

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00 1/3/2017

Where: Community Room, Police Department

Present: Charles Cashatt, Janet Hicks, Alex Farrell, Helen Rock, Lenore Broughton, Jake Schumann, Martha Gile, Michelle Lefkowitz

Absent: Katherine Miles, Lis Mickenberg

Also Present: Gene Bergman, Amy Bovee

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair: Michelle @ 6:03 p.m.

Agenda: The agenda was amended to address item 9a first. Motion by Charles Cashatt, seconded by Helen Rock. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Length: The Board agreed that the meeting would end at 7:10pm.

Minutes: Motion made by Charles Cashatt to approve the minutes, seconded by Lenore Broughton. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Applications: Amy Bovee submitted: December: new voter registrations 79, purged 35, transferred out of town 48.

Motion made by Helen Rock to accept the numbers, seconded by Martha Gile. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Amy Bovee updated the Board on the proposal to increase their number of members. The Board had recommended increasing the number from 10 to 13. Ultimately, the City Council voted to place a question on the ballot requesting an increase from 10 to 12 members.

Member's Report: The Board discussed the social security number verification issue. They agreed to update their Facebook page with information on same day voter registration.

Review Application Signing Schedule

The Board set their schedule for the remainder of January:

Jan 13 – Martha, Jan 18 – Will bring apps to special meeting, Jan 25 – Helen, Jan 27 – Michelle, Jan 31 – Michelle, Feb 3 - Charles

New Business

a. Discuss Voter Challenge/Special Meeting Date

Amy Bovee informed the Board that they had received a complaint from a Burlington resident questioning another voter's eligibility to remain on the checklist. The Board has the authority to review information and make a determination as to whether or not the person is eligible to remain on the checklist. She provided them with the original complaint, the response from the voter in question, as well as copies of the voter record, property tax bill, property record and permit history for the voter in question. Asst. City Attorney Gene Bergman reviewed relevant Statutes with the Board and suggested that the Board review the materials that they had been provided and refer any legal questions to him. The Board can review the material in a quasi-judicial hearing, publically or privately, and make a determination as to whether the voter is eligible to remain on the voter checklist.

Jake Schumann made a motion stating that the Board would address any legal questions to Asst. City Attorney Gene Bergman, ask for factual information at the special meeting tentatively scheduled for January 18, and agreed not to discuss the matter publically until the completion of their investigation. Seconded by Lenore Broughton. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Update on Same Day Voter Registration

Amy Bovee reported that the Director of the Secretary of State's Elections Division would be conducting a training for Board Members and Ward Clerks sometime in late January. She asked Board members to respond to a poll with their availability. She explained that the law was written so that Ward Clerks would handle the responsibility of registering voters, and Board Members would be responsible to review any questions when registering. She suggested that the Board have further conversations about the logistics of this process at the meeting with Ward Clerks.

Alex Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm, seconded by Helen Rock. The Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee

B.R.V. Staff