

ORGANIZATION MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

ORGANIZATION MEETING

January 5, 2023

The County Legislature convened at the Legislative Chamber, 255 Main Street, Goshen, New York, on the 5th day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Three. The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and please remember former Chairwoman of the Orange County Legislature, former County Legislator for the fourteenth Legislative District, Roxanne Donnery, who recently passed away at 3:30 p.m., by Jean M. Ramppen, Clerk of the Legislature. The Clerk of the Legislature acted as Temporary Chairman.

A roll call, being taken, the following Legislators representing their respective Legislative Districts were present and answered to their names as follows:

Michael Amo	First Legislative District
Janet Sutherland	Second Legislative District
Paul Ruskiewicz	Third Legislative District
Kevindaryán Luján	Fourth Legislative District
Katherine E. Bonelli	Fifth Legislative District
Genesis Ramos	Sixth Legislative District
Peter V. Tuohy	Seventh Legislative District
Barry J. Cheney	Eighth Legislative District
Glenn R. Ehlers	Tenth Legislative District
Kathy A. Stegenga	Eleventh Legislative District
Kevin W. Hines	Twelfth Legislative District
Thomas J. Faggione	Thirteenth Legislative District
Laurie R. Tautel	Fourteenth Legislative District
Joseph J. Minuta	Fifteenth Legislative District
Leigh J. Benton	Sixteenth Legislative District
Mike Anagnostakis	Seventeenth Legislative District
Robert C. Sassi	Eighteenth Legislative District
Michael D. Paduch	Nineteenth Legislative District

Legislator L. Stephen Brescia of the Ninth Legislative District was absent.

Legislator Joel Sierra of the Twentieth Legislative District was absent.

Legislator James D. O'Donnell of the Twenty-first Legislative District was absent.

The Temporary Chair stated that the first order of business would be to elect a Chairperson of the County Legislature for the year 2023.

Mr. Ruskiewicz placed in nomination the name of Katherine E. Bonelli as Chairwoman of the Orange County Legislature. As we all know, Katie came into the position under difficult circumstances, and she handled that with grace and poise and professionalism and has continued to do that ever since. Katie has a great deal of experience not only in county government but in town government before that. She is a wealth of information and expertise. She attends almost every committee meeting and her comments, input and insight are always very helpful to the committee members and to all of us. She helps keep things on track and gets things done. He has asked Katie questions and for advice many times and he has always appreciated the responses that he got. She is fair to everyone, and her door is always open. She has done a tremendous job so far and he felt she should continue in that roll. He hopes his fellow Legislators will support her.

Mr. Sassi seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Temporary Chair asked for a motion to close nominations.

Mr. Cheney moved to close nominations for Chairperson of the Orange County Legislature, seconded by Mr. Benton.

The Temporary Chair cast one ballot for Katherine E. Bonelli as Chairwoman of the Orange County Legislature, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

The Temporary Chair announced that Katherine E. Bonelli has been elected as Chairwoman for the Orange County Legislature for the year 2023.

County Clerk Kelly Eskew administered the oath of office to the Chairwoman, Katherine E. Bonelli.

Chairwoman thanked everyone for their vote of confidence as she assumed the position of Orange County Chairwoman. She pledged, as she has done in the past, to her Legislative colleagues and to the public of Orange County, to continue to lead by inclusion and create an environment that is inviting to work collaboratively not only with the Executive Branch, but with Commissioners, Directors, Department Heads and all employees of Orange County. She strongly believes that open communication and respect leads to successful outcomes. She thanked both Tom Faggione and Michael Paduch, for being such professional partners throughout this past year. She congratulated both of them on their re-election to their respective leadership positions. Both have risen to the challenges of their positions, which have provided their members with the necessary information for everyone to make an informed decision. Our team effort has allowed us to continue to provide the much needed services for our residents, and ensuring their safety and wellbeing. Our collaborative spirit in addressing these issues, has proven beneficial to the people of Orange County and she looked forward to continuing this vision. We begin a new year with a sound and fiscally strong budget, with thanks to our partnership with County Executive, Steve Neuhaus. This budget not only included funding for essential services, but also provides aggressive funding for our Parks system, as well as our Tourism Office. We are anxious to see these enhancements come to fruition throughout the year ahead. Additionally, before the close of the year, we recognized a real need for additional funding in our Orange County Fuel Fund. This provides funding assistance to those in need to meet the high cost of peoples' fuel bills. This is an issue we will continue to monitor for the rest of the winter season. Despite the extra focus that they placed on this, they were still able to decrease the county tax rate. This is a rate that each and every one of us should be very, very proud of. As they move forward, the wheels are in motion and are already in place for our mandated redistricting plan. They are prepared to face those challenges throughout 2023. In 2023 they will start to see some real movement in the Orange County Sewer District improvements and expansion. This has been a long standing issue, quite frankly it goes back to her days when she was a supervisor, now they will finally see some real movement for much needed improvements. The upcoming year will be filled with unique challenges and we will work towards a healthier world and a strong economy together. She is confident that if they continue to operate as a unified body, we will be successful in keeping Orange County fiscally sound and a healthy County for many years to come. It is my hope that together with Majority Leader Tom Faggione and Minority Leader Michael Paduch and County

Executive Neuhaus and his team, we will continue to dutifully work together to provide the residents of Orange County, a vibrant and safe environment that we can be all proud to live, work and raise our families in, the place that we all call home. In closing, she is humbled by the support and confidence this Legislative Body has afforded her. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude. I'd like to recognize my colleague and friend, Paul Ruskiewicz for the kind words in his respective nominating speech and Mr. Sassi. She considers both of them not only friends but true professionals in government. She would be remiss if she did not recognize Legislative Clerk Jean Ramppen, Deputy Clerk Kelly Bradley our staff members Doreen Griffith and Kerriann Hamel, and Legislative Counsel Betsy Abraham, for their extraordinary work. They are strong professional women that work everyday to make our legislative responsibilities a little bit easier. She can certainly attest to the fact that they make my life a lot easier. County Executive Neuhaus has also been a very supportive partner in government and she looked forward to working with him. Finally, on a personal note, she would like to recognize her family, my husband Joe, who has always been supportive of all the adventures that she embarks on, her daughter Victoria, her son in law Don, and granddaughter Grace, who is obviously her pride and joy because she was sure everyone has heard all of her Grace stories. She thanked everyone and looked forward to a very, very fruitful 2023.

Mr. Benton stated that it was his honor to state that the Republican Caucus has chosen Tom Faggione again to be Majority Leader for 2023. He keeps us straight, he keeps us informed and he is always there if they have a question. Congratulations Tom.

Ms. Tautel stated that the Democratic caucus has proudly elected Michael Paduch as our Minority Leader. Michael has been excellent in his leadership position even through some very difficult times. He has always been there for us, stood with us, worked with us, worked with every Legislator on this body. He always takes the time to individually text or call one of us as to what is going on from leadership down so that we are constantly informed. He has been a great friend to them. She is proud to say that Mike Paduch is the Minority Leader for 2023.

Chairwoman Bonelli congratulated Mr. Faggione and Mr. Paduch.

Chairwoman Bonelli read the following Resolution:

MISCELLANEOUS:

Sponsors: Bonelli, Paduch, Amo, Anagnostakis, Benton, Brescia, Cheney, Ehlers, Faggione, Hines, Lujan, Minuta, O'Donnell, Ramos, Ruskiewicz, Sassi, Sierra, Stegenga, Sutherland, Tautel, Tuohy

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROXANNE DONNERY, OUTSTANDING CITIZEN, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT, FORMER CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE, AND FORMER COUNTY LEGISLATOR FOR THE FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to recognize the career and life of an outstanding citizen, dedicated public servant and respected former colleague on this, the first meeting of the Orange County Legislature after her passing; and

WHEREAS, ROXANNE DONNERY established a prominent and admired place in the community. She epitomized the fundamental virtues upon which our Nation is founded and set an example to which all persons may aspire. The life of **ROXANNE DONNERY** demonstrates that love of and service to country, family, community, and a personal conviction to work hard and strive for excellence are key to a life of fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, ROXANNE DONNERY influenced every important public policy decision made during her outstanding fifteen-year Legislative career. During her tenure she served on numerous Legislative committees, including Human Services, Health and Mental Health, Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations, Public Safety and Emergency Services, Ways and Means, Personnel and Compensation, and Education and Economic Development Committees, as well as the Orange County Legislature's Valley View Special Investigative Committee. She served as Chairwoman of the Legislature in 2009. Her commitment and service to the County is deeply appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that We, the Legislature of the County of Orange, do hereby formally memorialize our profound sentiments on the occasion of the passing of our former colleague **ROXANNE DONNERY**, on behalf of ourselves and of all the People of the County of Orange to whose interest and services she was so dedicated; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the records of this body as a permanent memorial and as an enduring standard for its members and for all citizens.

Seconded by Mr. Ruszkiewicz.

Mr. Paduch stated that the proclamation probably says it all. He had the honor and pleasure of working with Roxanne for all 16 years of her term. They worked on a lot of different issues together and Roxanne would never give up. Most of you know how feisty she was. Roxanne became a true friend to him and they talked about a lot of different things. One of his favorite quotes was when they were trying to create the Inspector General position, she made a quote "if we don't have one, it would be like having the fox guard the hen house." She was great with comments like that, she was nice to everyone and worked with both sides of the aisle. He was very proud to call her his friend. He was sorry to see her go.

Ms. Tautel stated that Roxanne was not just a friend and a colleague, she knew Roxanne her entire life. Roxanne had funny stories about when she was younger and her husband rescued her during a snowstorm. She had fond memories of playing with her children in her house and Roxanne always encouraged them to be creative and look at the fun side of life. As she grew older, Roxanne became a friend. She was her mentor. She taught her how to fight for what was right and stand up for what is right. Roxanne stood up and fought for the school district in the Town of Highlands that they almost lost. There is a famous story about Roxanne in a Georgetown Restaurant accosting, then President, Bill Clinton and within a week, the school districts had the funding that they needed for impact aid. She continued throughout her entire life to go to Washington to fight for the school district, to fight for the children. Her heart lied in service, in children, in bringing her corner of the world to a better place and improving the lives of everybody she touched. She cannot say how many stories she knows of Roxanne where she would go where people would not go, people are afraid to

go. Roxanne helped people overcome addiction and get back on their feet. Her legacy will continue on in her family, in her children, and in all of us. Her services will be on Monday, January 9th, and she hoped everyone can go and represent the County Legislature that she loved and dedicated so much of her life to.

Mr. Anagnostakis stated that it is always difficult in these situations. He did not have the honor to serve with Roxanne for three or four terms like some other Legislators, but he did serve with her for one term. He served on the Investigative Committee for Valley View with Roxanne. He did not think it was an exaggeration to say that they put in 250 to 300 hours literally shoulder to shoulder. He recalled working many late hours in her home, and her home that was her pride, the art work, the children and grandchildren. She was a fighter, when she believed in something she fought for it, we all know that. She was always open minded, always after the truth. She knew she did not always know the answers all the time. Maybe other people might have more experience or knowledge in an area, she was not too proud to hand the ball off when the occasion called for it because she was after the truth and doing what was right. He is proud to call her a friend. He will miss her. What will always stick with him is her contagious smile that she always had.

The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Faggione, Paduch, Amo, Anagnostakis, Benton, Cheney, Ehlers, Hines, Luján, Minuta, Ramos, Ruszkiewicz, Sassi, Stegenga, Sutherland, Tautel, Tuohy, Bonelli

Absent: Brescia, O'Donnell, Sierra

Ayes 18; Noes 0; Absent 3; ADOPTED.

Sponsor: Faggione

RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2023

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE MANUAL FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.02(a) OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER, SECTION 153 OF THE COUNTY LAW AND ARTICLE II, C 1(e), ARTICLE III (INTRODUCTION) AND ARTICLE IV, E 1(a) AND (b) OF THE SAID LEGISLATIVE MANUAL.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2 of 1970, passed by the Orange County Legislature on January 8, 1970, the Legislative Manual for the County of Orange was adopted; and

WHEREAS, Article II, C, 1(e) (page II - 6) of said Manual provides that the County Legislature must adopt annually its Legislative Manual, including any amendments incorporated therein; and

WHEREAS, at this time the Committee on Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations has not reported or proposed any amendments to said Manual and Rules.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Legislative Manual for the County of Orange and the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Orange County Legislature, heretofore adopted on January 8, 1970, and as previously amended, are hereby adopted.

Seconded by Mr. Ruszkiewicz.

The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Faggione, Paduch, Amo, Anagnostakis, Benton, Cheney, Ehlers, Hines, Luján, Minuta, Ramos, Ruszkiewicz, Sassi, Stegenga, Sutherland, Tautel, Tuohy, Bonelli

Absent: Brescia, O'Donnell, Sierra

Ayes 18;

Noes 0;

Absent 3;

ADOPTED.

Sponsor: Faggione

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2023

"RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2023, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, C, 1 (f) OF THE LEGISLATIVE MANUAL"

Seconded by Mr. Ruszkiewicz.

Mr. Paduch stated that as always, it is a concern about all meetings being at 3:30 p.m. We do have Youth in Government Day and there are some youth in the county that might like to attend our meetings and it is very hard for them to get here at 3:30 p.m. We sponsor a special meeting for them once a year but do not give them an opportunity after that to come back and visit with them or have their comments heard.

Mr. Paduch moved to amend Agenda Item No. 3, **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2023, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, C, 1 (f) OF THE LEGISLATIVE MANUAL** by changing the May 4, 2023, meeting to 7:00 p.m. and change the October 5, 2023 to 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Luján.

Ms. Ramos stated that as elected officials, they work to serve our community which is not just 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. business hours. They are consistently missing the mark. It is a disservice to assume people will only come to Legislative Sessions for issues they care about. Often times hearing that attendance is issue driven, but that is not true. We need to take into consideration employment, childcare, travel from different parts to the county. Think about your constituency, your friends, your family, could they come here at 3:30 p.m. Most of her constituency and many of the people she is close to in the county, would not be able to attend our meetings at 3:30 p.m. Many Legislators are retired or business owners, which allows a level of flexibility which allows them to. Then there are Legislators like herself who work full-time. She is thankful to have an employer that is flexible and allows her to be present in her elected duties. For her it is difficult to try and explain over and over to constituents why they have meetings only during business hours. Government is not meant to be insular and by only operating during the business day they are being insular. It is great that they have YouTube and livestreaming but that is still not enough. There is a digital divide throughout our

county which needs to be considered. Furthermore, she did not think there was enough awareness that our meetings are livestreamed and that the recordings are available. She continuously finds herself educating people, not just in her district but all over the county, that this is in existence. She felt they can do a better job. They should build more awareness throughout the county and reaching our constituency in different ways. Additionally, the topic of overtime has come up and how they want to be fiscally conservative. They make concessions for other things and other departments but she felt that investing a few times a year then perhaps would it come to eight hours of overtime in an entire year is worth it when they are talking about investing and the ability for constituents to be present. We might be saving a few dollars by not paying a few hours of overtime in the entire fiscal year but it comes at a cost of our constituents being disconnected from us. She felt they had choices to make. Are they going to do better to connect to be visible and be proactive and not just service during the business day or are we going to think about the diversity that exists in Orange County. As elected officials, they should think of how they can reach our constituents differently.

Mr. Luján stated that every year when they discuss this, it is a big tug of war back and forth to see if it is useful, are we seeing the turnout that we would like. Ms. Ramos had a good point because we, ourselves, can do a better job promoting what is already there, but also acknowledging the huge gaps in our communities. This is about us trying to better serve the community. They are voting on adding two nighttime meetings. In his opinion, they should have them all at 7:00 p.m. because it offers a larger number of people to attend the meetings. Some of us come here from a position of privilege. Ms. Ramos mentioned that some of us, the majority of us are retired, some of us are not. For those of you who are not retired, it is a position of privilege to be able to have positions or jobs that allow them the ability to be there and at times it is with great difficulty for those who are not retired. We want to send a message to our constituents that politics and government is accessible to you. He encouraged the Legislative Body to open up to evening meetings.

Mr. Minuta stated that he has been a Legislator for five years and they go through this every year. They usually agree and change a few meetings to 7:00 p.m. and yet, there is still nobody there. One of our responsibilities representing our communities is letting them know there is livestreaming, letting them know when the meetings are and bringing the information to them. He does not see the need for it. They have done this so many times and no one shows up. He did not plan to support the amendment.

Mr. Benton commented that it has been said many times by others, yes, we do talk about this every year, he is starting his 26th year, and they talk about it every year. They did it for many years, a few times a year. It is entirely agenda driven whether people show up. That is how it has always been. Last year, June 2, 2022, they had an evening meeting and six Legislators were absent for the meeting. So, to make a big deal about having night meetings, we could not even get all 21 Legislators to a meeting. There are emergencies and things come up, that can keep you away from any meeting. They had a public hearing that same night on June 2, 2022 and there were two people who showed up. There was no other public present, no public speaking before or after the meeting. He encouraged everyone to maintain the daily meetings.

On roll call, Mr. Paduch’s motion to amend the resolution by changing the May 4, 2023, meeting to 7:00 p.m. and change the October 5, 2023 to 7:00 p.m. was defeated by the following vote:

Ayes: Paduch, Luján, Ramos, Tautel

Noes: Faggione, Amo, Anagnostakis, Benton, Cheney, Ehlers, Hines, Minuta, Ruszkiewicz, Sassi, Stegenga, Sutherland, Tuohy, Bonelli

Absent: Brescia, O’Donnell, Sierra

Ayes 4; Noes 14; Absent 3; DEFEATED.

The resolution as originally presented follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2023

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2023, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, C, 1 (f) OF THE LEGISLATIVE MANUAL.

WHEREAS, Article II, C, 1 (f) of the Legislative Manual provides that a Legislative Calendar must be adopted, setting the date and time of all statutory meetings of the County Legislature for the calendar year, which calendar shall then be published.

RESOLVED, that the statutory meetings of the County Legislature, for the calendar year 2023, shall be held at the dates and times hereinafter stated:

January 5, 2023	3:30 P.M.
February 2, 2023	3:30 P.M.
March 2, 2023	3:30 P.M.
April 7, 2023	10:00 A.M.
May 4, 2023	3:30 P.M.
June 1, 2023 (Senior Citizens)	3:30 P.M.
July 6, 2023	3:30 P.M.
August 3, 2023	3:30 P.M.
September 7, 2023	3:30 P.M.
October 5, 2023 (Annual)	3:30 P.M.
November 2, 2023	3:30 P.M.
December 7, 2023	3:30 P.M.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to publish the foregoing Legislative Calendar for the year 2023.

The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Faggione, Paduch, Amo, Anagnostakis, Benton, Cheney, Ehlers, Hines, Minuta, Ruszkiewicz, Sassi, Stegenga, Sutherland, Tautel, Tuohy, Bonelli

Noes: Luján, Ramos

Absent: Brescia, O'Donnell, Sierra

Ayes 16;

Noes 2;

Absent 3;

ADOPTED.

The Clerk read the following:

DESIGNATION BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE REPRESENTING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLISH THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND ELECTION NOTICES TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2023, PURSUANT TO SECTION 214 OF THE COUNTY LAW.

We, the undersigned, being a majority of all Republican members of the County Legislature of the County of Orange, having given consideration to the newspapers advocating the principles of such party, the support of its nominees, and the extent of the circulation in the County, do hereby designate the following named newspapers, published within the County to publish in 2023 the matters immediately preceding the names of said newspapers, to wit:

- 1. To publish the CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS of the Legislature:

News of the Highlands, Inc., P. O. Box 518, Cornwall, NY 12518
Times Community Newspapers, 300 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550
The Goshen Independent, P.O. Box 628, Goshen, NY 10924

- 2. To publish the ELECTION NOTICES issued by the Secretary of State:

Times Community Newspapers, 300 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550
News of the Highlands, Inc., P. O. Box 518, Cornwall, NY 12518
Warwick Valley Dispatch, 2 Oakland Avenue, P.O. Box 594, Warwick, New York 10990
Times Herald Record, 40 Mulberry Street, Middletown, NY 10940
The Goshen Independent, P.O. Box 628, Goshen, NY 10924

Dated: January 5, 2023

(Signed) Katherine E. Bonelli Kathy A. Stegenga
 Thomas J. Faggione Peter V. Tuohy
 Barry J. Cheney Janet Sutherland
 Glenn R. Ehlers Paul Ruskiewicz
 Robert C. Sassi Joseph J. Minuta
 Kevin W. Hines Leigh J. Benton

On motion the same was received and ordered placed on file.

The Clerk read the following:

DESIGNATION BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE REPRESENTING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLISH THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND ELECTION NOTICES TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2023, PURSUANT TO SECTION 214 OF THE COUNTY LAW.

We, the undersigned, being a majority of all Democratic members of the County Legislature of the County of Orange, having given consideration to the newspapers advocating the principles of such party, the support of its nominees, and the extent of the circulation in the County, do hereby designate the following named newspapers, published within the County to publish in 2023 the matters immediately preceding the names of said newspapers, to wit:

1. To publish the CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS of the Legislature:

The Goshen Independent, P.O. Box 628, Goshen, NY 10924
Hudson Valley Press, P. O. Box 2160, Newburgh, NY 12550
News of the Highlands, Inc., P. O. Box 518, Cornwall, NY 12518

2. To publish the ELECTION NOTICES issued by the Secretary of State:

Times Community Newspapers, 300 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550
Times Herald Record, 40 Mulberry Street, Middletown, NY 10940
The Goshen Independent, P.O. Box 628, Goshen, NY 10924
Hudson Valley Press, P. O. Box 2160, Newburgh, NY 12550
News of the Highlands, Inc., P. O. Box 518, Cornwall, NY 12518

Dated: January 5, 2023

(Signed) Michael D. Paduch
Kevindaryán Luján
Genesis Ramos
Laurie R. Tautel

On motion the same was received and ordered placed on file.

The Clerk read the following:

DESIGNATION BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE REPRESENTING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLISH ALL LOCAL LAWS, NOTICES AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2023, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION 2 OF SECTION 214 OF THE COUNTY LAW.

We, the undersigned, being a majority of all the Republican members of the County Legislature of the County of Orange having given consideration to the newspapers advocating the principles of such party, the support of its nominees, and the extent of the circulation in the County, do hereby designate the following named newspapers, published within the County to publish in 2023 the matters immediately preceding the names of said newspapers, to wit:

1. To publish as one of the OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS of the County Legislature of the County of Orange, all LOCAL LAWS, NOTICES AND OTHER MATTERS required to be published by the County Legislature:

News of the Highlands, Inc., P. O. Box 518, Cornwall, NY 12518
The Warwick Valley Dispatch, 2 Oakland Avenue, P.O. Box 594, Warwick, NY 10990
The Goshen Independent, P.O. Box 628, Goshen, NY 10924

Dated: January 5, 2023

(Signed) Katherine E. Bonelli	Kathy A. Stegenga
Thomas J. Faggione	Peter V. Tuohy
Barry J. Cheney	Janet Sutherland
Glenn R. Ehlers	Paul Ruskiewicz
Robert C. Sassi	Joseph J. Minuta
Kevin W. Hines	Leigh J. Benton

On motion the same was received and ordered placed on file.

The Clerk read the following:

DESIGNATION BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE REPRESENTING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NEWSPAPER TO PUBLISH ALL LOCAL LAWS, NOTICES AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2023, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION 2 OF SECTION 214 OF THE COUNTY LAW.

We, the undersigned, being a majority of all the Democratic members of the County Legislature of the County of Orange having given consideration to the newspapers advocating the principles of such party, the support of its nominees, and the extent of the circulation in the County, do hereby designate the following named newspaper, published within the County to publish in 2023 the matters immediately preceding the name of said newspaper, to wit:

1. To publish as one of the OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS of the County Legislature of the County of Orange, all LOCAL LAWS, NOTICES AND OTHER MATTERS required to be published by the County Legislature:

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News of the Highlands, Inc., P. O. Box 518, Cornwall, NY 12518
Hudson Valley Press, P. O. Box 2160, Newburgh, NY 12550
The Goshen Independent, P.O. Box 628, Goshen, NY 10924

Dated: January 5, 2023

(Signed) Michael D. Paduch
Kevindaryán Luján
Genesis Ramos
Laurie R. Tautel

On motion the same was received and ordered placed on file.

Sponsor: Faggione

RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2023

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED WITHIN THE COUNTY AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF ALL LOCAL LAWS, NOTICES AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2023, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION 2 OF SECTION 214 OF THE COUNTY LAW.

WHEREAS, the County Legislature is required annually to designate at least two newspapers published within the County as official newspapers for the publication of local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published, and in the making of such designations consideration shall be given to those newspapers advocating the principles of the two major political parties into which the people of the State are divided, and their general circulation throughout the County.

RESOLVED, that the Warwick Valley Dispatch, published in Warwick, New York; the Goshen Independent published in Goshen, New York; News of the Highlands, Inc., published in Cornwall, New York; Times Community Newspapers, published in Newburgh, New York; and Hudson Valley Press, published in Newburgh, New York are hereby designated as official newspapers for the publication of all local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published in the year 2023.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the designation of additional newspapers for any publication and such designation shall be deemed an official newspaper for that particular publication.

Seconded by Mr. Ruszkiewicz.
The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Faggione, Paduch, Amo, Anagnostakis, Benton, Cheney, Ehlers, Hines, Luján, Minuta, Ramos, Ruszkiewicz, Sassi, Stegenga, Sutherland, Tautel, Tuohy, Bonelli

Absent: Brescia, O'Donnell, Sierra

Ayes 18; Noes 0; Absent 3; ADOPTED.

Sponsor: Faggione

RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2023

RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 5, 2023

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO SECTION 41.00 OF THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, REPEALING, IN PART, VARIOUS PARTIALLY UNISSUED BOND AUTHORIZATIONS OF CERTAIN BOND RESOLUTIONS OF SAID COUNTY, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the County Legislature of the County of Orange, New York (the "County"), has heretofore adopted certain bond resolutions on their respective dates, authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance various projects in and for the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has determined that no additional bonds shall be hereafter issued pursuant to certain bond resolutions and it is therefore in the best interests of the County to repeal portions of said certain bond resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 307 of 2022 addressed this issue, but is in need of additional language and is hereby amended accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The bond resolutions of the County of Orange, New York, which authorized the issuance of bonds of the County for purposes set forth in column A of the attached Exhibit I, denominated as Resolution numbers set forth in column B of the attached Exhibit I, adopted on the dates set forth in column C of the attached Exhibit I, are hereby repealed, in part, in the amounts set forth in column D of the attached Exhibit I, and as also reflected in the attached Schedule "A".

2. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to amend the County's capital budgets, as and where necessary, to reflect the repealing of portions of said certain resolutions as set forth herein.

3. This resolution shall in no way affect the validity of the liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken pursuant to said bond resolutions, and all such liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken shall be deemed to have been incurred, issued or taken pursuant to said bond resolutions referred to herein.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A	B	C	D
Improvements to various buildings	160/2014	July 2, 2014	2,557.00
Buildings and grounds equipment	74/2019	March 7, 2019	2,079.00
Technology upgrades	135/2017	June 1, 2017	320.00
Paving	81/2013	April 5, 2013	2,678.00
Roof recoating	81/2013	April 5, 2013	129.00
Pool renovation	81/2013	April 5, 2013	648.00
Master plan update	81/2013	April 5, 2013	199.00
Grant Street properties	336/2013	12/19/2013	472,052.00
Sidewalk replacements	218/2014	10/04/2014	923.00
Bio tech boiler	218/2014	10/04/2014	5,030.00
Security card system	218/2014	10/04/2014	1,902.00
Library boiler	218/2014	10/04/2014	235.00
Hazmat truck	15/2018	02/01/2018	1,299.00

A	B	C	D
Taylor bridge	193/2012	08/02/2012	16,924.00
Fleet replacement	170/2015	09/03/2015	102.00
Denton bridge	247/2016	12/01/2016	12,491.00
Goshen equipment	128/2013	06/06/2013	3,184.00
Call bell system	81/2017	04/07/2017	33,098.00
Resident unit improvements	104/2016	05/05/2016	277.00
Refurbish resident units	82/2017	04/07/2017	50.00
Health info tech	141/2017	06/01/2017	66.00

Schedule "A"

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Org</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
1100	199701	457101	Serial Bonds	4,956.00	
1100	199701	577010	Capital Expense		4,956.00
1100	219701	457101	Serial Bonds	483,796.00	
1100	219701	577010	Capital Expense		483,796.00
1100	399701	457101	Serial Bonds	1,299.00	
1100	399701	577010	Capital Expense		1,299.00
1100	519701	457101	Serial Bonds	29,517.00	
1100	519701	577010	Capital Expense		29,517.00
1100	879701	457101	Serial Bonds	3,184.00	
1100	879701	577010	Capital Expense		3,184.00
1460	453149	457101	Serial Bonds	33,491.00	
1460	453149	577010	Capital Expense		33,491.00
				556,243.00	556,243.00

Seconded by Mr. Ruszkiewicz.

Chairwoman Bonelli stated that this item was old business and at the reorganization meeting they usually do not take into consideration any other business, but this is something that needed to be addressed.

Ms. Abraham explained that on December 1, 2022 the Legislature passed Resolution No. 307 of 2022 which essentially allowed for this to take place which was to repeal in part various partially unissued bond authorizations. This resolution before them today is a furtherance of that resolution which was recommended by Bond Counsel.

Mr. Paduch asked if this was repealing it, does that mean we did not spend the money.

Ms. Abraham explained that it was repealing certain portions of the bonds that were previously issued that were not spent.

Mr. Paduch asked if the projects were complete.

Ms. Abraham could not answer to the level of completion of each of the projects.

Mr. Benton mentioned that it could be possible that it is a job that was never done but was approved for bonding. This was straightening out the books to make sure that there is nothing left in an account that is old. It was like a correction of the bonding.

Mr. Paduch pointed out the large amount of money listed for the Grand Street Properties, \$472,000 and asked how that happened. He asked if anyone knew why it was so much.

Ms. Abraham was unsure but mentioned that this was a resolution that passed December 1, 2022 and Finance was present at that time to present any questions.

Clerk Ramppen added that the information was attached to the legislative request that went before committee. This information is confirming what the original Resolution No. 307 of 2022 contained that went before the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Benton advised Mr. Paduch that he would find out the answer for him.

The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Faggione, Paduch, Amo, Anagnostakis, Benton, Cheney, Ehlers, Hines, Luján, Minuta, Ramos, Ruszkiewicz, Sassi, Stegenga, Sutherland, Tautel, Tuohy, Bonelli

Absent: Brescia, O'Donnell, Sierra

Ayes 18; Noes 0; Absent 3; ADOPTED.

Chairwoman Bonelli recognized Legislators Amo, Benton and Paduch for 25 years of dedicated service to the Orange County Legislature and presented them with a 25 year service pin.

On the motion of Ms. Tautel, seconded by Mr. Anagnostakis, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

ADJOURNED.

Jean M. Ramppen, Clerk