

# Wheatfield, Niagara County officers sworn into office

Submitted

In the spirit of "Government Closest To The People," a very fine inaugural event took place on this first day of the year 2024 at the Wheatfield Community and Senior Center with the swearing-In and official installation of officers of the Town of Wheatfield, and of members of the Niagara County Legislature. This included a blessed invocation and sermon by Rev. Bob Heisner and the giving of the oaths of office by former legislative chairman and town councilman Bill Ross to Niagara County legislators Rebecca Wydysz (also legislative chairwoman), Jesse Gooch and David Godfrey.

This was followed uniquely with the dual swearing-in of twin supervisors Don MacSwan of Wheatfield and John MacSwan of Cambria. Next was the oaths given by Town Justice Gary Strenkoski to town councilmen Gilbert Doucet and Larry Helwig, and thence to Town Clerk Kathy Harrington-McDonell. Finally, Rev. Heisner blessed our food and congratulated all in attendance for their steadfast commitment to their families, faith, communities and country.



Honored attendees included town councilmen Randy Retzlaff and Curt Doktor, former town

councilman James Heuer, Town Justice Angela Stamm-Philips, Niagara County Corrections

Chaplain Bill Witmore, and retired Town Budget Director Ed Mongold.

(Decorations, photos and story by Justin J.M. Higner, town historian)

**HOT CASE** **\$6<sup>99</sup>/lb**  
**Carry Out Menu**

**Monday – Chicken & Biscuits**  
**Tuesday – Breaded Pork Chops**  
**Wednesday – Chef's Choice**  
*Goulash, Sausage Peppers & Onions, Lasagna*  
**Thursday – Meatloaf**  
**Friday – Fish Fry**  
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## Niagara County Legislature elects leaders, welcomes new members

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The Niagara County Legislature held its annual reorganizational meeting Tuesday night, once again electing Legislator Becky Wydysz as chairwoman. Wydysz was first elected chair in 2020.

Legislator Tony Nemi was re-elected as vice chairman. Randy Bradt was reelected by the majority caucus as majority leader. Chris Robins was reelected by the minority caucus as minority leader.

"It's an honor to once again lead our County Legislature and I thank my colleagues for their vote of confidence," said Wydysz, the first woman to ever hold the position. "I look forward to continuing to foster a climate of collaboration and cooperation among all legislators as we work together to move our county forward."

The legislature seated two new members who were elected this past November: Legislators Christopher McKimmie and Carla Speranza.

Wydysz also announced the following chairmanships:

- ✓ Administration: Legislator David Godfrey
- ✓ Community Services: Legislator Jesse Gooch
- ✓ Community Safety and Security: Legislator Mike Hill
- ✓ Economic Development: Legislator Rich Andres
- ✓ Infrastructure and Facilities: Legislator Shawn Foti



Niagara County Majority Leader Randy Bradt, Chairwoman Becky Wydysz and Minority Leader Chris Robins.

**FROM YOUR TEAM NIAGARA**

Sylvia Virtuoso – Supervisor  
 Marc Carpenter – Deputy Supervisor  
 Charles Teixeira - Councilman  
 Mike Lee - Councilman  
 Johnny Parks – Councilman  
 Melissa Cerrillo – Town Clerk  
 Richard Sirianni – Highway/Parks Superintendent  
 Brian Beiter – Water Sewer Superintendent  
 Charles Haseley – Building Inspector  
 Jim Bird – Assessor  
 Craig Guiliani – Police Chief  
 Paige Printup – Recreation Director  
 Joe Proietti – Senior Director  
 Anthony Restaino – Town Justice  
 Samuel Gatto – Town Justice  
 Lee Wallace – Events Coordinator  
 Pete Ames - Historian

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