

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

**September 9, 2003**

**12:00 PM**

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Dorothy Krasner, Barbara Arnold, Brian McHugh, Rita Pepino  
Tricia Piecuch (representing Leo Bernier)

Chairman McHugh addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Acceptance of voter checklist (additions, deletions and changes) from  
May 26, 2003 through September 6, 2003.

On motion of Mr. McHugh, duly seconded by Ms. Krasner, it was voted to accept the changes to the checklist from May 26, 2003 through September 6, 2003. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman McHugh addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Ratify and confirm poll conducted on changes to the checklist for those individuals filing for office as noted below:

Daniel R. Soucy, address change; Paul R. R. Martineau, address change; Paul W. Porter, Jr., party change; Norma Greer Champagne, name change; Michael D. Brunelle, address and party change; June Panagopoulos, address change; Jeffrey C. Plourde, address change; Ariel Duffy, party change; Phil Greazzo, party change; Glen Gervais, party change; Joseph Venturini, address change; Anthony Botticello, party change; John Lowe, address change and Nicholas Panagopoulos, address change.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch explained that these changes were based on the filing period for municipal offices and that the phone poll was needed in order for the candidates to file for office and appreciated the assistance the Board gave her with the process.

On motion of Ms. Pepino, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to ratify and confirm the above poll conducted. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman McHugh addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Authorization to hire Deputy Registrars as needed to work on election day in the polling locations.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch explained to the Board that the decision to hire additional Deputy Registrars to work in the polling location belongs to the Board and that she was looking for permission to hire and train individuals to work in the polls or to float between the wards. She stated that currently some members of the Board worked and if others wanted to work, she would be happy to train them. She stated that the pay varies from those individuals that are working the first time, to seasoned workers, to city employees.

On motion of Ms. Krasner, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to authorize the City Clerk's Office to hire Deputy Registrars as needed to work on election day. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman McHugh addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Acceptance or denial of voter registration applications received by the Office of the City Clerk.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated that the City Clerk's Office had one form they received from a Mr. James C. Contarino that was being brought before the Board for their consideration. She explained that Mr. Contarino came into the office with no proof of residency and stated he hasn't received mail. The City Clerk's Office did have him complete a residency affidavit, but that form was now obsolete and maybe the Board would want him to complete the new residency affidavit which has stricter requirements with the penalties listed.

Ms. Krasner stated in the past and even at the polling locations they try to get some type of documentation that shows their residence, but now with the new forms it would be good to have him come in to complete the new form and to bring in the letter he received from the City Clerk's Office

Ms. Arnold stated that was a good idea.

On motion of Ms. Arnold, duly seconded by Ms. Krasner, it was voted to send Mr. Contarino a letter requesting that he come into the City Clerk's Office to complete a new residency affidavit and that he bring with him the letter he received from the office showing the postmark. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman McHugh addressed Item 7 of the Agenda:

Deputy Clerk Piecuch to provide election law updates relative to the Federal law of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and forms to be utilized to register residents of the City.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated that the Federal Law of Help America Vote (HAVA) has brought along many new law changes in our State and how the elections will be handled. The main bill was HB 627, which created new voter registration forms which adds the penalties for voter fraud on the. The Board was provided copies of the new voter registration forms, plus explanations. She also explained to the Board that voters can now fax an request for an absentee ballot, that there will be new absentee envelopes with the penalties stated on them, that there will be new postings to be placed in each polling location and that there will be, by 2006, a statewide central voter registration database. She also stated that the State was providing training on October 4, 2004 and invited Board members to attend the training being held in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. McHugh, duly seconded by Ms. Pepino, it was voted to adjourn. There being none opposed the motion carried.

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