

Town Democrats gives justice nomination to Speyer

By **Jim Herr** - April 17, 2018



Assistant Chief of Police James Speyer speaks at Detective Mark Jedd's retirement at police headquarters on March 30, 2017. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA – The Cheektowaga Democratic Town Committee has voted unanimously to endorse James J. Speyer, Jr. for Cheektowaga Town Justice Chairman Matt Janiszewski announced Tuesday.

Mr. Speyer has served as Assistant Chief of Police for the Cheektowaga Police Department since February 2014 and currently is the department's public information officer and court liaison. His career in law enforcement started out as a correction officer 35 years ago. He joined the Cheektowaga Police Department in 1986 as a Public Safety Officer and eventually rose through the ranks as Patrolman, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief.

"Jim's decades of experience in law enforcement will give him a unique perspective as judge, allowing him to be firm but fair in his decision-making, while also being able to make common sense judgments," said Mr. Janiszewski. "Jim is

an extremely qualified and strong candidate, and our Committee is proud to give him our full support. I know our Committee Members will be working hard all summer talking to voters about Jim's experience and qualifications."

"I am very grateful for the unanimous endorsement of the Cheektowaga Democratic Party in my pursuit to become the next Cheektowaga Town Justice," said Mr. Speyer. "I will work very hard in the months to come and promise that no one will outwork me or my team."

*Town Democratic Committee Chairman
Matt Janiszewski and James Speyer.
(Submitted)*

Mr. Speyer lives with his wife Donna in the George Urban – Dick Road neighborhood of town and have raised four boys together.

The Town of Cheektowaga has two elected Town Justices with one seat on the ballot in November's General Election. Current Cheektowaga Town Justice Dennis Gorski's term expires at the end of 2018 and he is not seeking re-election. The term for Town Justice is four years.