

**VILLAGE OF ROSCOE
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ROSCOE, ILLINOIS 61073**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday December 13, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Krienke called the Village of Roscoe Municipal Officers Electoral Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

2) ROLL CALL

Chairman Krienke called for Roll: Present: President Krienke, Trustee Baxter, Clerk Marks

Also present for the meeting were Attorney Kurlinkus, Trustee Muradian, Christopher Dahm, Mark Szula and Court Reporter Doris Kennay (Michael Prosser was absent).

Trustees Gustafson, Mallicoat, Petty, and Zac Bellman, Beloit Daily News was present in the audience.

3) Introductory Remarks by Chairman

Chairman Krienke stated he, Rob Baxter and Chris Marks were representing the Village of Roscoe's Electoral Board.

4) Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Attorney Kurlinkus stated the hearing would be treated as a court procedure with a Court Reporter present whereby transcripts will be available for viewing. The objector will present their case first and after the candidate will respond. Chairman Krienke entertained a motion to adopt the rules. Marks made the motion; seconded by Baxter. Voice Call Vote: all ayes, no nays heard. Rules and procedures were adopted. Marks then read a summary of the rules (**Attachment 1**).

5) Call Cases:

a) 2016 R EB 1 (Scott Richardson v. Christopher R. Dahm)

Scott Richardson was not present. Krienke made a motion to dismiss the objection for want of prosecution; seconded by Marks. Voice call vote: all ayes, no nays heard.

b) 2016 R EB 2 (Kevork A. Muradian v. Christopher R. Dahm)

At this time Muradian asked the Board to disqualify and remove Chairman Krienke from the election board. (**Attachment 2**) was read with his reasons and the response.

Item 1: Mr. Szula responded to Item 1 of attachment. He stated his organization did in fact contribute towards Mr. Krienke's campaign, but he is not an officer of that union. He personally did not contribute.

Item 2: Michael Prosser has in fact removed himself from the ballot via a resignation letter. The resignation letter, however, has not been notarized and this will go through the formal hearing to remove him from the ballot.

Item 3: Clerk Marks responded that Winnebago County Clerk's office stated no one could remove Mr. Dahm's name from the ballot even though it was known he was not a Village resident. The Clerk had to accept the petition and the only way it could be removed is if he withdrew before the Electoral Board hearing or was removed at the hearing.

There was a motion to remove the Chairman from the Electoral Board. If he is removed, the Board would have to take a recess and reconvene after the replacement is appointed. Baxter voted yes to remove. Marks stated she was going to make her vote but was going to state this: "it doesn't matter whether he is on the Board or removed from the Board there are only three people running and I'm going to vote – no. Let's just get this over with." Krienke voted no. Krienke will remain on the Board and the formal hearing will continue with a 1-2-0 vote.

Mr. Dahm was asked if he would like to withdraw his name from the ballot. He answered yes, but the hearing Board still went through the formal process of removing Mr. Dahm from the ballot. A 5-minute recess was taken at 6:24 PM so Mr. Dahm could complete the paperwork. Hearing reconvened at 6:33 PM. Chairman Krienke made a motion to accept Mr. Dahm's formal withdrawal and make it part of the official records to be placed with the ballot; seconded by Baxter. Roll Call Vote: Baxter, Krienke, Marks – Yes.

c) 2016 R EB 3 (Kevork A. Muradian v. Michael Prosser)

No one was present for Michael Prosser. Clerk received a resignation letter that was hand-delivered in a sealed envelope. Muradian presented his objection case. The Board found Item 1 day of election was ok. Item 2 the notary stamp is ok as it is legible. Item 3 there was no proof that signatures were not legal. An illegible signature may be the voter's real signature. Item 4 cannot prove that Prosser does not have the correct number of ten signatures. Item 5 Prosser's signature does appear to be a copied signature. Based on his copied signature, the Board found grounds to disqualify Mr. Prosser from the Ballot. Baxter withdrew his request to verify signatures and made a motion to withdraw Mr. Prosser's name from the primary election ballot; seconded by Marks. Roll Call Vote: Baxter, Krienke, Marks – Yes. Mr. Prosser's name will not appear on the ballot.

d) 2016 R EB 4 (Kevork A. Muradian v. Mark Szula)

Muradian presented his objection case. Mr. Szula spoke to the objections. Item 1 the election (primary) date is correct on the petition. Pages 1 and 2 with two circulatory signatures on the page and page 5 with no circulatory signature were thrown out. Pages 3 and 4 were accepted with the circulatory signature and the needed number of signatures; however, Page 3 and 4 did not have the County of _____, State of _____ filled in. The Board felt the county and state was listed at the top of the page and this was not a fatal error to have the petition removed from the ballot. Baxter made a motion as requested to dismiss pages 1, 2 and 5 from Mr. Szula's petition and accept pages 3 and 4 and move forward with him being a part of the 2017 ballot; seconded by Marks. Roll Call Vote: Baxter, Krienke, Marks – Yes. Mr. Szula will appear on the ballot.

6) Hearing and deliberation on Objections (if applicable)

7) Any other lawful business of the Municipal Officers Electoral Board

8) ADJOURNMENT or RECESS

Chairman Krienke entertained a motion to Recess the Electoral Board meeting to December 20, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. to vote on and finalize the official decision. Marks made the motion; seconded by Baxter. Voice Call Vote: all ayes, no nays heard.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

NOTE: Court Reporter's records will be attached when received.

Christina K. Marks, Village Clerk

APPROVED: _____