

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

May 26, 2004

12:00 PM

In the absence of a Chairman, Deputy Clerk Piecuch called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Dorothy Krasner, Maureen Lillis, Jeanne Thornton, Tricia Piecuch
(representing Leo R. Bernier)

ABSENT: Barbara Arnold

Deputy Clerk Piecuch addressed item 3 of the agenda:

The Clerk advised that the purpose of the meeting was organizational in Nature; and that in accordance to City Charter, Section 5.11 (f) Organization: “Annually in May before transacting any other business, the Board of Registrars shall appoint one of its members as Chairman and one as Clerk.”; and requests nominations first for the Chairman and second for the Clerk.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch explained that historically the Chairman of the Board rotates between members and that the incoming Chairman should be Barbara Arnold, but the Board could choose any member. Deputy Clerk Piecuch explained that Ms. Arnold contacted her and regrets that she was unable to attend the meeting. Deputy Clerk Piecuch also stated that Chairman then usually becomes the Clerk, but that the prior Chairman, Brian McHugh’s, term expired and that it was up to the Board who they wanted to appoint.

On motion of Ms. Lillis, duly seconded by Ms. Thornton, it was voted to appoint Barbara Arnold as Chairman of the Board of Registrars.

On motion of Ms. Lillis, duly seconded by Ms. Thornton, it was voted to appoint Dorothy Krasner as Clerk of the Board of Registrars.

On motion of Ms. Krasner, duly seconded by Ms. Lillis, it was voted to close nominations and approved the nominations as presented. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch asked for a motion to elect a Chairman Pro-Tem in the absence of Chairman Arnold.

On motion of Ms. Thornton, duly seconded by Ms. Lillis, it was voted to elect Dorothy Krasner as Chairman Pro-Tem. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Pro-Tem Krasner addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Acceptance of voter checklist (additions, deletions and changes) from January 20, 2004 through May 25, 2004.

Ms. Lillis asked why the report showed May 26, 2004.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated that the report was for all voters up to May 25, 2004, but the snapshot of the system is done at 12:00 AM, so in order to include all voter registration changes for May 25th, the date selected was May 26th, but that it doesn't include any changes done on May 26th.

On motion of Ms. Thornton, duly seconded by Ms. Lillis, it was voted to accept the additions, deletions and changes of the checklist from January 20, 2004 through May 25, 2004. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Clerk Piecuch updated the Board regarding the filing period for State Representative and Delegate to the Republican Convention that begins next week. She stated that the last day for party affiliation changes would be Tuesday, June 1st and that the City Clerk's Office would be opened from 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM to accept changes to the checklist. She further stated that the filing period begins on Wednesday, June 2nd at 8:00 AM and runs through Friday, June 11th at 5:00 PM. She also informed the Board that anyone that comes in to file that needs any changes done to their voter registration, she would need to do a telephone poll to the Board in order for those individuals to file for office. She stated she was looking at polling the Board on Thursday, June 10th, but may also have to poll the Board Friday, June 11th for any late minute filers.

Ms. Thornton replied she would be around, but provided Deputy Clerk Piecuch with her cell phone if she needed to reach her.

Ms. Lillis asked why it was necessary to do the poll.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch explained that the Board of Registrars are the only ones who have the authority to add, delete or change voters on checklists; that the City Clerk accepts all adds, deletes or changes, but the Board has to officially approve them.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch informed the Board that the Legislature approved SB 449 which will add a referendum question to the September 2004 primary ballot regarding fluoride in Manchester's water.

Chairman Pro-Tem Krasner asked what the question would be.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated it will read "Shall fluoride be used in the Manchester public water system?" and it will also be given to voters in other municipalities that receive water from the City of Manchester.

Ms. Thornton asked if the SB regarding the checklist had passed the Legislature as she didn't see it in the paper.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated she wasn't sure.

Chairman Pro-Tem Krasner asked what the bill was about.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated it dealt with revising forms for those individuals that are temporarily absent from the city or are disable to include receiving a letter from a nursing home or similar facility to act as residency information, it also included removing the mailing addresses from the checklist and as information that is no longer public; that it sets where monies will be deposited that is collected for voter fraud and also sets Manchester's boundaries for State Senate and State Representative to those set forth in the Charter.

Ms. Lillis asked why where there changes for the boundaries of Manchester.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated that currently in Ward 6 there were three State Representative Districts due to the court decision on redistricting that the Court decided and that they did not accept the boundaries as approved in the City Charter, so this bill would adjust those boundaries as reflected in the City Charter.

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

A True Record. Attest

Clerk of Committee