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BOARD OF ELECTION MINUTES 11-25-24

Call to Order

Chairman Horton called the Board of Elections meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called by County Clerk Karen Chillcott. Council members Horton, Bayle, Copeland, Drexel and Scutella were in person; Winarski and Schauerma appeared via zoom.

Hearing of the Public

Chairman Horton offered to hear the public in person. No one wished to speak. He then offered the same to those in attendance via zoom. Again, no one requested to speak.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

09-26-24 Board of Elections Meeting Chair Horton asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the September 26, 2024 meeting. Motion by Mr. Scutella, seconded by Mr. Copeland. Mr. Horton called for the question. Motion carried 7-0.
Yea-All
Nay-None

10-24-24 Board of Elections Meeting Chair Horton asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the October 24, 2024 meeting. Motion by Mr. Scutella, seconded by Mr. Copeland. Mr. Horton called for the question.
Motion carried 7-0.
Yea-All
Nay-None

Election Report

County Clerk Karen Chillcott she was still compiling data and would have information to share at the next meeting. She expressed that the voter turnout was good. She went on to say that the State's required recount was halted due to the candidate's concession which gave the staff a much-needed break. She stated that the staff had been working very hard, and she was proud of everyone. Ms. Chillcott noted that the turnout was 75.7%.
Ms Chillcott went on to speak about Judge Brabender's decision on the appeal for challenges. Chairman Drexel stated that since no one was objecting to Judge Brabender's decision it was no longer relevant; no parties were pursuing action, so there was no impending effect on the election.

New Business

**Certification of the 2024
Erie County General
Election**

Motion made to certify the Erie County General Election was made by Councilman Drexel, seconded by Councilman Scutella. Motion carried. 7-0
Yea-All
Nay-None

**Resolution 10, 2024
"Authorizing Purchase of
2024 Chevrolet Express
Commercial Cutaway
4300"**

County Clerk Chillcott spoke on the bid for a new truck that was being held by Hallman Chevrolet. Chairman Horton called for any discussion or questions. A motion was made by Councilman Copeland, seconded by Councilman Bayle. Motion carried, 7-0.
Yea:All
Nay:None

**Questions and Comments
from the Board**

Prior to adjournment, Councilman Copeland asked for information on ways that would make the provisional ballots easier to understand and less prone to errors. Tonia Fernandez, Director of Elections, stated that perhaps a handout for voters would help them better understand the process. Councilman Drexel recommended a visual or checklist. Councilwoman Schauerma commended the trainers for doing a good job with all the precinct staff. She stated that this was a topic of conversation at the CCAP Convention that she attended. Councilman Copeland requested an update about the hunt for a new election ballot vendor. Ms. Chillcott said that this was something that she was working on and will have more information at the next meeting. She believes that it will be in place prior to the primary election of 2025. Chairman Horton thanked the staff for the hard work that was done and the time and dedication that was put into the process on behalf of all Board of Election members. He and the other members were grateful.

Adjournment

Chairman Horton adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.