

SPECIAL MEETING

August 11, 2021

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Pavella at 9:10 a.m. Present were Mrs. Janet Carson, Mrs. Joan Windnagel, Mr. Ed Ryder, Director Michelle Lane, Deputy Director Nora McGinnis, and Shelly Lewis.

Mrs. Carson moved to approve the July 15th, 2021, Meeting Minutes as amended. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Director Lane reviewed the current bills to be paid.

Mrs. Carson moved to pay the bills as presented. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

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| Sunrise Springs | \$24.95 |
| Triad Governmental Systems Inc. | \$2,036.50 |
| Chardon Oil | \$65.23 |
| Quadient | \$295.89 |
| Blue Technologies | \$92.63 |
| Quill | \$19.57 |
| Quill | \$510.38 |
| Quill | \$254.05 |
| Quill | \$91.90 |
| Quill | \$69.22 |
| Quill | \$39.96 |
| Michelle Lane | \$216.20 |

Petition Certification – The following Candidate Petitions were reviewed and voted on to be accepted and certified to the ballot, or not accepted, pursuant to the recommendations of the Board Staff:

Richard Seyer running as a write-in candidate for Middlefield Village Council. Mrs. Carson moved to accept the petition. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Andrew K. Blackley, candidate for Chardon City Council. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Ron N. Eging, candidate for Aquilla Village Council. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Michael J. Petruziello, candidate for Chester Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Carson, Mr. Pavella, Mr. Ryder. Mrs. Windnagel, Abstain.

Nancy McArthur and Christopher Grau, candidates for Chardon City Mayor. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Daniel Meleski, candidate for Chardon City Council. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Julie A. Petrowski and Elizabeth M. Savel, candidates for Aquilla Village Council. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Charles Caleb Ferroni, candidate for Burton Village Council. Mr. Ryder moved to approve the request from Mr. Ferroni to appear as C. Caleb Ferroni on the ballot upon receipt of letter prior to Monday, August 11, 2021, and to accept the petition. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Thomas F. Blair Sr., Bonnie Lou Richards, and Cory Brown, candidates for Burton Village Council. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Nicholas J. Rundo, candidate for Burton Village Board of Public Affairs. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Scott Klein, Kaitlyn Arganti, and William Blue, candidates for Middlefield Village Council. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Dennis M. Galicki, candidate for South Russell Village Council. It was noted that Mr. Galicki used Petition Form 3-O instead of 3-N which should be used for Villages with a population of 2,000 or more. The Board had previously approved a petition having a similar situation in August, 2017. Mr. Ryder moved to accept Mr. Galicki's petition. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mark E. Porter, Greg Heilman, Ruth Cavanagh, Cynthia C. Nairn, and Christopher Bell, candidates for South Russell Village Council. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Eugene T. McCune Jr. and Michael S. Troyan, candidates for Auburn Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Jeffrey Markley, Michael Bates, and AJ Khoury, candidates for Bainbridge Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Kenneth C. Burnett and Daniel R. Whiting, candidates for Burton Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Timothy M. McKenna and Michael Brown, candidates for Chardon Township Trustee. Mrs. Carson moved to accept the petitions. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Joseph C. Mazzurco, Eric Charles Wittine, Anthony Peto, Walter Claypool, and Craig S. Richter, candidates for Chester Township Trustee. Mrs. Carson moved to accept the petitions. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Carson, Mr. Pavella, Mr. Ryder. Mrs. Windnagel, Abstain.

Cooper J. Sherman and Jonathan E. Tiber, candidates for Claridon Township Trustee. Mrs. Carson moved to accept the petitions. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Paul A. Molan and Scott K. Yamamoto, candidates for Hambden Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Nancy J. Saunders, Richard Aaron Judd, and Jerry M. Rose Jr., candidates for Huntsburg Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mervin E. Miller, candidate for Middlefield Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Paul Porter, candidate for Middlefield Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Randal C. Peterson and James Marsic, candidates for Montville Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Andrew J. Bushman, Jim McCaskey, and Frank James Stanko, candidates for Munson Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

William Skomrock Jr., Greg Tropf, Phillip A. Paradise Jr., William Majeski, and Margarite Marie Zock, candidates for Newbury Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Lance Portman, Dennis Ikeler, Joyce Peters, John Norman, and Ted Wojtasik, candidates for Parkman Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Carson, Mr. Pavella, Mr. Ryder. Mrs. Windnagel, Abstain.

Susan D. Wojtasik and Denise Villers, candidates for Parkman Township Fiscal Officer. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Carson, Mr. Pavella, Mr. Ryder. Mrs. Windnagel, Abstain.

Christopher A. Hare, Matthew Rambo, and Jim Mueller, candidates for Russell Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Michael Nappi, candidate for Thompson Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to not accept the petition due to insufficient signatures. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Heather L. Moseman and Erwin Leffel, candidates for Thompson Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Leonard A. Barcikowski, Donn Breckenridge, Michael J. Spencer, and Jeannine Reeves, candidates for Troy Township Trustee. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Bonnie Cavanaugh, Marilyn A. Percic, Sally G. Gillmore, and Timothy H. Snyder, candidates for Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve (Subdistrict 1 –Geauga). Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

John J. Manfredi and Jody L. Miller, candidates for Berkshire Local Board of Education. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Kristen Klepper, Linda J. Smallwood, and Heidi Lanesky-Snyder, candidates for Cardinal Local Board of Education. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mary Kay O'Toole, Mandy Hilston, Jeffrey Wenninger, Meghan McClain, and Erin L. Gooch, candidates for Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Board of Education. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Todd Albright, candidate for Chardon Local Board of Education. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition based on the reading of ORC 3513.254B and discussion with the Board regarding the petitions having one signature over the 75 allowed. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Carmen J. Paterniti, candidate for Chardon Local Board of Education. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition with two additional signatures accepted, to bring the total number of signatures to 25. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Madelon Horvath, Alicia Taylor, and ReGina A. Payne, candidates for Chardon Local Board of Education. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Beth Krause, Jennifer M. Troutman, Dennis J. Bergansky, Benjamin S. Timmons, William C. Timmons, and Mabel E. Kopp, candidates for Kenston Local Board of Education. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Chester Ramey, Pamela Claypool, and Christina Sherwood, candidates for West Geauga Local Board of Education. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petitions. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mary Michelle Coleman Walsh, candidate for West Geauga Local Board of Education. Mr. Ryder moved to accept the petition and allow the change of name to be on the ballot as requested, if the candidate provides documentation of her legal name change. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Becky Ohlsen withdrew her candidacy for West Geauga Local Board of Education.

Question and Issue Review Certification – The Auburn Township Renewal Levy for streets, roads, and bridges was not accepted. Mrs. Windnagel moved to disallow certification to the ballot based on opinion of legal counsel. Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryder to approve all other levies to the ballot. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Appointment of Poll Workers for September 15, 2021 through September 14, 2022 – Mr. Ryder made a motion to approve the list of poll workers as presented and any others as deemed necessary by the Director and Deputy Director. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Fair compensation for people working the Democrat and Republican tents at the Geauga County Fair was discussed. Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to increase the allotted compensation from \$1000 to \$1500 for each Party to pay their workers. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

The mask mandate was discussed and it was determined that our legal counsel, Kristen Rine, will be contacted to assist with determining our requirements and responsibilities.

Director Lane stated that there will be a public viewing of the new voting equipment on September 15th and 16th in Bldg. 8. Letters will be sent to the Voting Location Managers inviting them to the viewing. It will also be advertised in local papers. Office staff along with Hannah Sekas and Ben Kotowski will be on hand to assist with the demo.

It was determined that the new DS200s could not be taken to the Geauga Fair for display in the Party tents. The warranty states that they must be stored in a controlled environment. Instead, USBs will be updated with DS200 videos for the Democratic and Republican tents to show on laptops if they so desire.

Public access to Board meetings was discussed. Any equipment bought or rented for this purpose should go through ADP. It was suggested to ask counsel if we have to use ADP equipment or look at getting our own. Also, can we upgrade our equipment? Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to allow the public to attend and participate in our meetings electronically as soon as the necessary equipment is secured. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

In regards to the County Administration building, Mr. Morgan, County Administrator, asked the Board to clarify their need for counsel. Director Lane will respond to Mr. Morgan by email and certified mail. The Resolution should be attached and it should be stated that the Board feels it is very clear that the scope is in the resolution and is seeking outside counsel for advice on how to best serve the voters of Geauga County. Mr. Pavella will contact the media regarding the new building and the Board's need to seek counsel.

Howard Hanna Proposal - Mr. Ryder will set up an appointment with Lori O'Neill of Howard Hanna to tour some building options, starting with storage space.

Director Report – Mrs. Lane reported on her continuing work on the 2020 Elections Administration Plan along with preparing a public version. Also upcoming is the NCOA and Supplemental process which could result in calling in part-time personnel to assist with address updates on the voter registration system.

Deputy Director Report – Mrs. McGinnis is assisting Director Lane as needed with the updates to the 2020 EAP and assisted the staff with petition verification to prepare for today's certification.

Mr. Ryder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 p.m. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Next meeting – September 16, 2021