

ELECTION BOARD

May 22, 2023

Present at the meeting were:

Larry Reisinger
Shannon Hines
David Lanza
Bill Bunt
Sarah Geesaman

Present from the Public via Phone/In Person: Dr. Pat Gutheil, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, and Wes Smith

The Election Board met on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted virtually via WebEx video/telephone conference and in person in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: None

Approval of the Minutes: Shannon Hines made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 meeting. David Lanza seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Reisinger said that the election went well and he thanked Sarah Geesaman and Deb Shrawder for their work. He further said that all the preliminary work they did made election day go smoother.

David Lanza asked if there were any problems on election night with what the poll workers brought into the Veterans Memorial Building.

Solicitor Bunt commended Sarah Geesaman and Deb Shrawder for their work. He said Sarah had a lot to learn and she did a fabulous job working through the election. He commented that the Election Board is not done until the primary election is finished.

Shannon Hines explained why the website crashed on election night.

The Election Board discussed how the election went and possible changes for the next election.

- Separating ballots by precinct
- Additional locked cabinet for the presidential election for ballots
- Keeping additional ballots at the Election Office
- Ballot size and pressing

Solicitor Bunt said the Board should schedule a meeting for September.

Shannon Hines said that a total of 1,443 mail-in and absentee ballots had been received.

Sarah Geesaman said she had received a complaint about a candidate's representative encroaching on voters at Spring Township and the identity of the individual was not divulged at that time. She said the Judge of Election spoke to the individual twice and then Deb Shrawder went to the polling location to address the issue, but the person continued the behavior. She

stated she would be sending out information to the party chairs reiterating proper polling location etiquette. David Lanza recommended the candidate be notified about their volunteer's behavior and asked to address the issue.

Sarah Geesaman also said she had received a complaint about children handing out political literature at polling locations. She commented that she would be reaching out to her Department of State liaison for guidance on this issue.

Commissioner Reisinger commented that a lot of work goes into the election and final count.

Sarah Geesaman stated that she had sent out communication reminding candidates to remove their signs. She commented that an Everbridge notification reminder went out to poll workers and it made a difference as all poll workers picked up equipment.

Sarah Geesaman asked that any issues be brought to her attention so that she can address them. She thanked the watchers on election night that helped, as well as Barb Hench for helping on final count day.

Shannon Hines made a motion to hold the next Election Board meeting on September 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. David Lanza seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Shannon Hines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. David Lanza seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.