

January 5, 2026

The Town of Gates Organizational Meeting was held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the Gates Town Hall, 1605 Buffalo Road.

Those in attendance were as follows:

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

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 welcomed everyone and stated that copies of the agendas were available on the back table for the audience. He will go through each item and on to the next, unless there is a need for a discussion. The roll-call votes will be waived unless called for by a member of the board.

Before starting with the agenda, first order of business was to swear in the elected Officials. Supervisor Cosmo A. Giunta, Councilmen Lee Cordero, Councilman Andrew Loughlin and Justices Peter Pupatelli and Frank Cassara. Town Attorney and family members swore them in their oath of office were signed.

**RESOLUTION 1-26:** Motion by Councilman DiPonzio  
Seconded by Councilman Cordero

RESOLVED, that the salaries for the Elected Officials for the Town of Gates for the year 2026 be and hereby are adopted as set in the Annual Budget for the year, as follows:

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| Supervisor Cosmo A. Giunta         | \$104,222 |
| 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       | \$45,111  |
| Town Justice Frank Cassara         | \$45,111  |

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;  
**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION 2-26:** Motion by Councilman Cordero  
Seconded by Councilman DiPonzio

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 2026, 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 2026, at a salary of \$6,000 and

VOTE: Giunta-aye; DiPonzio-aye; Cordero-aye; Loughlin-aye;  
**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION 3-26:** Motion by Councilman Tucciarello  
Seconded by Councilman Loughlin

RESOLVED, that Jacob Ark 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 2026 at an annual salary of \$22,000; and

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

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION: 4-26:** Motion by Councilman Loughlin  
Seconded by Councilman Tucciarello

RESOLVED, that Kenneth Martin of 147 Mareeta Rd. be and hereby is appointed Chairperson of the Gates Planning Board for the year 2026; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lily Alberto be and hereby is appointed as Secretary to the Gates Planning Board for the year 2026 at a stipend rate of \$350 / per meeting attended.

**RESOLUTION 5-26:** Motion by Councilman Cordero  
Seconded by Councilman DiPonzio

RESOLVED, that Tina Albanese-Stauffer of 15 Tangerine Way. be and hereby is appointed Chairperson of the Gates Zoning Board of Appeals for the year 2026; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Robert MacClaren be appointing Zoning Board Attorney for 2026 at an annual salary of \$ 13,000; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clare Goodwin be and hereby is appointed as Secretary to the Gates Zoning Board of Appeals for the year 2026 at a stipend rate of \$350 / per meeting attended.

**RESOLUTION 6-26 through 35-26:** Motion by Councilman Tucciarello  
Seconded by Councilman DiPonzio

Resolved, that the Gates Town Board hereby approves the Resolutions 6-26 through 35-26 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 Tucciarello second the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried. Supervisor Giunta Thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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Town Clerk

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