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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

CRYSTAL RECKER 635 Ridgeview Circle #227 Grand Chute, Wisconsin 54914

and

NANCY WHITE W9107 School Road Hortonville, Wisconsin 54944

Plaintiffs,

Case No.: 24-CV-

Code No.: 30704, 30701, 30952

v.

CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF APPLETON 100 North Appleton Street, Appleton, WI 54911

Defendant.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN to each person named above as a Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiffs named above have filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within twenty (20) days of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Wis. Stat. Ch. 802, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the Statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Outagamie County Circuit Courthouse, 320 S Walnut St., Appleton, Wisconsin 54911, and to the Plaintiffs' attorneys, the Law Firm of Conway,

Olejniczak & Jerry, S.C., 231 S. Adams Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301. You may have an

attorney help or represent you.

seizure of property.

If you do not provide a proper answer within twenty (20) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or

Dated this 19th day of July, 2024.

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COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the above-named Plaintiffs, Crystal Recker and Nancy White, by their attorneys, the Law Firm of Conway, Olejniczak & Jerry, S.C., who complain and allege against the above-named Defendant as follows:

NATURE OF THIS ACTION

1. Elections are critical to our representative Republic and, as the Wisconsin Supreme Court has recently emphasized, "protecting the integrity and reliability of the electoral process, as well as promoting the public's confidence in elections . . . are always exceedingly important." *Milwaukee Branch of NAACP v. Walker*, 2014 WI 98, ¶ 73, 357 Wis. 2d 469, 504–05, 851 N.W.2d 262, 279–80

2. The Legislature for the State of Wisconsin has the sole authority to enact laws relating to suffrage, including "[p]roviding for absentee voting." Wis. Const. art. III, § 2; art. IV, § 1.

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- 3. Administration of our elections in accordance with the laws enacted by the Legislature, is critical and "mandatory" as it pertains to absente ballot voting, since voting by absentee ballot is a "privilege . . . [that] must be carefully regulated to prevent the potential for fraud or abuse." Wis. Stat. § 6.84(1), (2).
- Such mandatory absentee ballot procedures include the process to apply and vote 4. before a special voting deputy at a qualified retirement home or residential care facility. Wis. Stat. §§ 6.84(2), 6.86(1)(a)5, and 6.875.
- Wisconsin law offers residents of residential care facilities and qualified retirement 5. homes the opportunity to cast in-person absentee ballots from their facility or home in a process overseen by special voting deputies. The Legislature promulgated express procedures for absentee voting inside residential care facilities and qualified retirement homes in Wis. Stat. § 6.875, and provided that such voting "shall be conducted by municipalities only in the manner prescribed in [\ 6.875]" and is "the exclusive means of absentee voting in person inside that facility or home for electors who are occupants of the facility or home." Wis. Stat. § 6.875(2)(a).
- 6. The municipality is required to "appoint at least 2 special voting deputies for the municipality" in the event that absentee voting in a qualified retirement home or residential care facility takes place and "shall dispatch 2 special voting deputies to visit the home or facility for the purpose of supervising absentee voting procedure by occupants of the home or facility." *Id.* at (4)(a).

- 7. Special voting deputies are a type of "election official," which is defined as "an individual who is charged with any duties relating to the conduct of an election." Wis. Stat. § 5.02(4e).
- 8. Nominations for the special voting deputy positions "may be submitted by the 2 recognized political parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the municipality at the most recent general election" and "shall be specially appointed to carry out the duties under par. (a) for the period specified in s. 7.30(6)(a)." Wis. Stat. § 6.87(4)(b).
- 9. The two recognized political parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the City of Appleton at the most recent general election were the Republican and Democratic parties.
- 10. Wis. Stat. § 7.30 generally governs the "[a]ppointment of election officials" and provides that "only those persons submitted by the chairperson" of the two political parties "may act as election officials." Wis. Stat. § 7.30(4)(b)2.a.
- 11. Furthermore, for so long as nominees are available, "appointments may be made only from the lists of nominees submitted" by the political parties. Wis. Stat. § 7.30(4)(c).
- 12. The "[d]eadline for political parties to submit list of nominees for . . . special voting deputies to municipalities" was November 30, 2023. Wis. Elec. Comm'n, *Calendar of Election Events Nov.* 2023 Jan. 2025, at 1, located at: https://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Wisconsin%20Elections%20Commission%20Electionsw20Commission%20Electionsw20Commission%20Electionsw20Feb19.2024%29.pdf (last visited July 15, 2024); Wis. Stat. §§ 6.875(4) and 7.30(4).

- 13. The "[d]eadline for [the] governing body of a municipality to appoint . . . special voting deputies for the 2024-2025 term" was December 31, 2023. Id.
- 14. The term of a special voting deputy is for 2 years from appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualified, and, furthermore, the special voting deputy "shall serve at every election held in their ward during their term of office." Wis. Stat. § 7.30(6)(a).
- 15. Within 5 days after appointment as a special voting deputy, the municipal clerk "shall give each appointee notice" and the appointee shall file an official oath with the municipal clerk thereafter. Wis. Stat. §§ 6.875(5), 7.30(5).
- Thereafter, the "2 deputies appointed under sub. (4) shall visit the home or facility" 16. at the designated date and time.
- Whenever special voting deputies representing different political parties are 17. available, the "2 deputies designated to visit each qualified retirement home and residential care facility shall be affiliated with different political parties." Wis. Stat. § 6.875(4)(a).
- The municipal clerk is required to maintain a list of each home or facility where 18. special voting deputies are dispatched, including the date and time the deputies intend to visit each home or facility. Id.
- Contrary to Wis. Stat. §§ 6.875 and 7.30, the City Clerk for the City of Appleton 19. has prohibited or otherwise excluded Plaintiffs, who were nominated by the Republican Party of Outagamie County to act as a special voting deputies and who were previously appointed by the Appleton Common Council to serve in such a capacity, from acting as a special voting deputies in relation to the August 13th Partisan Primary.
- 20. This is an action against the City Clerk for the City of Appleton, seeking a temporary restraining order and injunction prohibiting Defendant from violating Wis. Stat. §§

6.875 and 7.30, which requires that municipal clerks assign special voting deputies submitted by the political parties before assigning non-affiliated special voting deputies, and an order requiring that Plaintiffs, and other special voting deputies nominated by the Republican Party of Outagamie County, be scheduled and allowed to serve as special voting deputies to conduct and supervise the in-person absentee ballot voting process at qualified retirement homes and retirement care facilities in the City of Appleton, and a declaration that Defendant has violated the law by refusing to appoint Plaintiffs and other Republican Party special voting deputies.

PARTIES

- 21. The Plaintiff, Crystal Recker ("Recker"), is an adult individual and citizen of the State of Wisconsin, who resides at 635 Ridgeview Circle #227, Grand Chute, Wisconsin 54911.
- 22. Recker is a qualified elector and a resident of Outagamie County, but does not reside in the City of Appleton.
- 23. Recker's normal polling place for voting purposes is located in the Town of Grand Chute.
 - 24. Recker is not a candidate in the upcoming August or November 2024 elections.
- 25. Recker is not, and has never been, employed by any qualified retirement home or residential care facility in the City of Appleton.
- 26. No member of Recker's immediate family is, or has ever been, employed by any qualified retirement home or residential care facility in the City of Appleton.
- 27. Recker is qualified to act and serve as a special voting deputy, has read the statutes governing absentee voting, understands the proper absentee voting procedure, understands the penalties for noncompliance with the procedure under § 12.13, and understands that special voting

deputies are obligated to fully and fairly implement the absentee voting law and seek to have the intent of voters ascertained.

- 28. Recker also understands that any error in conducting voting at residential care facilities or qualified retirement homes may result in invalidation of an elector's vote under § 7.51(2)(e) and realizes that absentee voting is a privilege and not a constitutional right.
- 29. Recker is also able and ready to serve as a special voting deputy for all of the upcoming elections through 2024-2025.
- 30. The Plaintiff, Nancy White ("White"), is an adult individual and citizen of the State of Wisconsin, who resides at W9107 School Road, Hortonville, Wisconsin 54944. White and Recker are collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs."
- White is a qualified elector and a resident of Outagamie County, but does not reside 31. in the City of Appleton.
 - White's normal polling place for voting purposes is located in the Village of Dale. 32.
 - White is not a candidate in the upcoming August or November 2024 elections. 33.
- 34. White is not, and has never been, employed by any qualified retirement home or residential care facility in the City of Appleton.
- 35. No member of White's immediate family is, or has ever been, employed by any qualified retirement home or residential care facility in the City of Appleton.
- 36. White is qualified to act and serve as a special voting deputy, has read the statutes governing absentee voting, understands the proper absentee voting procedure, understands the penalties for noncompliance with the procedure under § 12.13, and understands that special voting deputies are obligated to fully and fairly implement the absentee voting law and seek to have the intent of voters ascertained.

- 37. White also understands that any error in conducting voting at residential care facilities or qualified retirement homes may result in invalidation of an elector's vote under § 7.51(2)(e) and realizes that absentee voting is a privilege and not a constitutional right.
- 38. White is also able and ready to serve as a special voting deputy for all of the upcoming elections through 2024-2025.
- 39. The Defendant, the City Clerk for the City of Appleton ("Defendant"), Wisconsin, its office, employees, and representatives, is located at 100 North Appleton Street, Appleton, Wisconsin 54911.
- 40. The Defendant is responsible for, among other things, the administration of elections in the City of Appleton, including scheduling special voting deputies in relation to absentee ballot voting in residential care facilities and qualified retirement homes.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 41. Jurisdiction is appropriate in the State of Wisconsin as the parties reside within the State of Wisconsin and the conduct challenged herein was carried out in the State of Wisconsin.
- 42. Venue is appropriate in Outagamie County pursuant to Wis. Stat. 801.50(2)(a) and (c).

BACKGROUND FACTS

- 43. Wisconsin allows absentee ballot voting for residents in qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities prior to election day, which is conducted by special voting deputies in such homes and facilities pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 6.875.
- 44. The first day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents of qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities in Wisconsin for the upcoming August 13th Partisan Primary is July 22, 2024, and the last day for special voting deputies to conduct

absentee voting for residents of qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities for the upcoming Partisan Primary is August 12, 2024. Wis. Stat. § 6.875(6).

- 45. Similarly, for the November 5th General Election, the first day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents of qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities in Wisconsin is October 14, 2024, and the last day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents of qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities is November 4, 2024. Wis. Stat. § 6.875(6).
- 46. Plaintiffs are affiliated with the Republican Party and were previously nominated by the Outagamie County Republican Party, prior to November 30, 2023, to serve as election officials, more specifically identified as a special voting deputies or "SVDs," in the City of Appleton. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a copy of the submission by the Republican Party to the City of Appleton of its nominees, which includes Plaintiffs, and which has been redacted to exclude non-party phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
- 47. In addition to Plaintiffs, the Republican Party also specifically nominated 14 other individuals to serve as special voting deputies in the City of Appleton prior to November 30, 2023. See **Exhibit A**, with the names of Republican Party special voting deputy nominees highlighted.
- 48. On December 6, 2023, and with the Defendant in attendance, the City of Appleton Common Council considered the nominations submitted by the Republican Party as part of Item No. 23-1421. See a recording of that December 6, 2023 Common Council meeting at: https://cityofappleton.granicus.com/player/clip/4344?view_id=3&meta_id=348664&redirect=tru e (see 2:47 4:45 of the video recording related to the discussion and passage of).
- 49. On December 6, 2023, Plaintiffs were approved and appointed to serve as election officials in the City of Appleton. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a copy of the published meeting minutes

from the December 6, 2023 meeting of the City of Appleton Common Council, and as Exhibit C is a copy of those nominees who were appointed or approved of by the City of Appleton Common Council, including Plaintiffs, and record of passage.

- 50. On or about July 12, 2024, a representative of Defendant provided notice of the locations, dates, and times for absentee voting at qualified residential homes and residential care facilities in the City of Appleton related to the August 13th Partisan Primary, as well as identifying by name the special voting deputies who were scheduled. Attached as Exhibit D is a copy of the July 12, 2024 e-mail from Amy Molitor, an employee of Defendant, and as Exhibit E the schedule attached to that e-mail providing for the locations, dates, and times for absentee voting at qualified residential homes and residential care facilities in the City of Appleton related to the August 13th Partisan Primary and the corresponding special voting deputies (the "Schedule").
- 51. The Schedule provides for special voting deputies to conduct absentee ballot voting at 7 different qualified retirement homes or residential facilities in the City of Appleton from July 23, 2024 through August 7, 2024.
- Neither Plaintiffs nor any other Republican Party nominated special voting deputy 52. is identified in the Schedule.
- 53. Despite being qualified, nominated, and appointed, Defendant refused to schedule Plaintiffs to serve as a special voting deputies, during the time for absentee voting at qualified residential homes and residential care facilities, in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary.
- 54. Similarly, Defendant refused to schedule or allow any of the individuals previously nominated by the Republican Party, and later appointed by the City of Appleton Common Council, to serve as special voting deputies related to the August 13th Partisan Primary.

55. Upon information and belief, Defendant knowingly and deliberately rejected any Republican Party special voting deputies and, rather, only scheduled individuals to act as special

voting deputies who were not affiliated with the Republican Party, which is contrary to law.

- 56. As set forth in § 7.30 titled "Appointment of Election Officials," Wisconsin law is clear that "those persons submitted by the chairperson" of the Republican and Democratic political parties "may act as election officials," which includes special voting deputies. Wis. Stat. §§ 7.30(4)(b)2.a, and 5.02(4e).
- 57. Furthermore, for so long as any nominees from either the Republican or Democratic political parties are available, "appointments may be made only from the lists of nominees submitted" by those political parties. Wis. Stat. § 7.30(4)(c).
- 58. Likewise, the Wisconsin Elections Commission (the "Commission") has repeatedly instructed municipal clerks that special voting deputies nominated by the Democratic and Republican Parties must be given priority before any unaffiliated individuals are selected as special voting deputies.
- 59. For example, the Commission's "Election Administration Manual" provides as follows in relation to special voting deputies:

Selection and Appointment

- 1. Nominations for special voting deputy positions may be submitted by the two dominant political parties at the same time as election inspector nominations are submitted. If no nominations are submitted, **then** the municipal clerk may appoint qualified electors of the municipality of his or her choosing, without regard to party affiliation.
- 2. The two deputies designated to conduct absentee voting at each facility should be affiliated with different political parties whenever possible.

Wis. Elec. Comm'n, *Election Administration Manual*, pp. 125-126, Feb. 2024, located at: https://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/documents/EA%20Manual-

February%202024 format%20update.pdf (last visited on July 16, 2024)(emphasis added). A copy, in pertinent part, is also attached as Exhibit F.

60. Likewise, the Commission's "Election Day Manual" provides the following instruction to clerks:

Nominations for special voting deputy positions may be submitted by the two dominant political parties at the same time as election inspector nominations are submitted. If no nominations are submitted, then the municipal clerk may appoint qualified electors of the county without regard to party affiliation. At least two SVDs must be appointed, if any.

Wis. Elec. Comm'n, Election Day Manual, pp. 11-12, Feb. 2024, located at:

https://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ED%20Manual=February%202024.pdf (last visited on July 18, 2024). A copy, in pertinent part, is also attached as **Exhibit G**. See also Wis. Elec. Comm'n, Manual on Absentee Voting in Residential Care Facilities and Retirement Homes, p. 5, Jan. 2024, located at:

https://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Absentee%20Voting%20in%20Residential %20Care%20Facilities%20and%20Retitement%20Homes%20%282024-01%29.pdf (last visited on July 16, 2024) (As long as there are submissions from a political party, "SVDs must be selected from the lists.")).

- 61. Accordingly, Defendant is required to allow Plaintiffs and other Republican Party nominees, who were subsequently approved of or appointed, to serve as special voting deputies before any unaffiliated individual is scheduled or allowed to serve as a special voting deputy.
- Additionally, Defendant is prohibited from rejecting or otherwise not scheduling 62. Plaintiffs and other Republican party nominees, who were subsequently approved of or appointed, simply because they were nominated by the Republican Party.

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- 63. Defendant has no authority to unilaterally reject, disregard, or ignore properly nominated and appointed special voting deputies by the two dominant or recognized political parties, such as Plaintiffs.
- 64. Upon information and belief, unaffiliated individuals received preferential treatment and/or Defendant improperly discriminated against Plaintiffs and other Republican Party nominees simply due to their political party affiliation in relation to serving as special voting deputies for the August 13th Partisan Primary.
- The Plaintiffs are qualified to serve, and therefore have a right to serve, as special 65. voting deputies in the City of Appleton and ensure that the election is being administered in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and Plaintiffs have been harmed as a result of Defendant's unlawful actions.
- If Defendant is allowed to continue to prohibit Plaintiffs from serving as special 66. voting deputies in the City of Appleton, and in a manner contrary to law, it will only cast doubt on the administration of our elections and cause a lack of voter confidence in our electoral process.

COUNT I: INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 67. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the previously alleged paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 68. Defendant has violated, and continues to violate, Wis. Stat. § 6.875 and § 7.30 by rejecting or otherwise failing to allow Plaintiffs, and others previously nominated by the Republican Party to serve as special voting deputies and appointed, from serving and acting as special voting deputies in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary.
- 69. Upon information and belief, Defendant and employees of its office will continue to operate absentee ballot voting at qualified residential homes and residential care facilities in the

City of Appleton without scheduling or otherwise allowing Plaintiffs, and others previously nominated by the Republican Party to serve as special voting deputies and appointed, from serving and acting as special voting deputies in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary and the November 5th General Election, which is contrary to law.

- 70. Plaintiffs, and others previously nominated by the Republican Party to serve as special voting deputies and appointed, will suffer irreparable harm from Defendant's refusal to allow them to serve and act as special voting deputies in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary and the November 5th General Election in violation of Wis. Stat. § 6.875 and § 7.30.
 - 71. As Plaintiffs have no other adequate remedy at law, injunctive relief is appropriate.

COUNT II: DECLARATORY RELIEF

- 72. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the previously alleged paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
 - 73. The interests of Plaintiffs and Defendant are adverse.
- 74. The controversy is ripe for a judicial determination as to whether Defendant's interpretation and application of Wis. Stat. § 6.875 and § 7.30 is in accordance with the law.
- 75. Plaintiffs are entitled to a declaration that Defendant violated Wis. Stat. § 6.875 and § 7.30 by rejecting or otherwise failing to allow Plaintiffs, and others previously nominated by the Republican Party to serve as special voting deputies and appointed, from serving and acting as special voting deputies in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary before allowing individuals not affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties.
- 76. Such judicial determination is necessary to terminate the controversy between the parties, and to clarify Wisconsin law in anticipation of future elections.

COUNT III: WRIT OF MANDAMUS

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- 77. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the previously alleged paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 78. Plaintiffs have a clear legal right to serve as a special voting deputy in the City of Appleton.
- 79. Defendant has a clear and unequivocal legal obligation to schedule or otherwise take whatever steps necessary to allow Plaintiffs to perform duties of a special voting deputy at qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary and the November 5th General Election.
- 80. Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm if Defendant and its office do not comply with its duties as prescribed by Wis. Stat. § 6.875 and § 7.30.
- A writ of mandamus is required to compel Defendant to adhere to its duties and 81. administer the upcoming election in accordance with Wisconsin law and, in particular, order Defendant to schedule or otherwise take whatever steps necessary to allow Plaintiffs, and others previously nominated by the Republican Party and appointed to serve as special voting deputies, to perform duties of a special voting deputy at qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary and the November 5th General Election.

RELIEF REQUESTED

The Plaintiffs demand Judgment against the Defendant as follows:

1. An immediate restraining order entered against Defendant and prohibiting Defendant from violating Wis. Stat. §6.875 and § 7.30, and prohibiting Defendant from precluding or restricting Plaintiffs, and others previously nominated by the Republican Party and appointed,

from acting as special voting deputies at qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary.

- 2. A temporary and permanent injunction prohibiting Defendant from violating Wis. Stat. § 6.875 and § 7.30, and prohibiting Defendant from precluding or restricting Plaintiffs, and others previously nominated by the Republican Party and appointed, from acting as special voting deputies at qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary and November 5th General Election.
- 3. A declaration that Defendant violated Wis. Stat. § 6.875 and § 7.30 by rejecting or otherwise failing to allow Plaintiffs, and others previously nominated by the Republican Party to serve as special voting deputies and appointed, from serving and acting as special voting deputies in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary before allowing individuals unaffiliated with either the Republican Party or Democratic Party from serving as special voting deputies.
- 4. An order directing Defendant to schedule or otherwise take whatever steps necessary to allow Plaintiffs, and others previously nominated by the Republican Party and appointed, to perform duties of a special voting deputy at qualified retirement homes and residential care facilities in the City of Appleton for the August 13th Partisan Primary and the November 5th General Election, and post a copy of the Court's order and a notice in the entrance way to Defendant's office and on the Defendant's website.
 - 5. All statutory costs and disbursements incurred in pursuing this action.
 - 6. Judgment for such other and further relief the Court may deem just and equitable.

THE LAW FIRM OF CONWAY, OLEJNICZAK & JERRY, S.C. Attorneys for the Plaintiffs.

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Names in I	Names in bold are those who currently serve as Election Inspectors and are either re-appointed or have switched from non-affiliated.													



City of Appleton

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Meeting Minutes - Final Common Council

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Woodford at 7:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

The Invocation was offered by Alderperson Jones.

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- D. ROLL CALL OF ALDERPERSONS

Present: 14 - Alderperson William Siebers, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson

Brad Firkus, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Joss Thyssen, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim, Alderperson Christopher Croatt, Alderperson Chad

Doran and Mayor Jake Woodford

Excused: 2 - Alderperson Israel Del Toro and Alderperson Kristin Alfheim

E. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

All Departments were represented.

F. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

23-1420 Common Council Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023

Attachments: CC Minutes 11-15-23.pdf

Alderperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Alderperson Fenton, that the Minutes be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Alderperson William Siebers, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson

Brad Firkus, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Joss Thyssen, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim, Alderperson Christopher Croatt and

Alderperson Chad Doran

Excused: 2 - Alderperson Israel Del Toro and Alderperson Kristin Alfheim

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

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G. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

23-1421 Appointment of Election Inspectors for the 2024-2025 Election Cycle

> **Attachments:** Election Inspector Nomination Listing 2024-2025.pdf

Alderperson Fenton moved, seconded by Alderperson Croatt, that the appointments be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderperson William Siebers, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson Brad Firkus, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Joss Thyssen, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Christopher Croatt and Alderperson Chad Doran

Excused: 2 - Alderperson Israel Del Toro and Alderperson Kristin Alfheim

Abstained: 2 - Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim and Mayor Jake Woodford

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Η.

There was no one signed up to speak during public participation.

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<u>23-1396</u>

Approve the roadway design parameters: **Perkins Street**, from Prospect Avenue to the RR Tracks (1,480 ft), be reconstructed with concrete pavement and curb and gutter. The details of the proposed Perkins Street reconstruction project are as follows:

- New concrete pavement constructed to a width of 31' from back of curb to back of curb, which is 9' narrower than the existing street (40') within this portion of the project.
- New 5' concrete sidewalk, where none currently exists, within the project limits.
- Curb extensions (narrowing of the pavement) at Charles
 St to serve as traffic calming.
- Existing on-street parking would be restricted along the east side of Perkins St, within the project limits.

Alderperson Croatt moved, seconded by Alderperson Fenton, that the roadway design parameters be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Alderperson William Siebers, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson Brad Firkus, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Joss Thyssen, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim, Alderperson Christopher Croatt and Alderperson Chad Doran

Excused: 2 - Alderperson Israel Del Toro and Alderperson Kristin Alfheim

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

23-1403

Request to approve the 2024 Special Assessment Policy as presented, and Amethyst Drive Concrete Project (Blue Topaz to Aquamarine) be subject to the 2023 Special Assessment Policy.

<u>Attachments:</u> 2024 Assessment Policy - DRAFT 11-14-23.pdf

Memo - DPW 2024 Special Assessment Policy.pdf

Alderperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Alderperson Croatt, that the Policy be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Alderperson William Siebers, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson Brad Firkus, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Joss Thyssen, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim, Alderperson Christopher Croatt and Alderperson Chad Doran

Excused: 2 - Alderperson Israel Del Toro and Alderperson Kristin Alfheim

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

L. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Balance of the action items on the agenda.

Alderperson Hartzheim moved, Alderperson Fenton seconded, to approve the balance of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Alderperson William Siebers, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson Brad Firkus, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Joss Thyssen, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim, Alderperson Christopher Croatt and Alderperson Chad Doran

Excused: 2 - Alderperson Israel Del Toro and Alderperson Kristin Alfheim

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

1. MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

23-1397

Approve the roadway design parameters: **Morrison Street**, from Glendale Avenue to Pershing Street (1,480 ft), be reconstructed with asphalt pavement and concrete curb and gutter. The details of the proposed Morrison Street reconstruction project are as follows:

- New asphalt pavement and concrete curb and gutter constructed to a width of 27' from back of curb to back of curb, which is 6' narrower than the existing street (33') within this portion of the project.
 - Curb extensions (narrowing of the pavement) constructed at Marquette St to serve as traffic calming.
- Traffic calming circle constructed at the intersection with Lindbergh Street.
- Existing on-street parking would be restricted along the west side of Morrison Street, within the project limits.

This Report Action Item was approved.

23-1398 Approve request from The Boldt Company for an extension to an

existing street occupancy permit for the Fox Commons City Center Plaza construction site perimeter fencing and staging on Oneida Street south of Washington Street (from E. Washington Street to N. Appleton Street) for a period ending on February 29, 2024.

Attachments: The Boldt Company City Center Street Occupancy Permit Extension

Request.pdf

This Report Action Item was approved.

- 2. MINUTES OF THE SAFETY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
- 3. MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION
- 4. MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
- 5. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

23-1437 Request to approve Resolution #2023-06 to Accept Interest-free Loan

from WI Department of Revenue (DOR) and Decrease the 2023 Tax

Levy

Attachments: Resolution 2023-06.pdf

C. Appleton Sec. 70.57(4)(d) Loan Explanation - V2.pdf

2023 Tax Rate Analysis.pdf

This Report Action Item was approved.

- 6. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- 7. MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE
- 8. MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
- 9. MINUTES OF THE FOX CITIES TRANSIT COMMISSION
- 10. MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
- M. CONSOLIDATED ACTION ITEMS

- N. ITEMS HELD
- O. ORDINANCES
- P. LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION
- Q. RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY ALDERPERSONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION
 - 23-1476 Resolution #15-R-23 Parking Facility & Management Study

<u>Attachments:</u> #15-R-23 Parking Facility & Management Study.pdf

- R. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS
- S. CLOSED SESSION
 - The Common Council will go into closed session according to State Statute §19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties and the investing of public funds, regarding the U.S. Venture development project and then reconvene into open session.

Alderperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Alderperson Schultz, that the Common Council convene into Closed Session at 7:15 p.m. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Alderperson William Siebers, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson Brad Firkus, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Joss Thyssen, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim, Alderperson Christopher Croatt and Alderperson Chad Doran

Excused: 2 - Alderperson Israel Del Toro and Alderperson Kristin Alfheim

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

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Alderperson Schultz moved, seconded by Alderperson Croatt to reconvene into open session at 8:15 p.m. Roll Call. Motion Carried 13/0.

Alderperson Hartzheim moved, seconded by Alderperson Wolff, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

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Aye: 13 - Alderperson William Siebers, Alderperson Vered Meltzer, Alderperson Brad Firkus, Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Alderperson Denise Fenton, Alderperson Patrick Hayden, Alderperson Joss Thyssen, Alderperson Alex Schultz, Alderperson Vaya Jones, Alderperson Nate Wolff, Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim, Alderperson Christopher Croatt and Alderperson Chad Doran

Excused: 2 - Alderperson Israel Del Toro and Alderperson Kristin Alfheim

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Jake Woodford

Kami Lynch, City Clerk

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Election Inspector Appointments for 2024-2025

The following individuals are nominated to serve as Election Inspectors in and for the City of Appleton for the 2024-2025 Election Cycle:

Democratic Election Inspectors

Biesik Heather Biringer Gene Clementi Donna Coakley Christiana Gerwe Michael Giese Fredric Glidden Maja

Holtman Gretchen Marie Kane Emma Lewis Cassidy Mattingly Gabe McCulloch Laurel McKee Charles Mullaney Tim Riester Jeffrey Werner Pauline

Christian

Wolslegel

Republican Election Inspectors

Affeldt Ken Baehman Susan Baehman Richard Bartels Warren Bell Laura **Bohnert** Michele Bourin Mitchell Brouillard Linda Burgert Kathleen Campbell Barry Campbell Susan Clark Christine Cooke Christine Dalessandro Nick Davey Dennis Erickson Caroline Επί Gary Frost Tana Gasmen Maudie Gehl Donna Gilboa David Julie Herman Janke Michael Kempen Barbara David Kempen Kichefske Gricelda Klitzke Kyle Klitzke Andrea Kox Jeremy Kox Megan Kramer Robert Krenger Todd Kroes Carl Krummel Greg Kurland James Letendre Jesse Lintner James Lintner Lynne Mancl Mary Mischka Kathy Ninivaggi Jennifer Parker Daniel Patrick Randerson Ray Tina Recker Crystal Rolain Amy Rose Noreen Michael Sajbel

Schumacher

Simon

John

Lori

Republican Election Inspectors (continued)

Spice Jethro Treichel Donna Treichel Joan Truyman Deborah Truyman Richard Ulness Pam Van Boxtel Gerald Welch Alex White Nancy Wilke David

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Unaffiliated Election Inspectors

Unaffiliated Election Insp	pectors
Abraham	Mary
Alsabah	Patricia
Amich	Steve
Arndt	Erin
Balliet	Andrew
Baron	Scott
Bartel	Elaine
Bauman	Andrea
Baumann	Shelley
Bjornerud	Marcia
Boardman	Julian
Bonnell	Carol
Bremer	Anne
Brooks	Patricia
Brown	Charles
Brunner	Andrea
Brux	Nancy
Budde	Matthew
Casey	Margaret
Casey	Patrick
Caveny	Thomas
Ciske	Pamela
Cline	Brenda
Coakley	James
Cooney	Paul
Corry	Frances
Cramer	Elizabeth
Daly	Eileen
Delie	Kim
DeRuyter	Katie Kathleen Megan Karen Deborah Jann Lynn Sharon
DeVries	Kathleen
Dobrinska	Megan
Dorn	Karen
Dreher Dreier	Deborah
Driessen	Jann
Duerkop	Lynn Sharon
Emery	Anissa
Evans	Mark
Ewing	Kathryn
Fairchild	Mary
Faltynski	Jean
Fargen	Frances
Farina	Marcel
Farrell	Anna
Femal	Amanda
Fero	Ann
Flom	Richard
Floodstrand	Cynthia
Freitag	Karen
Frey	William
Frye	Frances
Funk	Jesse
Gadzik	Michael
Gain	Ann

Gentrup Carmelyn Gerlach Mary Gibbon Jayne Gile Barbara Gill Mary Gralewicz Renee Graves Jane Daniel Gretzinger Gross Teresa Guest Madeline Hantel Gretchen Hartzheim Sheri Hash Linda David Hayden Heinrich Jayne Heiting Mary Holdorf Pamela Huntinton Sally Immekus Janice Jackson Audrey Jahnke Margaret Jandl Richard Jansen Martin Debra Jepson Juneau Lawrence Kachur Daniel Kamm Sherrie Kaufman Karl Kay Amy Keller John Kellner Rebecca Kenevan Jeannine King Steven Klawikowski Eugene Klein Mary Klein-Marsh Carolyn Kolstad Kevin Koschnik Mary Krueger Nancy Kurath Jane Kurth Sandra Lee Thomas Loomans LuAnn Kevin Loosen Mahnke Ruth Mahnke William Mares Mary Mattingly Dana McGrath Maureen Merritt Amy Merry Barbara Milan Richard Miller Sharon Moyle Anthony Muinde Laura Esther Murphy

Stephen **Nichols** Oates John Orth Kathleen Peikert Kay Peot Sharon Peterson Timothy Pamela Peterson Peterson Thomas Phillip Gay Phillips Medith Pietz Leon Pingel William John Pohl Putnam Amy Putzer Diane Ray Rebecca Reed Marlyce Reilly John Remter Betty Ritzke Sandy Roarty Timothy Ross Jennifer Victoria Rotzel Salentine-Juneau Sarah Salm Phillip Saunders Julie Sawall Julie Schauland Jeanne Scheffler Mark Schroeder Caroline Schuette Clarence Schultz James Shapiro Carol Sheffler Linda Siebers Bruce Siebers Susan Siracusa Stephen Sjostrom Tyler Skorr Amanda Smit Mary Speering Linda Julia Squier Staedt Paula Strauss Joseph Talamanco Virginia Thiel John Thompson John Towner Susan Tubbs Michele Uberoi Arti Van Boxtel

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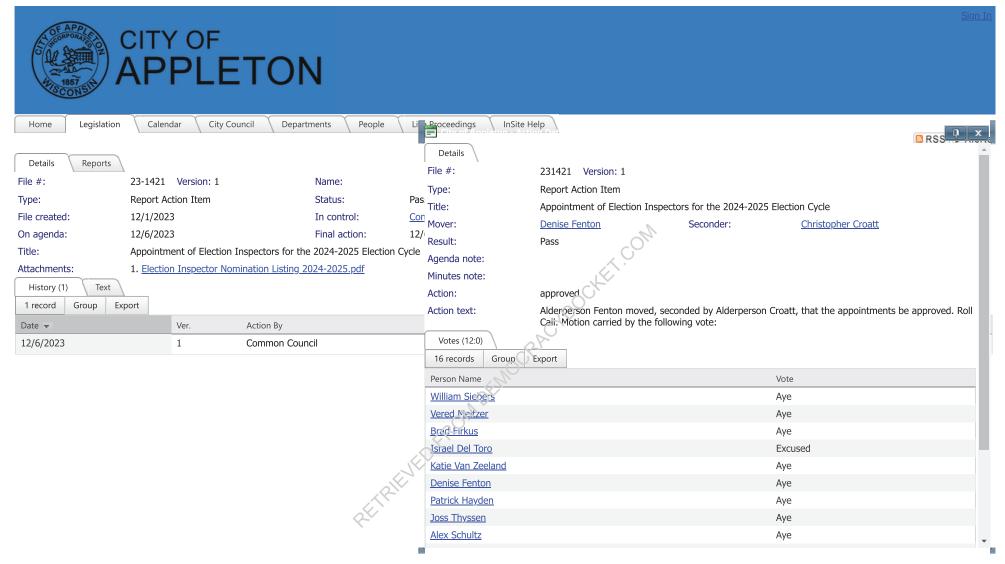
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Kurt A. Goehre

Subject: FW: Request for list of SVD's for August Primary

Attachments: SVD Schedule.pdf

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From: Amy E. Molitor <amy.molitor@appleton.org>
To: m_janke2@aol.com <m_janke2@aol.com>
Cc: Pam VanHandel <amy.molitor@appleton.org>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 at 10:32:35 AM CDT

Subject: RE: Request for list of SVD's for August Primary

Good Morning Michael,

Attached is the SVD worker schedule you requested for the August election.

This has the dates and times of the visits on it, but those can also be found on our website at this link: https://www.appleton.org/government/city-clerk/elections/news-announcements

Amy

From: m janke2@aol.com <m janke2@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:17 PM

To: Amy E. Molitor < Amy. Molitor @Appleton.org >

Cc: Michael Janke <m janke2@agl.com>; Pam VanHandel <pam.fcm@gmail.com>

Subject: Request for list of SVD's for August Primary

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Amy, Good evening. I am the Outagamie County Republican Party Election Integrity Chairman. I usually deal with Kristi King, but I believe she has left her position. I am writing this mail to get a listing of the Special Voting Deputies (SVD) who will employed for the August election.

I went to the city web site but could not find a schedule of the dates that voting will be conducted for the assisted living facilities in Appleton. Can you direct me to this information?

I look forward to your response.

Thank you again,

Michael Janke MBA

Outagamie County Supervisor 25th District

Election Integrity Officer

Republican Party of Outagamie County

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SVD: Care Partners

Location: Care Partners, 5101 N French Road, Appleton, WI 54913

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Position / Worker NamePartyHoursSVDPamela PetersonNA10am - 11am

SVD Kathleen Van Boxtel NA 10am - 11am

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Position / Worker NamePartyHoursSVDPamela PetersonNA10am - 11am

SVD Kathleen Van Boxtel NA 10am - 11am

SVD: Eagle Point

Location: Eagle Point, 955 E John St, Appleton, WI 54911

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Position / Worker Name Party Hours

SVD Ann Fero NA 10:30am - 12:30pm

SVD Pamela Peterson NA 10:30am - 12:00pm

SVD Sarah Salentine-Juneau NA 10:30am - 12:30pm

SVD Kathleen Van Boxtel NA 10:30am - 12:30pm

SVD Debra Wiegand NA 10:30am - 12:30pm

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Position / Worker Name Party Hours

SVD Anne Bremer NA 10:30am - 12:30pm

SVD Patricia Brooks NA 10:30am - 12:30pm

SVD Pamela Peterson NA 10:30am - 12:30pm

SVD Sarah Salentine-Juneau NA 10:30am - 12:30pm

SVD Kathleen Van Boxtel NA 10:30am - 12:30pm

SVD: Edenbrook of Appleton

Location: Edenbrook of Appleton, 2915 N Meade St, Appleton, WI 54911

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Monday, July 29, 2024

Position / Worker Name Party Hours

SVD Ann Fero NA 10am - 11:30am

SVD Debra Wiegand NA 10am - 11:30am

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Monday, August 5, 2024

Position / Worker Name Party Hours

SVD Patricia Brooks NA 10am - 11:30am

SVD Debra Wiegand NA 10am - 11:30am

SVD: Heritage Woods

Location: Heritage Woods, 2600 S Heritage Woods Dr. Appleton, WI 54915

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Monday, July 22, 2024

Position / Worker Name Party Hours

SVD Ann Fero NA 10am - 12pm

SVD Pamela Peterson NA 10am - 12pm

SVD Sarah Salentine-Juneau NA 10am - 12pm

SVD Kathleen Van Boxtel NA 10am - 12pm

SVD Debra Wiegand NA 10am - 12pm

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Monday, July 29, 2024 **Position / Worker Name Party Hours** SVD Anne Bremer NA 1pm - 3pm 1pm - 3pm SVD Ann Fero SVD Pamela Peterson NA 1pm - 3pm SVD Sarah Salentine-Juneau 1pm - 3pm SVD Kathleen Van Boxtel 1pm - 3pm SVD Debra Wiegand 1pm - 3pm

SVD: Primrose

Location: Primrose, 5715 N Meade St, Appleton, WI 54913

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 Date: **Position / Worker Name Party Hours** SVD Ann Fero NA 10am - 12pm 10am - 12pm SVD Pamela Peterson SVD 10am - 12pm Sarah Salentine-Juneau Kathleen Van Boxtel 10am - 12pm SVD

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Monday, August 5, 2024 **Position / Worker Name Party Hours** SVD Patricia Brooks NA 2pm - 4pm 2pm - 4pm **SVD** Pamela Peterson SVD Sarah Salentine-Juneau 2pm - 4pm SVD Kathleen Van Boxtel 2pm - 4pm

SVD: Rennes Health Center

Location: Rennes Health Center, 325 E Florida Ave, Appleton, WI 54911

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Position / Worker NamePartyHoursSVD Anne BremerNA 2pm - 3pm

SVD Debra Wiegand NA 2pm - 3pm

SVD: The Renaissance

Location: The Renaissance, 301 E Florida Ave, Appleton, WI 54915

2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Position / Worker NamePartyHoursSVDAnne BremerNA1pm - 3pm

SVD Ann Fero NA 1pm - 3pm

SVD Kathleen Van Boxtel NA 1pm - 3pm

SVD Debra Wiegand NA 1pm - 3pm

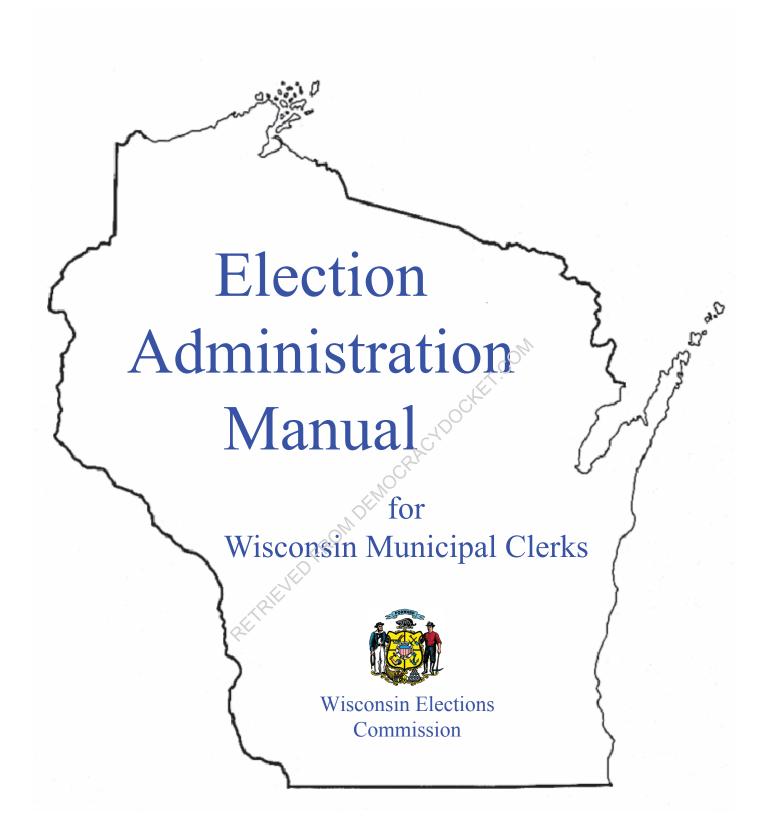
2024 Partisan Primary Election, Primary

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024

Position / Worker Name
SVDParty
Anne BremerParty
NAHours
10am - 12pmSVDPamela PetersonNA10am - 12pmSVDKathleen Van BoxtelNA10am - 12pmSVDDebra WiegandNA10am - 12pm

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EROs are appointed to a two-year term, which runs from January 1 of an evennumbered year through December 31 of the subsequent odd-numbered year. The ERO is required to take the same training as election inspectors. If an ERO will be filling in for an election inspector (lunch, breaks, etc.), he or she must also be appointed as an election inspector.

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Duties

If appointed, EROs carry out the registration duties at the polling place on Election Day, in the clerk's office during in-person absentee voting and in residential care facilities during open registration. At particularly high-turnout elections, EROs ease the election inspectors' workload. Wis. Stat. § 6.28(1)(a).

Training Requirement

EROs are required to receive training from the municipal clerk within two years of any election at which they serve and take an oath. It is the responsibility of the municipal clerk to see that EROs are provided with adequate training for the performance of their duties.

Wis. Stat. § 7.315 (4).

Special Voting Deputies

Special Voting Deputies (SVDs) conduct absentee voting at certain care facilities. SVDs are one of the methods by which absentee voting may be conducted in qualified care facilities and retirement homes. Wis. Stat. § 6.875.

A person who is appointed an SVD must:

- 1. Be a qualified elector of the county
- 2. Must attend training
- 3. May not currently be employed by the facility
- 4. May not have been employed by the facility within two years of the appointment

5. May not be an immediate family member of anyone currently employed by the facility or employed by the facility within two years of the appointment

Selection and Appointment

- 1. Nominations for special voting deputy positions may be submitted by the two dominant political parties at the same time as election inspector nominations are submitted. If no nominations are submitted, then the municipal clerk may appoint qualified electors of the municipality of his or her choosing, without regard to party affiliation.
- 2. The two deputies designated to conduct absentee voting at each facility should be affiliated with different political parties whenever possible.
- 3. SVDs are appointed by the municipal clerk for one election cycle.
- 4. At the discretion of the municipal clerk multiple pairs of SVDs may be assigned to conduct absentee voting at a care facility due to the size of the facility and/or large numbers of registered voters.

SVD Training

Special Voting Deputies are required to attend training every two years, and must have attended training within two years of any election at which they serve. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has developed a manual for clerks to use to train Special Voting Deputies. The Absentee Voting in Residential Care Facilities and Retirement Homes manual is available on the agency website. Wis. Stat. § 7.315 (1)(a).

Greeters and Tabulators

Greeters

Each municipality may appoint one additional inspector regardless of party affiliation to act as a greeter and substitute for other officials as necessary on Election Day. Greeters may not participate in the canvass after the polls close. Wis. Stat. § 7.30(1)(b).



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The results of the self-evaluation will not affect the chief inspector's appointment or qualifications to serve. Municipal clerks may develop their own evaluation tools.

Election Registration Officials (EROs)

Appointment and Qualifications

Municipal Clerks may appoint Election Registration Officials to conduct voter registration at the polling place, at residential care facilities during the open registration period, and in the clerk's office during in-person absentee voting. An ERO must be a qualified elector of the county for the polling place, residential care facility or clerk's office at which they serve. However, a non-resident clerk or deputy clerk may serve as an ERO in case of a vacancy. EROs are appointed to a two-year term. ERO terms run from January 1 of an even-numbered year through December 31 of the subsequent oddnumbered year. The ERO is required to take the same training as election inspectors. If an ERO will be filling in for an election inspector (lunch, breaks, etc.), he or she must also be appointed as an election inspector.

Duties

EROs carry out the registration duties on Election Day. At particularly high-turnout elections, EROs ease the election inspectors' workload. Wis. Stat. § 6.28(1)(a).

Training Requirement

EROs are required to receive training from the municipal clerk within two years of any election at which they serve and take an oath. It is the responsibility of the municipal clerk to see that EROs are provided with adequate training for the performance of their duties. Wis. Stat. § 7.315(4).

Special Voting Deputies (SVDs)

Appointment and Qualifications

Special Voting Deputies (SVDs) are appointed by the municipal clerk to carry out absentee voting at certain care facilities located in the municipality. Nominations for special voting deputy positions may be submitted by the two dominant political parties at the same time as election inspector nominations are submitted. If no nominations are Document 2

submitted, then the municipal clerk may appoint qualified electors of the county without regard to party affiliation. At least two SVDs must be appointed, if any.

SVDs are appointed by the clerk for one election term (January 1st of an even-numbered year to December 31st of an odd-numbered year).

SVDs must be qualified electors of the county and may not currently be employed by the facility or have been employed by the facility within two years of the appointment. SVDs may not be an immediate family member of anyone currently employed by the facility or employed by the facility within two years of the appointment.

Wis. Stat. § 6.875.

Duties

SVDs conduct absentee voting at certain care facilities and qualified retirement homes. SVDs may register voters during open registration if they have also been appointed and trained as Election Registration Officials.

Training Requirement

SVDs are required to attend training every two years and must have attended training within two years of any election at which they serve. Wis. Stat. § 7.315 (1)(a).

Related Materials

The Absentee Voting in Residential Care Facilities and Retirement Homes manual outlines procedures and requirements for Special Voting Deputies. This manual is available on the agency website.

Greeters and Tabulators

Greeters

Each municipality may appoint one additional election inspector without regard to party affiliation to act as a greeter and substitute for other officials as necessary on Election Day. Greeters should acknowledge voters and assist them in opening the doors if needed. Additionally, greeters should serve as a resource for answering questions about the polling place and where an elector needs to go to register to vote or receive a ballot. Greeters may not participate in the canvass after the polls close. Unless acting as a substitute for an election inspector, greeters may not participate in any official election