
Warren County Board of Elections Meeting

April 16, 2014

5:00 PM

MINUTES

LEGAL NOTICE

The meeting of the Warren County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Chairman Gloria Decker.

The legal notice for this meeting was read by Mrs. Decker.

ROLE CALL

Present: Chairman Gloria Decker, Secretary Tony Wyhopen, Commissioner Robert Stead, Commissioner Harry Brown and Board Administrator Bill Duffy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was no public comment.

LOPATCONG CLERK

Mr. Duffy talked with the Board about how the four municipal clerks handle the Tally tapes from the voting machines on Election nights. He asked if the Board wished to establish a specific process for the Municipal Clerks. The Board felt that the Municipal Clerk as the Chief Election Official in the municipality has the authority to handle the Tally tapes that they feel is appropriate for their town.

ETHICS LIAISON

Mr. Duffy recommended that Louis Cicala be appointed the Ethics Liaison for the Election Board as required by the State of NJ. Mr. Stead made a motion to appoint Louis Cicala and this motion was seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

KIMBERLY PECKMAN'S LETTER of MARCH 24, 2014

Ms. Peckman sent a letter to the Board informing the Board that the personnel in the office was denying a voter their right to vote. The letter also stated that Ms. Peckman was not informed of who the CEPA contact person is for the Election Board Office.

Mr. Duffy, explained that the address the person was attempting to register at is a commercial property and not their residence. Mr. Duffy explained how the SVRS System worked with address and how the Board office works with the municipal clerks to populate the Street Lists in the SVRS. He also told the Board what was done to contact the voter to attempt to resolve the issue.

Mr. Wyhopen asked if the voter could have been added at the address and change the address when the issue. Mr. Duffy explained that the law states that a voter must vote from their residence and that the voter must be voting in the correct district for that residency.

Mr. Duffy also stated that there is a posting on the refrigerator in the office that identifies the Director of Personnel as the CEPA contact for Warren County including the Board of Elections.

Mr. Brown made a motion to accept Mr. Duffy's explanation and this motion was seconded by Mr. Stead. This motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PRIMARY TESTING

Mr. Duffy informed the Board that testing for the Primary Election will be starting in early May.

The board and Mr. Duffy reviewed the plans on how the Election supplies and voting machine CDs would be returned on Election Night.

OFFICE RELOCATION

This is the first meeting in the Cummings Building where the Election Board has now relocated. The Board questioned the Security and if there was any progress on the fire proof cabinets. Both are still in progress.

MEETING MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of the July 11, 2013 and March 6, 2014 and Executive Session Minutes of September 9, 2013, November 5, 2013 and March 6, 2013. On motion by Mr. Brown to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes and seconded by Mr. Stead, the Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote. On motion by Mr. Brown to accept the Executive Session Minutes and seconded by Mr. Stead, the Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wyhopen seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with the motion passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 P.M.