



Sullivan County

County Legislature

Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Nadia Rajszt
Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello
Legislator Matt McPhillips
Legislator Brian McPhillips
Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Legislator Catherine Scott
Legislator Luis Alvarez
Legislator Amanda Ward
Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

10:00 AM

Government Center

Organizational Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

After the Swearing In Ceremony, AnnMarie Martin called the Organizational Meeting to order at 10:28AM.

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Huck, Tom Cawley, Robert Freehill

Present: District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips
District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.
District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips
District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez
District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott
District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward
District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Reading of Organization Meeting Notice

1. Organizational Meeting Notice

[ID-6051](#)

Attachments: [Orgmeetingnotice](#)

Nominations for Chairman

At this time, The Clerk opened up the floor for nominations for Chair. Joseph Perrello was acknowledged first, then Catherine Scott. Joseph Perrello nominated Nadia Rajszt for Chair, The Clerk asked if there were any other nominations, Catherine Scott moved that the nominations be closed. The Clerk did a Roll Call vote for Nadia Rajszt as Chair, Roll call vote indicated 7 to 2 with Luis Alvarez and Terry Blosser-Bernardo opposed.

At this time, Chair Rajszt took her seat on the upper dais.

Nominations for Vice Chairman

At this time, The Clerk opened up the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Cat Scott nominated Luis Alvarez for Vice Chairman. After a Roll Call Vote for Luis Alvarez as Vice Chair, nomination fails 3-6 with Matt McPhillips, Nadia Rajs, Brian McPhillips, Nick Salomone, Joe Perrello and Amanda Ward opposed.

Both Brian McPhillips and Amanda Ward made a nomination for Joseph Perrello for Vice Chairman. After a Roll Call Vote for Joseph Perrello as Vice Chair, vote 7-2 with Cat Scott and Luis Alvarez opposed.

Official Newspaper Designations

The Democrat caucus have designated the Sullivan County Democrat as their official newspaper.

The Republican caucus have designated The River Reporter as their official newspaper.

Majority Leader Designation

The Democratic Caucus has selected Matthew McPhillips as the Majority Leader

Minority Leader Designation

The Republican caucus has selected Nicholas Salomone as the Minority Leader

Chairman's Appointment of Parliamentarian (Rule 12A)

Chair Rajs has chosen Thomas Cawley for Parliamentarian.

Resolutions

1. Adopt the Rules of the Legislature

[ID-6053](#)

Attachments: [Rules of the Legislature](#)

A motion was made by Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: McPhillips, Rajs, Salomone, McPhillips, Alvarez, Perrello, Scott,
 Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo
 Enactment No: 1-24

2. Appoint the Clerk to the Legislature

[ID-6052](#)

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Terry Bernardo stated that we shall appoint and no temporary CA.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: McPhillips, Rajs, Salomone, McPhillips, Alvarez, Perrello, Scott,
 Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo

Enactment No: 2-24

3. Appoint a temporary acting County Attorney**[ID-6048](#)**

Terry Bernardo stated that she thinks Robert Freehill is great but the County Charter requires that we shall appoint a County Attorney and doesn't mention a Temporary County Attorney and the incumbent holds over until a qualified person is appointed. For that reason, she believes that the resolution is out of order.

Chair Rajszt thanked Terry Bernardo for her opinion. Nick Salomone inquired what supercedes, the Sullivan County Charter or the New York State Officer's rule?

Chair Rajszt stated we need a County Attorney and I am going to call the question on this resolution, resolution passed 7-2 with Nicholas Salomone and Terry Blosser-Bernardo opposed.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: McPhillips, Rajszt, McPhillips, Alvarez, Perrello, Scott, and Ward

Nay: Salomone, and Blosser-Bernardo

Enactment No: 3-24

Announcements from Chair**RESOLUTION No. 3A INTRODUCED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO AMEND RESOLUTION 489-23 TAX LEVY'S FOR JEFFERSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT AND JEFFERSONVILLE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE.**

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer of the County of Sullivan has submitted the charges and credits to the several towns and special districts in the County by Resolution 489-23, and

WHEREAS, due to New York State's RPS software glitch we need to amend two special districts in the towns of Bethel, Callicoon, Delaware and Fremont,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 489-23 is hereby amended and that said charges as listed in the attached schedule be levied for each towns special district for the Jeffersonville Fire District and Jeffersonville Volunteer Ambulance on the 2024 tax rolls.

Moved by Matthew McPhillips, seconded by Catherine Scott, put to a vote and declared duly adopted on motion this 2nd day of January 2024.

Nadia Rajszt made a few comments at this time. She thanked everyone for their confidence in her and thanked the County employees.

Recognition of Legislators

Joseph Perrello Vice Chair made a comment at this time.

Matthew McPhillips made a comment at this time.

Brian McPhillips made a comment at this time.

Nicholas Salomone made a comment at this time.

Catherine Scott made a comment at this time.

Amanda Ward made a comment at this time.

Luis Alvarez made a comment at this time.

Terry Blossom Bernardo made a comment at this time.

Adjournment or Close

There being no further business, Catherine Scott moved to adjourn, seconded by Nicholas Salomone. The Organizational Meeting of the 2024 Sullivan County Legislature was adjourned at 10:53AM.