

AGENDA

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

September 13, 1999

12:00 Noon

In absence of Chairman Brack, Mr. Bernier made a motion to elect Rita Pepino, Chairman Pro-Tem. The motion was duly seconded by Ms. Arnold.

The Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Barbara Arnold, Leo Bernier, Rita Pepino

ABSENT: Dr. Rita Brack, Brian McHugh

MESSRS: Tricia Piecuch

Chairman Pro-Tem Pepino advised that Per RSA 654:27, 28; 654:8; 654 7a; and 654:36,37 and 44 accept all changes made from the months of July, August and up to and including September 11, 1999.

Ms. Piecuch explained that the July and August updates were already mailed and asked the Board to review the September updates handed out to them.

Mr. Bernier stated that we were opened on Saturday, per State Law and registered nine new voters.

On motion of Mr. Bernier, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to accept the checklist as presented to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Bernier asked if Ms. Arnold or Ms. Pepino would like to work at the polls on Tuesday, September 21st registering voters. Ms. Arnold stated she was interested and asked about the hours. Mr. Bernier explained that the polls were opened from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM and she could work the hours she preferred. Ms. Arnold stated she would work from 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Ward 1. Ms. Pepino stated she was interested, but Mr. Pepino was on the ballot. Mr. Bernier stated that it would be best if she would reclude herself, which she agreed. Ms. Pepino stated

that Dr. Brack might want to work. Mr. Bernier asked her to contact Dr. Brack and see if she was interested in working 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Ms. Arnold stated she had a couple of questions regarding the August updates she received. She inquired about the dates and address shown on a Sharon Vaal at 46 Flint Street, where she was deleted.

Ms. Piecuch stated that Ms. Vaal was deleted in our system as a registered voter at 46 Flint Street on August 13, 1999 as we received notification that she moved away. That the other date in question, October 24, 1998, reflects when the voter registered.

Ms. Arnold stated she had another question on Mr. Raymond Buckley in Ward 8, regarding the dates and what the dates represented.

Ms. Piecuch stated that the first date again represented when the voter first registered. That Mr. Buckley changed his address on August 9, 1999. Some of the dates could be off because of updates done in the system from changes on voters when moving within a ward or to a different ward. She further stated that the new voter registration system affords the City Clerk's Office of more options that were not part of the older system.

Ms. Arnold asked that on some of the deletes it shows administrative delete and what did that represent as well as some dates show 00/00/0000.

Ms. Piecuch explained that the administrative deletes are done when the Board of Registrars orders us to remove names from the checklist, as it doesn't fit the other parameters set forth in the program. The date of 00/00/0000 is from the conversion of the old system to the new system and that for some reason the system couldn't pick up the dates or no dates were there.

Mr. Bernier asked Ms. Piecuch to show Ms. Arnold the voter registration system. Ms. Piecuch opened the voter registration system and showed Ms. Arnold where the dates were coming from and that if someone requests an absentee ballot the system is updated, the date is changed and they will show up on the report.

Ms. Pepino stated she has a problem with a name appearing on the checklist twice with the names spelled two different ways. Mr. Bernier asked Ms. Piecuch to check the system with Ms. Pepino and Ms. Arnold so they could better understand what occurs when a voter registers.

Ms. Piecuch showed them how a new voter is registered and the qualifications that are done. She further explained that if the names are spelled differently that it could be caught in the pre-qualification with the voter's date of birth. Ms. Piecuch searched the voters in questioned and showed the Board what transpired and explained that after the September 21st election she would make the necessary corrections.

Ms. Pepino stated she also questioned when individuals use a space in their name or an apostrophe how it effects the checklist people in looking up their names.

Ms. Piecuch explained that in the old voter registration system, they could not use apostrophes and when converted they show up on the checklist with out them. She further explained that the City Clerk's Office would have to prepare a list of all those individuals who should have an apostrophe, like O'Brien and O'Shea and then manually fixed them.

Mr. Bernier stated it was something that his office would look into doing after the November election.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Registrars, on motion of Mr. Bernier, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest

Clerk
Board of Registrars