

January 2, 2025

The Town of Gates Organizational Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Gates Town Hall, 1605 Buffalo Road.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Supervisor	Cosmo A. Giunta
Councilman	Lee A. Cordero
Councilman	Christopher B. DiPonzio
Councilman	Andrew Loughlin
Town Attorney	John DiCaro
Town Clerk	Sarah Lobene

Not in Attendance:

Councilman	Steve Tucciarello
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Supervisor Giunta called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He began with a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman DiPonzio.

Supervisor Giunta stated that copies of the agendas were available on the back table for the audience.

RESOLUTION 1-25: Motion by Councilman DiPonzio
 Seconded by Councilman Cordero

RESOLVED, that the salaries for the Elected Officials for the Town of Gates for the year 2025 be and hereby are adopted as set in the Annual Budget for the year, as follows:

Supervisor Cosmo A. Giunta	\$ 99,259
Councilman Lee A. Cordero	\$ 15,902
Councilman Christopher B. DiPonzio	\$ 15,902
Councilman Andrew Loughlin	\$ 15,902
Councilman Steve Tucciarello	\$ 15,902
Town Justice Peter Pupatelli	\$ 43,586
Town Justice Frank Cassara	\$ 43,586

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;

Motion Carried

Supervisor Giunta introduced and welcomed back John DiCaro who will be our Attorney for the Town. He previously served as Town Attorney for 28 years.

RESOLUTION 2-25: Motion by Councilman DiPonzio
 Seconded by Councilman Cordero

RESOLVED, that John DiCaro, LOGS Legal Group LLP residing at 175 Miles Crossing, Gates, NY 14624 be and hereby is appointed as Attorney for the Town for the year 2025, at a salary of \$49,000.; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Steve Palmer, LOGS Legal Group LLP be and hereby is appointed as Assistant Attorney for the Town year 2025, at a salary of \$6,000 and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Robert MacClaren, Phillips Lytle LLC be and hereby is appointed as Assistant Attorney for the Town year 2025, at a salary of \$2,500.

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 3-25: Motion by Councilman Loughlin

Seconded by Councilman DiPonzio

RESOLVED, that Paul Irving be and hereby is appointed as Town Prosecutor and Special Deputy Attorney for the Town authorizing him to prosecute all NYS Vehicle & Traffic Violations in the Town of Gates for the year 2025 at an annual salary of \$20,000; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jacob Ark be and hereby is appointed as Assistant Town Prosecutor for the year 2025 at an annual salary of \$1,650.

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: 4-25 through 24-25: Motion by Councilman DiPonzio who moved these to adoption in mass:

Seconded by Councilman Loughlin

Resolved, that the Gates Town Board hereby approves the Resolutions 4-25 through 24-25 in Mass.

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 25-25: Motion by Councilman Loughlin

Seconded by Councilman Cordero

RESOLVED, that all Town employees, except for personnel covered by Union Contract, shall receive fourteen (14) paid Holidays and those Holidays shall be as follows for the year 2025:

January 1st (New Year's Day); January 20th (Martin Luther King Day); February 17th (Presidents Day); April 18th (Good Friday); May 26th (Memorial Day); June 19th (Juneteenth); July 4th (Independence Day); September 1st (Labor Day); October 13th (Columbus Day); November 4th (Election Day); November 11th (Veterans' Day); November 27th (Thanksgiving Day); November 28th (Thanksgiving Floater); December 25th (Christmas Day)

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other Holidays, either for a full day or part of a day, may be granted depending upon circumstances, on the recommendation of the Supervisor and subject to Town Board approval

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: 26-25 through 30-25: Motion by Councilman DiPonzio who moved to adopt these in mass:

Seconded by Councilman Loughlin

Resolved, that the Gates Town Board hereby approves the Resolutions 4-25 through 24-25 in Mass.

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 31-25: Motion by Councilman Loughlin

Seconded by Supervisor Giunta

RESOLVED, that the regular meeting nights of the Gates Town Board be designated as the first Monday of each month and a workshop meeting on the third Monday of each month or at such other time as may be designated by the Board. All regular Town Board meetings to convene at 7:30 P.M. and all meetings to be held at the Gates Town Hall in the Community Center Meeting

Room, 1605 Buffalo Road, and all workshop meeting to convene at 6:30 P.M unless the location and/or time is changed by Town Board Resolution. Special Meetings may be held on call pursuant to Town Law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the regular Town Board meetings which usually are held on the first Monday of the month be rescheduled as follows: Monday, September 1st to Tuesday, September 2nd (due to Labor Day). Monday, November 3rd to Wednesday, November 5th (due to Election Day).

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION: 32-25 through 35-25: Motion by Councilman DiPonzio who who moved to adopt these in mass:

Seconded by Councilman Loughlin

Resolved, that the Gates Town Board hereby approves the Resolutions 4-25 through 24-25 in Mass.

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;

Motion Carried

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Cordero motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman DiPonzio second the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried. Supervisor Giunta Thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Town Clerk

(THE AGENDA IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES FOR REFERENCE.)