

TOWN OF WATERTOWN
Special Meeting
Municipal Building
July 22 2026

Members Present: James W. Wright, Supervisor
David Prosser, Councilman
Joanne McClusky, Councilwoman
Michael Colello, Councilman

Members Absent:

Supervisor Wright opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a roll call of members present at 7:00 pm. Attorney Harrienger was also present.

The Town Attorney stated that, since this was a Special Town Board Meeting, all matters to be considered were reflected on the agenda. He explained that the principal purpose of the meeting was to fill the existing vacancy on the Town Board.

Motion #104-2026

Resolution No. 21-2026
Appointment of Town Councilman

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Town Board of the Town of Watertown, New York, due to the resignation of Councilman Michael Perkins, effective July 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the office of Town Council is now vacant and may be filled by appointment of the Town Board pursuant to New York Town Law § 64 and Public Officers Law § 42; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacant position of Town Council NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Watertown, New York:

1. Lloyd Hurlbut is at least 18 years of age, a U.S. Citizen, a resident of the Town of Watertown, and is otherwise qualified to serve in the position of Town Councilperson.
2. Lloyd Hurlbut is appointed to the position of Town Councilperson effective July 22, 2026.
3. The term of that office shall expire on December 31, 2026.
4. The Town Clerk shall file a certificate specifying the name, address, and appointment term of the person filling the vacancy with the County Clerk and the Department of Audit and Control, as per New York Town Law § 30.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Supervisor Wright and seconded by Councilman Prosser and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows.

Supervisor Wright	Yes
Councilman Prosser	Yes
Councilwoman McClusky	Yes
Councilman Colello	Yes

The Town Supervisor congratulated Lloyd Hurlbut on his appointment and welcomed him and his wife, Paula, to the meeting.

The Supervisor noted that Mr. Hurlbut met the residency requirements for the position and brought extensive experience in accounting, business management, and community service. He further stated that Mr. Hurlbut's background in accounting was one of the skill sets the Town Board had been seeking. The Supervisor also recognized that Mr. Hurlbut is a graduate of both SUNY Canton and SUNY Plattsburgh and has served the community in numerous leadership roles, including as President and Treasurer of the United Way, as well as on several other local community boards and organizations. The Supervisor expressed his appreciation for Mr.

Hurlbut's willingness to serve and stated that the Board looked forward to his contributions to the Town of Watertown.

The Supervisor then directed Mr. Hurlbut to the Town Clerk's table, where the Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office. Following the administration of the oath, Mr. Hurlbut took his seat with the Town Board as a duly appointed Town Councilperson.

Motion #105-2026

Resolution No. 22-2026
APPOINTMENT to the 1000 ISLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Watertown previously authorized the Town's participation in the 1000 Islands Regional Local Development Corporation pursuant to its establishment in July 2018; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1 (Composition of Membership) of the By-Laws of the 1000 Islands Regional Local Development Corporation provides that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Watertown shall serve as a member of the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, James W. Wright has been duly appointed Town Supervisor by the Town Board of the Town of Watertown; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Watertown hereby appoints James W. Wright, in his capacity as Town Supervisor, to serve as the Town of Watertown's representative and member of the 1000 Islands Regional Local Development Corporation, consistent with its By-Laws, effective immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member Prosser and seconded by Board Member Colello and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Wright	Abstain
Councilman Prosser	Yes
Councilwoman McClusky	Yes
Councilman Colello	Yes
Councilman Hurlbut	Yes

There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Wright entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Supervisor Wright stated that no action would be taken during Executive Session or upon returning to open session, and that the meeting would be adjourned immediately following the Executive Session.

Motion #106-2026

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilman Prosser and seconded by Councilwoman McClusky, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Wright	Yes
Councilman Prosser	Yes
Councilwoman McClusky	Yes
Councilman Colello	Yes
Councilman Hurlbut	Yes

The meeting reconvened at 8:49 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Pamela D. Desormo, Town Clerk