

JANUARY 2, 2025

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York, met at the Town Hall, 2737 Main Street, Newfane, New York, on the 2nd day of January, 2025, for the purpose of conducting the 2025 Reorganizational Meeting.

The following Board Members were present:

Town Supervisor: John Syracuse
Councilwoman: Susan Neidlinger
Councilman: Peter Robinson
Councilman: Robert Horanburg
Councilman: Rick Coleman

Others in Attendance: James J. Sansone, Town Attorney, William Clark, Town Historian, Mary L. Zeller, Confidential Secretary, and 5 residents.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A prayer was offered by the Town Clerk and the pledge to the flag was given.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN/SUPERVISOR/REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to move the entire slate as stated within the Agenda of the Town of Newfane Reorganizational Meeting for January 2, 2025.

1. Oath of Office by Appointed employees: must see CLERK'S OFFICE and sign before the first paycheck is received.
2. Re-Appoint James Sansone as Town Attorney for 2025.
3. Re-Appoint Wendel Companies as Town Engineers for 2025
4. Re-Appoint Drescher & Malecki as the Town professional bookkeepers for 2025
5. Adopt the current Procurement Policy for 2025, as amended in 2018
6. Appoint 2025 Registrar of Vital Statistics – Donna Lakes at \$8,855.94, effective January 1, 2025
7. Appoint 2025 Marriage Officer for Town of Newfane – Donna Lakes
8. Appoint 2025 Section 504 Coordinator/Grievance Officer, for Town of Newfane - Donna Lakes, Town Clerk
9. Appoint 2025 Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Newfane – David Schmidt
10. Re-Appoint Town Historian – William Clark at \$3,941 for 2025
11. Appoint 2025 Budget Officer – John Syracuse at \$4,500
12. Appoint 2025 Deputy Supervisor – Richard Coleman
13. Appoint 2025 Fire Prevention Board Liaison - Richard Coleman
14. Appoint 2025 Fire Prevention Board Chairman – Daniel Handrich
15. Appoint 2025 Olcott Beach Liaison – Peter Robinson
16. Appoint 2025 Lakeview Village Shoppes Liaison – Robert Horanburg
17. Appoint 2025 Newfane Business Association Liaison – Susan Neidlinger
18. Appoint 2025 Tourism Liaison – Peter Robinson
19. RE: Zoning Board - Appoint Troy D Barnes as Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman for 2025
20. RE: Zoning Board – Appoint Tyler Finley to 5-year term, ending 12-31-2029
21. RE: Zoning Board – Appoint Charles W Maynard as to 5-year term, ending 12-31-2029
22. RE: Zoning Board – Re-Appoint Robin Bower as Secretary for 2025
23. Set Official Zoning Board Meetings for the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm
24. RE: Planning Board - Re-Appoint Mildred Kramp, Secretary for 2025
25. RE: Planning Board - Appoint William Clark as Planning Board Chairman for 2025
26. Set Official Planning Board Meetings for the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm

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27. Appoint Town Tourism Committee Members – Gina Guido-Redden, Chairman, Barbara Miller, Jane Voelpel, James Sansone, Ann Schulze, Janet Steggles, Stella Tothill-Wilson, Christine Keleman and Catherine Banks-Orr for 2025.
28. Set Official Town Board meeting dates and times – 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm for 2025, unless otherwise announced.
29. Set Official Town Work Session meeting dates and times – 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm for 2025.
30. Set Official Publications – Lockport Union Sun & Journal: The Town quarterly Newsletter; along with the Town website for information.
31. Signature Facsimile – Authorize Supervisor to use Facsimile for 2025.
32. Authorize Supervisor to Prepay bills prior to the Board review to avoid late charges and/or take advantage of discounts for 2025.
33. Set Board compensation rates – Fire Prevention, Zoning and Planning Boards as follows:
Chairman - \$65; Members - \$55; Secretary - \$80, per meeting for 2025.
34. Authorize Supervisor to invest Town monies in accordance with the Town Investment Policy and for the best interest of the Town for 2025.
35. Extend the Town’s investment policy through 2025, as amended in 2018.
36. Set salary for Election machine inspectors/custodians:
 - A. Machine Custodians - \$125 per election
 - B. Election machine inspectors - \$5/per machine
37. Set 2025 Polling locations – Olcott Fire Hall & Newfane Community Center
38. Per diem reimbursement allotment - \$50 per day on Town business only and with receipts.
39. Approve WWTP Blanket Purchase Order Request @ \$292,000 – per Nick Irr, Chief Operator Waste Water Treatment Plant.
40. Approve Water Department Blanket Purchase Order Request @ \$48,000 for Water Dept and \$32,000 for Sewer Dept – per Jon Miller, Water Superintendent
41. Approve Highway Department Blanket Purchase Order Request @ \$47,500 – per Jonathan Miller, Highway Superintendent.
42. Approve Highway Item 1 Agreement to spend \$854,924 on 69.36 miles of Town Highways.
43. Appoint Justice Court attendants for Judge Bruce Barnes – David Haylett, Kathy Horanburg, Ted Banaszak and Mary Hastings.
44. Appoint Justice Court attendants for Judge Scott Boudeman – David Haylett, Kathy Horanburg, Ted Banaszak and Mary Hastings.

Motion made by Councilman Horanburg, second by Councilman Robinson on the question. Hearing no questions, the Supervisor asked for a Roll Call Vote.

A Roll Call Vote was taken by the Town Clerk as follows:

Councilwoman Neidlinger: Aye
Councilman Robinson: Aye
Councilman Horanburg: Aye
Supervisor Syracuse: Aye
Councilman Coleman: Aye

5 – Ayes

0 – Nays

Motion Carried

TOWN/SUPERVISOR/PROCLAMATION/JOHN GETMAN

The Supervisor advised that we have a gentleman who will be leaving our community, moving on to bigger and brighter things in his life. We have been especially proud to have this individual here with us, along with Bill Neidlinger, who has been working side by side with this gentleman, John Getman, on a project that was spearheaded by Mary McInally through our Town and with this Town Board, to enter into a collaboration with Save The Michaels to get their residents out and about and to work as part of their recovery. It has been a pleasure working with this gentleman as he has helped us out a lot, especially with the Newfane

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Historical Society, helping to refurbish the old Post Office and the West Creek Road grounds. He is a special individual, and we wish to present him with a Proclamation. In addition to being an excellent worker, he was also inspirational in a role of manager and crewman by recruiting other individuals to come out and help whether it's cleaning the Community Center, the Court Building, he has really been the driving force. The Supervisor read the following Proclamation. **Town of Newfane, NY Proclamation To John Getman. Whereas**, Often times individuals can encounter extremely difficult times in their lives that prove quite challenging, and **Whereas**, Individuals can overcome these obstacles through the support of others in their community, and **Whereas**, John Getman has demonstrated determination, desire and fortitude in the face of adversity, and **Whereas**, John Getman has been instrumental in improving the quality of life for others through his volunteer work at the Town of Newfane's Lakeview Village Shoppes, the Historical Grounds on West Creek Road, the Community Center within the Town Hall, and working on preserving the Town Hometown Hero Banners, now therefore be it **Resolved**, The Town of Newfane wishes to recognize and thank John Getman on his dedication to improving the quality of life in his community here in Newfane, N.Y. and be it further **Resolved**, by my signature below, that on January 3, 2025, will hereby be declared as "John Getman Day" in the Town of Newfane, N.Y.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Town Board Work Session Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Town Board Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The Supervisor entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Councilwoman Neidlinger, second by Councilman Coleman on the question. Hearing no questions, the Supervisor asked all those in favor to say Aye. All were in favor, no one was opposed.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Lakes
Town Clerk