

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
MUNICIPAL BOARD OF CANVASSERS MINUTES
Friday, April 08, 2022

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

The Board of Canvassers was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members present: Peter Madden, Marjorie Giesen, and Meredith DeBruin – 3.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Reconcile April 5, 2022 Spring Election Results

The Board met to certify the results for Aldermanic Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 in the City of Sheboygan. City Clerk provided rules for speaking during the meeting – audience participants should raise their hands to speak and will be given a 2-minute limit.

Districts 2 (Wards 3 and 4), 4 (Wards 7 and 8), 6 (Wards 11 and 12), 8 (Wards 15 and 16), and 10 (Wards 19 and 20) were reviewed:

Verified the following on Poll Lists and compared numbers:

- Poll lists certification completed.
- Last voter number was listed.
- Page on which the last voter number appears was indicated.
- Number of absentee voters was indicated.
- Any provisional ballots? No provisional ballots cast on election day.
- Compared number of ballots cast to the number of voters. (*)

Reviewed Inspector Statements:

- Verified the tamper-evident serial numbers were recorded and initialed.
- Examined for any notations which could impact the poll list numbers or number of votes.

Compared the Vote Totals to the Election night call-in return sheet:

- Read each candidate's name and the number of votes cast from the tape and compared it to the call-in sheet.
- Read the total number of votes cast for the office.
- Each number was documented on the Tabular Statement of Votes Cast.
- The total votes cast for candidate was matched with the total votes cast for office.
- Verified there were registered write-ins – write-in votes did not need to be tallied.

*Ward 3

Inspector's Statement indicated there was one more voter than ballots cast (voter=330 and ballots=329)

Board reviewed notes on Inspector's Statement. Inspector's documented that there were ballot jams in the machine and a ballot was not counted.

Board determined that this was the reason for the discrepancy in voter and ballots.

*Ward 20

Inspector's Statement had no closing initials verifying the seal on the ClearCast machine. Documented on the Inspector's Statement and compared to Ward 20.

Inspector's Statement indicated there was one more voter than ballots cast (voter=549 and ballots=548)

Board reviewed notes on Inspector's Statement. At 10:35 a.m., it was documented that "machine rejects absentee ballot due to overvoting". Also documented on Inspector's statement, "Before lunch – absentee ballots – assigned numbers to absentee ballots. Opened envelopes. Ballots entered into tabulator machine. Ballot rejected due to overvote. Upon further inspection, overvote was on the City of Sheboygan School District. Ballot placed in the rejected absentee envelope – count for machine vote vs numbers issued was off 1 for remainder of the day. Documented on lead count sheet at 10:30 tally".

City Clerk explained how absentee ballots are processed on Election day. Discussion regarding rules and processes regarding absentee ballots and election inspector's communication.

Ballot was removed from Rejected Absentee Ballot envelope and inspected by the Board, Andre Walton, and Russ Otten (on behalf of Joseph V. Heidemann).

Board made a unanimous determination that the ballot was valid and should be counted for the offices of Municipal Alderperson District 10 and Sheboygan Area School District School Board Member Outside City of Sheboygan. Board tallied votes on Tally Sheet. +1 for Andre Walton, +1 Mark Mancl, and +1 Susan A. Hein.

Board then determined District 10 to be a tie. Joseph V. Heidemann with 403 votes. Andre Walton with 403 votes. Write-ins with 2. Total votes in Municipal Alderperson District 10 = 808.

Wisconsin State Statute 5.01(4) was read regarding the general provisions of a tie vote.

Russ Otten requested a short recess for Joseph Heidemann to join the meeting.

Board accepted the request and recessed for 20 minutes beginning at 10:03 a.m.

Board reconvened at 10:23 a.m. with Joseph Heidemann and Andre Walton present.

Rules for the drawing by lot were read. Candidates agreed an Ace card was "high". Candidates selected Meredith DeBruin to open the deck, shuffle, and fan on table. Board and candidates indicated agreement with the process.

Candidates each selected a card. Joseph Heidemann selected the King of Hearts. Andre Walton selected the Three of Spades. The Board announced that Joseph Heidemann was the winner of the lot drawing and therefore, the winner of Municipal Alderperson District 10.

The Board completed and signed required paperwork including the Certification of the Board of Canvassers.

CLOSING OF MEETING

5. Adjourn

Motion by Marjorie Giesen, seconded by Peter Madden. The Board of Canvassers adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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