

Reviewed by: _____

ELECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2019

Those present at the public meeting of the Venango County Election Board, held in Room 100 of the Courthouse Annex:

Vincent Witherup
Barbara Crudo
Robert L. Murray
Tim Brooks
Denise Jones
Rich Winkler

Shelly Hartle, Chief Clerk
Dottie Tawney, Administrative Assistant
Gerry McGuinness, Voter Registrar
Bradford Worthington
Albert Chip Abramovic

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Witherup called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2019

- Motion made by Ms. Crudo, seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 meeting, aye all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REVIEW OF BALLOT PETITIONS FOR MAY 21ST PRIMARY

- Mr. Murray made the motion to decline the petition of Mr. Todd Wetjen, Democrat petition for Valley Grove School Board. This petition was rejected because the affidavit of circulator states that Mr. Wetjen circulated the Democrat petition on his own behalf but he is a registered Republican, seconded by Ms. Crudo, aye all.
- A motion was made by Ms. Crudo to accept all other petitions, seconded by Mr. Murray, aye all.

DISCUSSION OF VOTING MACHINES

Discussion of voting machines that are being considered. The attendees of the recent demonstration, voted on the system that they liked most. Votes were 54 Votes for ES&S; 31 Votes for ClearBallot; 3 Votes No preference. The public was invited to comment at this time. Mr. Bradford Worthington asked several questions regarding security of the new systems, discussion ensued.

- Following discussion, Mr. Murray made the motion to adopt a resolution to purchase machines from ES&S with the purchase amount not to exceed \$150,000 in the first year, seconded by Ms. Crudo, aye all.

MANDATORY DATES FOR ELECTION BOARD

Mandatory dates for election board are -

Casting of Lots, March 20th @ 11:30am

Election Day, May 21

Canvassing day, May 24 9:00am

ELECTION BOARD MEETING DATES:

March 20 11:30AM

March 26 9:00AM

April 23 9:00AM

May 28 9:00AM

CONSIDERATION OF POLLING RELOCATION

Ms. Hartle presented to the Board, a letter from President Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department declines the request to hold future elections at their facility. They will agree to one more election at their facility but location will need to be moved before the November 2019 election.

- Motion was made to move the location of this precinct for the November 2019 election to the President Township building, seconded by Mr. Murray, aye all.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT


None

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn at 11:30 am, was made by Ms. Crudo, seconded by Mr. Murray, aye all.

The next scheduled Election Board Meeting will be March 26, 9:00 am, Courthouse Annex, Room 100

Respectfully submitted,


Dottie Tawney
Elections Coordinator