

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
MUNICIPAL BOARD OF CANVASSERS MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: City Clerk Meredith DeBruin, Chief Inspector Martha Leppanen, Chief Inspector Peter Madden

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Election Specialist Jessica Grosshuesch

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to Order at 8:15 a.m.
2. Roll Call
Roll call was completed.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Provisional Ballot Review
 - 3 provisional ballots for City of Sheboygan
 - i. Ward 6 – not rehabilitated by voter
 - ii. Ward 8 – not rehabilitated by voter
 - iii. Ward 17 – rehabilitated

Provisional Ballot Processing

Ward 6 and 8

No provisional ballots counted – voters did not rehabilitate

EL-106P completed for Ward 6 and Ward 8

Ward 8 Provisional bag opened in error. Ballot bag resealed with seal #0348006.

Ward 17

Provisional ballot bag was returned election night inside election ballot bag with seal #218334. Seal opened to remove provisional ballot bag for voter rehabilitation.

PV#1 provided WI DL receipt 4/3/25.

EL-123r reviewed. Reason code should be “2”, and not “1” since voter provided SSN to register but unable to provide valid photo ID.

Provisional ballot bag for ward 17 reviewed with seal intact. Opened and provisional envelope removed. Provisional envelope reviewed and found to be complete.

Voter assigned next voter for Ward 17 - #767. Noted that voter did not sign supplemental poll book.

Provisional envelope opened, ballot removed and envelope placed in “Used Provisional Ballot Envelopes” envelope.

Ballot reviewed and votes recorded on tally sheet EL-105 in duplicate and compared.

EL-106P completed. MBOC certified results and signed.

Ballot bag form EL-101 completed and ballot sealed inside with seal #2183286

5. Reconcile April 1, 2025 Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

Ward 1 (District 1) – Sheboygan eFree Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 960

Absentee voters indicated: 296

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tapes.

Machine Unit #9 number of ballots: 552

Machine Unit #17 number of ballots: 407

Total number of ballots: 959

Difference of 1 less ballot due to machine error during absentee processing.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 1:

Ryan James Sorenson = 279 (Unit #9) + 226 (Unit #17) = 505

John Belanger = 266 (Unit #9) + 174 (Unit #17) = 440

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 1 Candidate for Ward 1:

Ryan Menzer = 322 (Unit #9) + 212 (Unit #17) = 534

Randall G. Meyer = 141 (Unit #9) + 137 (Unit #17) = 278

Write-In = 4 (Unit #9)

Ward 2 (District 1) – Sheboygan eFree Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 988

Absentee voters indicated: 339

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tapes.

Machine Unit #9 number of ballots: 504

Machine Unit #17 number of ballots: 486

Total number of ballots: 990

Difference of 2 ballots due to one Ward 7 and one Ward 8 voter each receiving a ward 2 ballot in error.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 2:

Ryan James Sorenson = 231 (Unit #9) + 293 (Unit #17) = 524

John Belanger = 241 (Unit #9) + 199 (Unit #17) = 440

Write-In = 2 (Unit #17)

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 1 Candidate for Ward 2:

Ryan Menzer = 257 (Unit #9) + 243 (Unit #17) = 500

Randall G. Meyer = 147 (Unit #9) + 194 (Unit #17) = 341

Write-In = 2 (Unit #9) and 2 (Unit #17) = 4

Ward 7 (District 4) – Sheboygan eFree Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 600

Absentee voters indicated: 129

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0
Reviewed tapes.
Machine Unit #9 number of ballots: 366
Machine Unit #17 number of ballots: 233
Total number of ballots: 599
Difference of 1 less ballot due to one Ward 7 voter receiving a ward 2 ballot in error.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 7:
Ryan James Sorenson = 204 (Unit #9) + 140 (Unit #17) = 344
John Belanger = 150 (Unit #9) + 87 (Unit #17) = 237
Write-In = 0

Ward 8 (District 4) – Sheboygan eFree Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification
Last voter number: 546
Absentee voters indicated: 118
Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.
Provisionals: 1 (Not reconciled)
Reviewed tapes.
Machine Unit #9 number of ballots: 335
Machine Unit #17 number of ballots: 210
Total number of ballots: 545
Difference of 1 less ballot due to one Ward 8 voter receiving a ward 2 ballot in error.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 8:
Ryan James Sorenson = 196 (Unit #9) + 134 (Unit #17) = 330
John Belanger = 129 (Unit #9) + 68 (Unit #17) = 197
Write-In = 1 (Unit #17)

Ward 3 (District 2) – First Congregational Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification
Last voter number: 884
Absentee voters indicated: 281
Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.
Provisionals: 0
Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 844
Difference of 0.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 3:
Ryan James Sorenson = 496
John Belanger = 329
Write-In = 2

Ward 4 (District 2) – First Congregational Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification
Last voter number: 1184
Absentee voters indicated: 329
Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.
Provisionals: 0
Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 1184

Difference of 0.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 4:

Ryan James Sorenson = 637

John Belanger = 531

Write-In = 0

Ward 5 (District 3) – Uptown Social (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 692

Absentee voters indicated: 174

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 665

Difference of 27 less ballots due to Ward 5 voters receiving Ward 6 ballots in error. Ballots were placed for Ward 6 in the incorrect basket and discovered after 27 voters. Ballots for Wards 5 and 6 are in same District and are identical.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 5:

Ryan James Sorenson = 408

John Belanger = 240

Write-In = 1

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 3 Candidate for Ward 5:

Daniel Peterson = 229

Michael Close = 262

Write-In = 6

Ward 6 (District 3) – Uptown Social (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 903

Absentee voters indicated: 347

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 1 (Not reconciled)

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 930

Difference of 27 ballots due to Ward 5 voters receiving Ward 6 ballots in error. Ballots were placed for Ward 6 in the incorrect basket and discovered after 27 voters. Ballots for Wards 5 and 6 are in same District and are identical.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 6:

Ryan James Sorenson = 607

John Belanger = 301

Write-In = 5

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 3 Candidate for Ward 6:

Daniel Peterson = 345

Michael Close = 355

Write-In = 12

Ward 9 (District 5) – First United Lutheran Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 418

Absentee voters indicated: 117

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 420

Difference of 2 ballots due to Ward 10 voters receiving Ward 9 ballots in error.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 9:

Ryan James Sorenson = 218

John Belanger = 185

Write-In = 0

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 5 Candidate for Ward 9:

Susie Boorse = 263

Write-In = 4

Ward 10 (District 5) – First United Lutheran Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 855

Absentee voters indicated: 249

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 851

Difference of 4 less ballots due to two Ward 10 voters receiving Ward 9 ballots and one Ward 10 voter receiving a Ward 21 ballot in error. One voter also chose not to vote after receiving a voter number.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 10:

Ryan James Sorenson = 489

John Belanger = 339

Write-In = 4

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 5 Candidate for Ward 10:

Susie Boorse = 540

Write-In = 13

Ward 21 (District 5) – First United Lutheran Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 399

Absentee voters indicated: 96

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 400

Difference of 1 ballot due to Ward 10 voter receiving a Ward 21 ballot in error.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 21:

Ryan James Sorenson = 212

John Belanger = 182

Write-In = 0

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 5 Candidate for Ward 21:

Susie Boorse = 243

Write-In = 4

Ward 11 (District 6) – Kiwanis Fieldhouse (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 504

Absentee voters indicated: 118

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 504

Difference of 0.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 11:

Ryan James Sorenson = 297

John Belanger = 191

Write-In = 1

Ward 12 (District 6) – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 817

Absentee voters indicated: 196

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 817

Difference of 0.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 12:

Ryan James Sorenson = 441

John Belanger = 357

Write-In = 3

Ward 15 (District 8) – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 542

Absentee voters indicated: 154

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 541

Difference of 1 less ballot due to Ward 15 voter receiving Ward 17 ballot in error.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 15:

Ryan James Sorenson = 326

John Belanger = 197

Write-In = 3

Ward 17 (District 9) – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 767

Absentee voters indicated: 223
Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.
Provisionals: 1 - Reconciled
Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 768
Difference of 1 ballot due to Ward 15 voter receiving a Ward 17 ballot in error.
Inspector Statement changed to reflect adding one provisional ballot.
Election night call-in results review – less one vote due to provisional ballot added at canvass.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 17:
Ryan James Sorenson = $463 + 1 = 464$
John Belanger = 284
Write-In = 1

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 9 Candidate for Ward 17:
Trey K Mitchell = $465 + 1 = 466$
Write-In = 14

Ward 13 (District 7) – Mead Public Library (Polling location)

Review poll list certification
Last voter number: 536
Absentee voters indicated: 172
Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.
Provisionals: 0
Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 537
Difference of 1 ballot due to Ward 14 voter receiving a Ward 13 ballot in error.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 13:
Ryan James Sorenson = 313
John Belanger = 188
Write-In = 4

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 7 Candidate for Ward 13:
Juan Perez = 200
Grazia Perrella = 223
Write-In = 7

Ward 14 (District 7) – Mead Public Library (Polling location)

Review poll list certification
Last voter number: 568
Absentee voters indicated: 170
Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.
Provisionals: 0
Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 567
Difference of 1 ballot due to Ward 14 voter receiving a Ward 13 ballot in error.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 14:
Ryan James Sorenson = 319
John Belanger = 224
Write-In = 0

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 7 Candidate for Ward 14:

Juan Perez = 232

Grazia Perrella = 238

Write-In = 1

Ward 16 (District 8) – Bethany Reformed Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 926

Absentee voters indicated: 269

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 926

Difference of 0.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 16:

Ryan James Sorenson = 552

John Belanger = 357

Write-In = 2

Ward 18 (District 9) – Bethany Reformed Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 822

Absentee voters indicated: 185

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 822

Difference of 0.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 18:

Ryan James Sorenson = 445

John Belanger = 359

Write-In = 2

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson – District 9 Candidate for Ward 18:

Trey K Mitchell = 583

Write-In = 15

Ward 19 (District 10) – Christ Lutheran Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 682

Absentee voters indicated: 203

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 683

Difference of 1 ballot due to one Ward 20 voter receiving Ward 19 ballot in error.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 19:

Ryan James Sorenson = 387

John Belanger = 276

Write-In = 3

Ward 20 (District 10) – Christ Lutheran Church (Polling location)

Review poll list certification

Last voter number: 1033

Absentee voters indicated: 314

Reviewed Inspectors' Statement.

Provisionals: 0

Reviewed tape. Total number of ballots: 1031

Difference of 2 ballots. One Ward 20 voter received Ward 19 ballot in error One Ward 20 voter completed EDR but poll worker realized no valid POR given. Voter not given ballot and did not return to reconcile on election day.

Review of Results

Reviewed total votes for each Mayoral Candidate for Ward 20:

Ryan James Sorenson = 530

John Belanger = 478

Write-In = 2

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson Candidate for District 1:

Ryan Menzer = 1034

Randall G. Meyer = 619

Scattering = 8

Board of Canvassers certified for Office of Alderperson – District 1 the candidate with the highest number of votes was Ryan Menzer.

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson Candidate for District 3:

Daniel Peterson = 574

Michael Close = 617

Scattering = 18

Board of Canvassers certified for Office of Alderperson – District 3 the candidate with the highest number of votes was Michael Close.

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson Candidate for District 5:

Susie Boorse = 1052

Scattering = 21

Board of Canvassers certified for Office of Alderperson – District 5 the candidate with the highest number of votes was Susie Boorse.

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson Candidate for District 7:

Juan Perez = 432

Grazia Perrella = 461

Scattering = 8

Board of Canvassers certified for Office of Alderperson – District 7 the candidate with the highest number of votes was Grazia Perrella.

Reviewed total votes for each Alderperson Candidate for District 9:

Trey K Mitchell = 1049

Scattering = 29

Board of Canvassers certified for Office of Alderperson – District 9 the candidate with the highest number of votes was Trey K Mitchell.

Reviewed total votes for each Mayor Candidate:

Ryan James Sorenson = 8844

John Belanger = 6332

Scattering = 37

Board of Canvassers certified for Office of Mayor the candidate with the highest number of votes was Ryan James Sorenson.

Completed and signed the Certification of the Board of Canvassers.

CLOSING OF MEETING

1. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.