



# THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Session No. 24  
DECEMBER 21, 2023

April N.M. Baskin  
*Chair*

Timothy J. Meyers  
*Majority Leader*

John J. Mills  
*Minority Leader*

Olivia M. Owens  
*Clerk of the Legislature*

## ROLL CALL

INVOCATION: Mr. Kooshoian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Greene

## TABLED ITEMS

## ITEMS FOR RECONSIDERATION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: [Meeting No. 22](#) & [Meeting No. 23](#)

## PUBLIC HEARING

## MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS:

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VINAL	Honoring and Recognizing Sibiu Nair
VINAL	Honoring and Recognizing the Grand Opening of the Q Seafood and Hotpot
VINAL	Honoring and Congratulating Victoria Reynolds
KOOSHOIAN	Recognizing Riverside High School for Dedicating and Naming their Gymnasium after Bill "Ice" Russell "Legendary" High School Basketball Coach and Teacher
MILLS	Recognizing Justin Chernogorec as Citizen of the Month for His Efforts to Promote Drug-Free Communities
MILLS	Honoring Dr. Kelly Frothingham for Her Dedication to Erie County Soil and Water District
MALCZEWSKI	Recognizing Brian Nolan for 25 Years of Service to the Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Company
MALCZEWSKI	Recognizing Leanne Diehl for 25 Years of Service to the Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Company

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MALCZEWSKI	Recognizing Warren Achman for 15 Years of Service to the Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Company
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MALCZEWSKI	Recognizing Benjamin Gilbert for 5 Years of Service to the Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Company
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MALCZEWSKI	Recognizing Zach Di Joseph for 5 Years of Service to the Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Company
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MALCZEWSKI	Honoring Henry Szymula, Jr. for 50 Years of Service to the Elma Fire Company
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MALCZEWSKI	Honoring James J. Bach on His Retirement as Supervisor of the Town of Aurora
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TODARO	Honoring Ronald Ruffino, Sr. for 22 Years of Public Service to the Town of Lancaster
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GREENE	Honoring Bunkers in Baghdad for 15 Years of Service to Our Soldiers Abroad and Veterans
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GREENE	Celebrating Clarence Center Elementary School for 85 Years Serving the Community
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TODARO	Recognizing Supervisor Brett Sitzman for His Public Service to the Town of Alden
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TODARO	Honoring Diane Benczkowski for a Lifetime of Public Service
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GREENE	Recognizing the Rotary Club of Clarence for Its Contributions to Rotary International and Service to the Community
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BASKIN	Honoring and Recognizing Ja'Meer Thomas Dick Gallagher - Buffalo News Players of the Year
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KOOSHOIAN	Honoring and Recognizing Austin Zimmerman
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MEYERS	Congratulating and Recognizing Head Coach Glen Graham - Cleveland Hill High School Football
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GILMOUR	Congratulating and Honoring Jaiden Harrison - Scoring 2000th Career Point
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**LOCAL LAWS:**

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LL INTRO. 1-1 (2022)	TODARO, GREENE, LORIGO & MILLS	A Local Law Authorizing Twelve and Thirteen-Year-Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of a Licensed Adult	Energy & Environment
LL INTRO. 3-1 (2022)	BASKIN, MEYERS, JOHNSON, VINAL & GILMOUR	The Erie County Language Access Act	Health & Human Services
LL INTRO. 3-1 (2023)	JOHNSON	The Occupancy Tax Modernization Act	Finance & Management
LL INTRO. 9-1 (2023)	BASKIN, MEYERS, JOHNSON, VINAL & GILMOUR	The Erie County Language Access Act	Health & Human Services

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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Report No. 15      Energy & Environment Committee

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Report No. 14      Health & Human Services Committee

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Report No. 17      Economic Development Committee

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Report No. 17      Public Safety Committee

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**LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS:**

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INTRO. 24-1      MAJORITY CAUCUS      Appointments to the Arts in Public Places Committee

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**COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE:**

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INTRO. 21-2      From the Energy & Environment Committee      From Chair Baskin - Modification of Agricultural Districts

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**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

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COMM. 24D-4      COUNTY ATTORNEY      Opinion as to Form Local Law Intro No. 9-1 (2023)

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS:

COMM. 24E-1	COMPTROLLER	EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - American Legion Band of the Tonawandas	Finance & Management
COMM. 24E-2	COMPTROLLER	EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Brighton Place Library	Finance & Management
COMM. 24E-3	COMPTROLLER	EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Newstead Historical Society	Finance & Management
COMM. 24E-4	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Appointment to Western Region OTB Board of Directors	Finance & Management
COMM. 24E-5	COMPTROLLER	EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Inc.	Finance & Management
COMM. 24E-6	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	2024 Erie County Budget, As Amended	Finance & Management
COMM. 24E-7	COUNTY CLERK	Resolution to Authorize Entry Into Lease with 4545 Transit LLC for Clarence Satellite Auto Bureau Office	Immediate Consideration Requested
<a href="#"><u>*****AMENDMENT TO COMM. 24E-7*****</u></a>			
COMM. 24E-8	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Section 520 Exemption Charges for 2024	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-9	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Levy and Apportionment of EC Real Property Tax for 2024	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-10	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Downtown Pedestrian/Transit Mall Special District Adoption of Mall District Service Charge Roll for 2024	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-11	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	2024 Levy of Town and Special District Budgets	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-12	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Authorization to Contract with MultiMed Ambulance Billing Specialists	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-13	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Authorization to Accept NYS TB Testing Grant	Immediate Consideration Requested

COMM. 24E-14	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Health Department Creation of Positions for 608 William	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-15	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Buffalo & EC Botanical Gardens 2019 Expansion Plan Construction Management Agreement	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-16	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Amendment of Contract - Rehabilitation & Drainage Improvements, Town of Amherst	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-17	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Acquisition of Town of Hamburg Section 5310 Passenger Van	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-18	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Exhale Family Caregiver Initiative Project Grant	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-19	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Parks Transfer of Funds for Golf Cart Leasing	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-20	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Southtowns Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project - Grant Acceptance	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-21	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	Appointments to the Arts in Public Places Committee	Immediate Consideration Requested
COMM. 24E-22	COMPTROLLER	Overtime Compensation for Sheriff Exempt Managerial Confidential Employees	Finance & Management
COMM. 24E-23	COMPTROLLER	Batavia Downs Gaming Advertising and Marketing	Finance & Management
COMM. 24E-24	SHERIFF	Contract with US Marshals Service Prisoner Operations Division	Public Safety
COMM. 24E-25	COMPTROLLER	Audit of the EC Department of Law Grant & Claim Reimbursement for Indigent Legal Services	Finance & Management
COMM. 24E-26	BASKIN	2024 Schedule of Legislative Sessions	RFP
COMM. 24E-27	MINORITY CAUCUS	Letter from Republican Caucus to County Executive	Government Affairs

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:**

COMM. 24D-1	COUNTY ATTORNEY	Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County	Government Affairs
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COMM. 24D-2	DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT	December Capital Projects Update	Finance & Management
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COMM. 24D-3	DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT	Budget Monitoring Report for Period Ending October 2023	Finance & Management
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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES:**

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COMM. 24M-1	COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL INTERNS	Transportation Equity Project Report	Economic Development
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COMM. 24M-2	COMMUNITY GROUPS	Proposed Contract with Foit-Albert Associates & DLR Group for Operational Needs Assessment	Public Safety
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COMM. 24M-3	CLERK OF TASK FORCE	New Stadium Community Inclusion Task Force - Meeting Minutes	M/WBE
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COMM. 24M-4	NYS DEC	Brownfield Cleanup Program Application - Public Notice	Energy & Environment
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COMM. 24M-5	HOMELESS ALLIANCE OF WNY	Public Comment Supporting Language Access Bill	Health & Human Services
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COMM. 24M-6	NEW YORK IMMIGRATION COALITION	Testimony from the New York Immigration Coalition on LL Intro. 9-1 (2023)	Health & Human Services
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COMM. 24M-7	TOWN OF MARILLA	Notice of Public Hearing - Town of Marilla Zoning Code	Government Affairs
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COMM. 24M-8	NFTA	Reply to Rate Your Ride Report	Economic Development
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**