



MARQUETTE CITY ELECTION BOARD
January 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Marquette City Election Board was duly called and held on January 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. with Board members and Staff meeting in City Hall, Commission Chambers.

PRESENT: Judy Berglund, Sue Menhennick, Linda Roe, Margaret Schwalm, City Clerk Kyle Whitney.

Also present, Deputy City Clerk, Rachel Quayle

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved Judy Berglund, supported by Margaret Schwalm, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Announcements

The Clerk had no announcements.

Public Comment

Mayor Sally Davis attended the meeting. She stated her New Year's resolution is to attend a meeting for all City boards and committees; recognizing the work and time members put into their board.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting.

It was moved by Margaret Schwalm, supported by Linda Roe, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from the December 4, 2023 Election Board meeting.

Appoint Election Inspectors for the February 27, 2024 Primary Election

The City Clerk spoke on the recent precinct consolidation, stating our staffing needs will shift and become more refined moving from seven precincts down to four. Allowing staff to shift resources to early voting.

It was moved by Sue Menhennick, supported by Judy Berglund, and carried unanimously to appoint election inspectors, including chairs, and Receiving Board, and give the City Clerk the ability to appoint additional inspectors, as needed, prior to election day.

Authorize the AV Counting Board to preprocess and tabulate absentee ballots prior to election day

The City Clerk provided background on recent legislative changes that allow for jurisdictions with a population of at least 5,000 to process and tabulate absentee ballots

prior to election day. He explained the process and logistics of what early tabulation will look like for the City, along with the benefits.

It was moved by Linda Roe, supported by Sue Menhennick, and carried unanimously to adopt the resolution authorizing the AV Counting Board to process and tabulate absentee ballots during the 8 days prior to election day, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., beginning for the February 2024 Presidential Primary and continuing for all future elections.

Appoint AV Counting Board inspectors for the February 27, 2024 Primary Election

It was moved by Sue Menhennick, supported by Judy Berglund, and carried unanimously to approve the attached roster of the AVCB Election Inspectors, including Chairs, and give the City Clerk the ability to appoint additional inspectors, as needed, prior to Election Day. Also, direct the board to work to process absentee ballots on Feb. 22, 23, 26, and 27, with members beginning work no later than noon on each day.

Appoint Early Voting inspectors for the February 27, 2024 Primary Election

It was moved by Sue Menhennick, supported by Judy Berglund, and carried unanimously to appoint early voting election inspectors, including Chairs, and Receiving Board, and give the City Clerk the ability to appoint additional inspectors, as needed, prior to election day.

Updates

The City Clerk explained that ballot selection forms were mailed out to registered voters on the permanent ballot list and gave a brief summary of Michigan's Presidential Primary process.

Next Meeting

February 6, 2024 -2 p.m. to conduct the public accuracy test for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 33 p.m.



Rachel Quayle, Deputy City Clerk