

Hon. Shawn Lavin

Supervisor, Town of Amherst

Committed to community service, Supervisor Lavin was first elected as a Councilmember for the Amherst Town Board in 2017 and was successfully reelected in 2021. He was appointed Deputy Supervisor in 2024 and 2025. Following his nomination to run for Supervisor, he gained the support of community groups, unions and residents and was elected on November 4, 2025. He officially took office as the 48th Supervisor of the Town of Amherst on January 1, 2026.

His passion for public service began with his upbringing. The son of a single mother, his family struggled, relying on benefits from various social services programs. Today, he is honored to serve as Town Supervisor and recognizes the opportunity to give directly back to his community and have an impact at the local level.

Supervisor Lavin is a native of Western New York and attended Tonawanda High School. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Buffalo State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from SUNY Brockport.

At the age of 22, Supervisor Lavin joined the Air National Guard to give back to the community. He has been member of the Air National Guard for 23 years and today holds the title of Major. He was a longtime employee for Erie County, previously serving as Director of Veterans Affairs before being named Deputy Commissioner for the Personnel Department.

Supervisor Lavin is currently completing the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative and serves on the Erie County Industrial Development Agency.

He and his wife, Kate, are raising their two children in Amherst. They are actively involved in the Williamsville Central School community, theatre, dance, and youth sports.