

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00 8/3/2021

Where: Community Room, Police Department, 1 North Ave.

Present: Elisabeth Mickenberg, Helen Rock, Larry Granillo, Martha Gile, Lenore Broughton, Michelle Lefkowitz, Annie Schneider, Grace Grundhauser, Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham

Absent: Jim Rader, Kate Baldwin, Ariana Cano, Charles Cashatt

Also Present: Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk

Meeting called to order by Chair Lis

Agenda: The agenda was adopted unanimously as presented.

Meeting Length: The meeting length was set for 1 hour.

Minutes: Martha Gile made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Helen Rock. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Applications: Amy Bovee reported: June - New Registrations 164, Transfer out of Town 131, Purged 39. July – New Registrations 140, Transfer out of Town 99, Purged 27.

Michelle Lefkowitz mad a motion to accept the numbers as presented, seconded by Martha Gile. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report:

Amy Bovee reported that early voting is underway for the August 17 Ward 3 Special City Council Election. About 550 absentee ballots have been received so far.

She also reported that the Legislature had passed S.15 which allowed people who made a mistake on their ballot to correct it. This provision is in place for this Special Election which has provided a good opportunity to test the system. When a voter makes a mistake on their ballot by forgetting to sign the envelope, or not putting their voted ballot in the certificate envelope, the City Clerk's Office sends them a form notifying them of the mistake. The voter can then sign and return the form in order to correct the mistake and have their ballot counted. The City Clerk's Office will send forms until 5 days before the Election. At that point, they are required to contact the voter by phone or email if that information is available in the voter's record. The voter will be informed that they can correct the error at the City Clerk's Office before Election Day, or at the polls on Election Day.

Amy Bovee also reported that the City is anticipating calling a Special City Election on November 9 and asked Board Members to save the date.

Election of Board Officers

Helen Rock nominated Lis Mickenberg to serve as Board Chair, seconded by Annie Schneider. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Lis Mickenberg as Board Chair.

Helen Rock nominated Michelle Lefkowitz to serve as Board Vice Chair, seconded by Lenore Broughton. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Michelle Lefkowitz as Board Vice Chair.

Prepare for August 17 Election

Michelle Lefkowitz agreed to cover the Ward 3 Special Election.

Discussion of Board Mission

Helen Rock made a motion to have the Board review the Rules and Procedures document annually at its September meeting, seconded by Grace Grundhauser. The motion passed unanimously. The Board had a discussion about what sections of the document they wanted to focus on, and agreed to focus their attention on the "Purpose" section at the next meeting.

Application Signing Schedule

Helen Rock made a motion to add "Application Signing Schedule" to the agenda as a new item, seconded by Grace Grundhauser. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board set the following schedule for the Month of August: August 5 – Grace, August 12 – Annie, August 19 – Martha, August 26- Larry, September 2 – Michelle

On a motion by Michelle Lefkowitz, seconded by Lenore Broughton, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk