (8-0-1-1). Legislator Timmons stated he believes Mr. Henry did an exceptional job last year and believes he deserves to stay in for another term.

Chairperson Henry thanked his fellow Legislators for their support of him and once again welcomed Legislator Hughes to the County Legislature.

Chairperson Henry asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to share their thoughts and concerns with the Legislature.

William Chase, the Town Supervisor of Dannemora, notified and invited the Legislative Body that there will be a rally held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., in the Village of Dannemora (in front of the Ford Dealership) in support of keeping the Clinton Annex open. He noted that he was aware of Legislative support via a resolution in progress from the Clinton County Legislature and was appreciative for that support.

Simon Conroy, as a citizen of the County, announced his candidacy for re-election and is focusing his efforts on a COVID-19 Relief and Grant Fund. He also stated he is focused on the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative by reducing the City of Plattsburgh's Police Department, by folding in into the Clinton County Sheriff's Department with the help of local officials.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Mr. Zurlo read the remaining Resolution titles.

Resolution #2, "Appointing Deputy Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2021." Chairperson Henry motioned to offer the name of Robert Hall to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the year 2021. Legislator Waldron seconded the motion. Carried (7-1-1-1). (Mr. Conroy voted in the negative). Chairperson Henry stated he was sorry Mr. Hall was not in attendance but stated he is excited to work with him and he knows he will do a great job.

Resolution #3, "Appointing Republican Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2021." Legislator Timmons motioned to offer the name of Francis Peryea as Republican Leader for the year 2021. Legislator Castine seconded the motion. Carried (8-0-1-1). Legislator Timmons stated Legislator Peryea did a great job last year and he knows that he will continue this year as well.

Resolution #4, "Appointing Democratic Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2021." Legislator Hughes motioned to offer the name of Patty Waldron as Democratic Leader for the year 2021. The motion was seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Resolution #5, "Adopting Rules of Order for 2021." Chairperson Henry discussed holding one Regular Session in the months of July (July 14th) and August (August 18th). The Legislature was in agreement to adopt the Rules of Order with this change. Legislator Waldron motioned, seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Resolution #6, "Appointing Assistant County Attorney for 2021." Legislator Potiker offered the name of Gary L. Favro, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried. (8-0-1-1).

Resolution #7, "Appointing Off Track Betting Director for 2021" was withdrawn on a motion by Legislator Peryea and seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reminded the Legislators that 2020 mileage reimbursement is due January 8th.

Legislator Conroy asked that Committee Chairpersons provide final 2020 reports. Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, stated the adopted 2021 Rules of Order 1.1 limits the agenda at the Organizational meeting. As such, chairperson reports are not allowable.

Chairperson's Report – Mark Henry

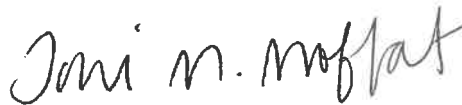
Chairperson Henry stated it was his plan to have committee assignments completed very soon. In the meantime, all Resolutions will be sent to/pollled by the Finance Committee as it includes all members.

He also stated as everyone is aware, there is a vacancy in Area 9. It is his intention to formally make a decision on the filling of that vacancy at the January 13, 2021 Regular Session.

It is also his plan to go to remote meetings starting with the January 13, 2021 Regular Session.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn at 5:41 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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