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Smith Sworn-In as New County Legislator *Pine Bush Native Appointed to Fill Vacancy*

Goshen – Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana welcomes Orange County’s newest legislator, Richard J. “RJ” Smith, to County Government. Mr. Smith represents the 18th District which includes the Towns of Crawford and Wallkill. Smith was appointed to the seat vacated by Dan Depew who was elected Wallkill Town Supervisor last fall.

“It’s my privilege to welcome RJ to County Government,” said County Executive Diana. “He is a life-long resident of Orange County and comes from a family that can trace its roots back to our County’s earliest days. He is widely known for his generous spirit and commitment to the people Orange County both personally and professionally. I look forward to working with RJ on behalf of the residents of the 18th Legislative district and all those who live in Orange County,” continued County Executive Diana.

“The Orange County Legislature extends a warm welcome to RJ,” said Michael R. Pillmeier, Chairman of the Orange County Legislature. “With a number of significant projects under way and a full Legislative calendar, he will hit the ground running. We’re happy to have him on board and welcome his expertise,” continued the Chairman. “Congratulations to RJ on his swearing in.”

Mr. Smith was sworn in by County Clerk Donna Benson. His wife Lizz, standing by his side, held the family bible that dates back to 1699. He was joined by his parents and children for the swearing in ceremony at the Legislative meeting.

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County Clerk Donna Benson lead the swearing-in ceremony for Orange County's newest legislator, Richard J. "RJ" Smith. He was joined by wife Lizz, Bridget Boniface and friend Zoe, as well as (back row) Ryan Boniface, Brandon Boniface, Mary Smith, and Richard Smith.