



Cortland County Legislature

Organizational Meeting

Legislative Chambers
Cortland, NY 13045
<http://www.cortland-co.org>

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Wednesday, January 5, 2022

10:00 AM

Board Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Clerk of the Legislature Savannah Hempstead.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Douglas Bentley	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Susan Wilson	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Richard Stock	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Ann Homer	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Linda Jones	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Joseph Nauseef	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Eugene Waldbauer	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
George Wagner	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Legislator	Present	

Resolutions

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Selecting Chair of the County Legislature and Setting Official Undertaking

Legislator Newell MADE A MOTION to nominate Kevin Fitch as Chair of the Legislature,
Legislator Nauseef SECONDED THE MOTION.

Legislator Homer MADE A MOTION to nominate Sandra Price as Chair of the Legislature,
Legislator Harbin SECONDED THE MOTION.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Votes	Fitch	Price
Bentley (LD1)	2744		1
Bischoff (LD3)	2743		1
Eccleston (LD17)	3379	1	
Fitch (LD8)	2990	1	
Harbin (LD2)	2747		1
Heider (16)	3192	1	
Homer (LD7)	2743		1
Jones (LD9)	2989	1	
Nauseef (LD12)	2819	1	
Newell (LD11)	2837	1	

Preston (LD10)	2995	1	
Price (LD14)	3344		1
Stock (LD6)	2740	1	
VanDee (LD4)	2743		1
Wagner (LD 15)	2734	1	
Waldbauer (LD13)	2853	1	
Wilson (LD5)	2744		1
Total Votes		10	7
Total Weighted Votes	49336	29528	19808
		Majority	24669
		2/3rd	32892

Upon majority of weighted votes of the Cortland County Legislature, Kevin Fitch was approved as Chair of the Legislature for 2022-2023.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 7]
MOVER:	Christopher Newell, Legislator
SECONDER:	Joseph Nauseef, Legislator
AYES:	Stock, Fitch, Jones, Fairchild-Preston, Newell, Nauseef, Waldbauer, Wagner, Heider, Eccleston
NAYS:	Bentley, Harbin, Bischoff, Van Dee, Wilson, Homer, Price

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 1-22

Selecting Chair of the County Legislature and Setting Official Undertaking

WHEREAS, in accordance with County Law §151, Local Law No. 2 for the year 1972, Article II, Section 202, and the Rules of Order of the Cortland County Legislature, the County Legislature shall meet on the first Wednesday of January at 10:00 a.m., except when the first Wednesday shall be January 1st, in which event it shall be the following day for the purposes of organization and for election of the Chair of the County Legislature, AND

WHEREAS, County Law, Section 450 requires the Chair of the County Legislature to file an official undertaking in such an amount as may be required by the County Legislature, AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County presently has a policy covering employees for wrongful acts, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Kevin Fitch be and hereby is selected as Chair of the County Legislature to serve from January 5, 2022 - December 31 2023, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the amount of the Chairman's undertaking be zero.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Designate Bank Depositories for 2022

Legislator Bischoff MADE A MOTION TO AMEND the resolution to remove the Bank of America account, Legislator Wilson SECONDED THE MOTION, and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Votes	AYE	NAY	Total
Bentley (LD1)	2744	1		2744
Bischoff (LD3)	2743	1		2743
Eccleston (LD17)	3379		1	0

Fitch (LD8)	2990		1	0
Harbin (LD2)	2747	1		2747
Heider (16)	3192		1	0
Homer (LD7)	2743	1		2743
Jones (LD9)	2989		1	0
Nauseef (LD12)	2819		1	0
Newell (LD11)	2837		1	0
Preston (LD10)	2995		1	0
Price (LD14)	3344	1		3344
Stock (LD6)	2740		1	0
VanDee (LD4)	2743	1		2743
Wagner (LD 15)	2734		1	0
Waldbauer (LD13)	2853		1	0
Wilson (LD5)	2744	1		2744
Total	49336			19808

Majority 24669
2/3rd 32892

The MOTION TO AMEND FAILED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [16 TO 1]
MOVER:	Ann Homer, Legislator
SECONDER:	George Wagner, Majority Leader
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Wilson, Stock, Homer, Fitch, Jones, Fairchild-Preston, Newell, Nauseef, Waldbauer, Price, Wagner, Heider, Eccleston
NAYS:	Cathy Bischoff

ON MOTION OF HOMER

RESOLUTION NO. 2-22

Designate Bank Depositories for 2022

WHEREAS, County Law Section 212 and General Municipal Law Section 10 requires that the Cortland County Legislature designate one or more banks or trust companies for the deposit of public funds received by the County Treasurer, AND

WHEREAS, such designation must specify the maximum amount which may be kept on deposit at any time in each bank designated by the Cortland County Legislature, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby designates the following banks and trust companies for the deposit of public funds received by the County Treasurer and that the County Treasurer is authorized to utilize these institutions for said purpose not to exceed maximum amounts listed below:

<u>BANK NAME</u>	<u>MAXIMUM AMOUNT</u>
NBT Bank	\$ 35,000,000
First National Bank of Dryden	\$ 2,500,000
Key Bank of New York	\$ 2,000,000
Tompkins Trust Co.	\$ 35,000,000
Bank of America	\$ 2,000,000 (Traffic Diversion Program)
NYCLASS	\$ 5,000,000

, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that collateral agreements, municipal funds protection and bank acknowledgements of the understanding of New York State Municipal and Finance Law be established with said banks during the term of this agreement, which will be for a period not to exceed December 31, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Designate Official Newspaper(S)

Legislator Homer MADE A MOTION to remove "The Cortland Area Tribune, PO Box 67, Dryden, NY 13053" and insert "The Homer News, PO Box 125, Homer, NY 13077", Legislator Jones SECONDED THE MOTION, and after a voice-vote of members present, the MOTION TO AMEND WAS APPROVED. Legislator Wagner voted NO to the amendment.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [14 TO 3]
MOVER:	Ann Homer, Legislator
SECONDER:	Joseph Nauseef, Legislator
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Bischoff, Wilson, Stock, Homer, Fitch, Jones, Fairchild-Preston, Newell, Nauseef, Waldbauer, Price, Eccleston
NAYS:	Ronald J. Van Dee, George Wagner, Paul Heider

ON MOTION OF HOMER

RESOLUTION NO. 3-22

Designate Official Newspaper(S)

WHEREAS, Section 214 of County Law requires the Legislature to select an official newspaper(s), NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland Standard, published by the Cortland Standard Newspaper, 110 Main Street, Cortland, New York 13045, and The Homer News, PO Box 125, 13077, be and hereby are designated as the official newspaper fairly representing the Cortland County Legislature, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature in conformance with County Law 214 shall cause such designation in writing and signed by a majority of the members representing each of said political parties. The Clerk shall forward this designation to be filed with the Secretary of State no later than January 10, 2022.

Action Items

1. Receive & File Designation of Majority Leader

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Beau Harbin, Minority Leader
SECONDER:	Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston, Legislator
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Bischoff, Van Dee, Wilson, Stock, Homer, Fitch, Jones, Fairchild-Preston, Newell, Nauseef, Waldbauer, Price, Wagner, Heider, Eccleston

2. Receive & File Designation of Minority Leader

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Susan Wilson, Legislator
SECONDER:	Ann Homer, Legislator
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Bischoff, Van Dee, Wilson, Stock, Homer, Fitch, Jones, Fairchild-Preston, Newell, Nauseef, Waldbauer, Price, Wagner, Heider, Eccleston

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 10:24 AM



Cortland County Legislature
60 Central Avenue
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Designation of Office of Majority Leader of the Republican Legislators, pursuant to Resolution No. 170-06, and the Cortland County Rules of Order

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 170-06 established the Offices of Majority Leader and Minority Leader and set forth a term of office, AND

RESOLVED, that the undersigned Cortland County Legislators, constituting a majority of said party, hereby elect George Wagner as Majority Leader of the Cortland County Legislature for a term commencing upon the filing of this form with the Clerk of the Legislature.

Kevin Fitch
Kevin Fitch (LD-8)

Linda Jones
Linda Jones (LD-9)

Kelly Preston
Kelly Preston (LD-10)

Christopher Newell
Christopher Newell (LD-11)

Joseph Nauseef
Joseph Nauseef (LD-12)

Eugene Waldbauer
Eugene Waldbauer (LD-13)

George Wagner
George Wagner (LD-15)

Paul Heider
Paul Heider (LD-16)

Mitchel Eccleston
Mitchel Eccleston (LD-17)

Submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature

Date: 1/5/22

Jawanna

* Must be provided within five (5) days of the January 5, 2022 organizational meeting.

Attachment: Majority Leader Designation - 2022 (10230 : Recieve & File Designation of Majority Leader)



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Designation of Office of Minority Leader of the Democratic Legislators, pursuant to Resolution No. 170-06, and the Cortland County Rules of Order

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 170-06 established the Offices of Majority Leader and Minority Leader and set forth a term of office, AND

RESOLVED, that the undersigned Cortland County Legislators, constituting a minority of said party, hereby elect Beau Harbin as Minority Leader of the Cortland County Legislature for a term commencing upon the filing of this form with the Clerk of the Legislature.

Douglas Bentley
Douglas Bentley (LD-1)

Beau Harbin
Beau Harbin (LD-2)

Cathy Bischoff
Cathy Bischoff (LD-3)

Ronald VanDee
Ronald VanDee (LD-4)

Susan Wilson
Susan Wilson (LD-5)

Richard Stock
Richard Stock (LD-6)

Ann L. Homer
Ann Homer (LD-7)

Sandy Price
Sandy Price (LD-14)

Submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature

Date: 1/5/22

Juanita

Attachment: Minority Leader Designation - 2022 (10229 : Receive & File Designation of Minority Leader)

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