

Warren County Board of Supervisors

ORGANIZATION MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 2, 2024



Please note that the following is a summarization of the Board Meeting; the meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed using the following links on the Warren County website:

<https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel -

Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WE6kpiRo8rc>

Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoFD8XwnFwM>

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 11:00 a.m.

Board called to order by Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Conover.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Bolton	-Ronald F. Conover
Chester	-John Maday Sr.
City of Glens Falls	
Ward 1	-John Diamond
Ward 2	-Haley Gilligan
Ward 3	-Nancy Turner
Ward 4	-Daniel F. Bruno
Ward 5	-Bennett F. Driscoll Jr.
Hague	-Joshua Patchett
Horicon	-Michael Geraci, Sr.
Johnsburg	-Kevin M. Bean
Lake Luzerne	-Eugene J. Merlino
Queensbury	-John F. Strough
	-Michael Wild
	-Brad Magowan
	-David Strainer
	-Nathan Etu
Stony Creek	-Frank E. Thomas
Warrensburg	-Kevin B. Geraghty
<i>Town of Lake George Supervisor Dennis Dickinson - Absent</i>	
<i>Town of Thurman Supervisor Debra Runyon - Absent</i>	

Mrs. Allen advised the first order of business was to ask the members of the Board of Supervisors to stand and subscribe to their Oath of Office as administered by Carrie Black, *Warren County Clerk*.

Mrs. Allen advised the next order of business would be the selection of a Board Chair for 2024. She advised that any Board Member could be nominated for the Chair and a second to a nomination was not required. She added any person nominated could decline the nomination if they so choose. She informed the floor was now open to nominations for the Chair.

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Supervisor Merlino nominated Supervisor Geraghty; Supervisor Geraci seconded the nomination.

Supervisor Diamond nominated Supervisor Magowan.

Supervisor Conover voiced his support of Supervisor Geraghty to serve as Chair of the Board in 2024.

Supervisor Magowan apprised he would like to have the opportunity to serve as Chair, indicating he looked forward to their support.

Mrs. Allen then once again called for any other nominations for Chair; there being none, Mrs. Allen advised they would proceed to a vote, which would be taken in a roll call fashion, with each Supervisor indicating their choice when their name was called. She clarified the nominees for Chair were Supervisor Geraghty or Supervisor Magowan. Following the vote it was determined Supervisor Geraghty would serve as Chair, receiving 708 votes (*Supervisors Conover, Maday, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Geraci, Bean, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Thomas and Geraghty*) while Supervisor Magowan received 224 votes (*Supervisors Diamond, Gilligan, Turner and Magowan*); and 70 absent (*Supervisors Dickinson and Runyon*).

Chairman Geraghty subscribed to the Constitutional Oath, as administered by Ms. Black, following which a round of applause was given.

Chairman Geraghty voiced his appreciation for being selected as Chair of the Board for 2024, indicating he looked forward to working with everyone.

Proceeding with the agenda review, Chairman Geraghty called for the reading of resolutions. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 1-10 were distributed to the Board members on Monday, December 18, 2024 which met the requirements of the Open Meetings Law and were considered to be on the floor.

Chairman called for discussion on resolutions and requests for roll call votes and the following took place:

Supervisor Magowan spoke regarding proposed Resolution No. 1, *Adopting the Rules of the Board of Supervisors*, noting his concern with the Finance and Budget Committees being combined into one Committee.

Motion was made by Supervisor Diamond and seconded by Supervisor Magowan to amend proposed Resolution No. 1 of 2024, *Adopting the Rules of the Board of Supervisors*, to make the Finance & Budget Committees two separate Committees.

A discussion ensued during which supervisor Conover voiced his support of proposed Resolution No. 1 in its current form and Supervisor Magowan spoke in favor of the proposed amendment.

Further discussion ensued following which Supervisors Diamond and Magowan amended their motions to increase the number of the Committee members of the Finance & Budget Committee from seven members to nine instead of separating them into two Committees. A roll call vote was called for on the proposed amendment. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to amend proposed Resolution No. 1, *Adopting the Rules of the Board of Supervisors*, as amended above was carried, with 821 voting in favor (*Supervisors Conover, Mayday, Diamond, Gilligan. Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Bean, Merlino, Strough, Magowan, Strainer, Etu, Thomas and Geraghty*); 111 opposed (*Supervisors Geraci and Wild*); and 70 absent (*Supervisors Dickinson and Runyon*).

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Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 1-10 were approved as presented, with the exception of Resolution No. 1 which was amended from the floor.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Chairman called for announcements:

Supervisor Magowan welcomed the new members to the Board.

Assemblyman Simpson welcomed the new Supervisors to the Board and provided well wishes to everyone for 2024.

Chairman Geraghty apprised an executive session was required and he requested that the County Attorney indicate the purpose. Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, advised the purpose of the executive session was subject to Section 105(1)(e) of the Public Officer's Law relating to collective bargaining agreement negotiations. He added Larry Paltrowitz, *Outside Counsel for the County*, would be attending the executive session to provide confidential information to the members of the Board under attorney/client privilege with outside counsel.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Dickinson and Runyon absent*) to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(e) of the Public Officer's Law for the purposes outlined above.

Executive session was held from 11:24 a.m. until 12:23 p.m.

Upon reconvening and there being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion was made by Supervisor Geraci, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Dickinson and Runyon absent*), Chairman Geraghty adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.