

**MINUTES OF COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
SPRING ELECTION**

DATE OF CANVASS: April 11, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS: Jon Dolson, County Clerk
Julie Stodolka, Democrat Party
Tony Fessler, Republican Party

ALSO PRESENT: Lee Anne Gilson, Deputy Clerk
Kari LaPean, Deputy Clerk

The Board of Canvass was called to order at 9:07 A.M. The meeting was posted on April 6, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. in compliance with the open meeting law. The Board canvassed the results of the April 4, 2023 Spring Election.

The Canvass was conducted as follows:

County Clerk Dolson reviewed the canvass process with the Board of Canvass.

The number of voters and number of ballots cast were verified (the highest number was identified and marked prior to the meeting). Some discrepancies were noted. Explanation of discrepancies and resolution follows by municipality.

Inspector Statements were reviewed for signatures and security seal verification.

Candidate totals were verified with original printouts from Election Night.

The following discrepancies were noted:

Town of Greenbush – Referendum Question #3 yes; +100. Recording error. Recorded 437 should have been 537. Missing purple ballot bag, red seal number on inspectors statement.

Town of Herman – Justice of the Supreme Court, Kelly; -81. Transposed number 490 should be 409.

Town of Holland – 1 ballot was sent through the tabulator twice, resulting in 1 more ballot cast than voter.

Town of Lima – No discrepancies were noted.

Town of Lyndon – No discrepancies were noted.

Town of Mitchell – See *. Red security pouch was not sealed.

Town of Mosel – No discrepancies were noted.

Town of Plymouth – Referendum Question #1 No; +100. Recording error. Recorded 171 should have been 271.

Town of Rhine – 1 more voter than ballots cast. No explanation offered in the inspectors statement. Used Certificate Envelopes of Absentee Electors Form not signed.

Town of Russell – Circuit Court Judge Branch #2; +1 scattering.

Town of Scott – Green Chain of Custody Form missing signature.

Town of Sheboygan – Missing purple ballot bag, red seal number on inspectors statement.

Town of Sheboygan Falls – See *

Town of Sherman – Circuit Court Judge Branch 2; +2 scattering.

Town of Wilson – 1 more ballot cast than voters. No explanation offered in inspectors statement.

Board of Canvass adjourned at 10:25AM. Reconvened at 10:34 AM.

Village of Adell – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Cascade – See *. Referendum Question #1 yes; -2. Missing purple ballot bag, red seal number on inspector's statement.

Village of Cedar Grove – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Elkhart Lake – Circuit Court Judge Branch 3; -1 scattering

Village of Glenbeulah – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Howards Grove – See *

Village of Kohler – See *. Missing purple ballot bag, red seal number on inspector's statement. Blue security seal number on red pouch was not recorded on green Chain of Custody Form.

Village of Oostburg – See *

Village of Random Lake – Absentee Ballot received election night, but processed during their board of canvass on 4/5/2023. Resulting in: Justice of the Supreme Court, Kelly; +1. Circuit Court Branch 2, Haasch; +1. Circuit Judge Branch 3, Sutkiewicz; +1. Referendum Question #1, yes; +1. Referendum Question #2, yes +1; Referendum Question #3, yes; +1.

Village of Waldo – No discrepancies were noted.

City of Plymouth –

Wards 1-3 – No discrepancies were noted.

Wards 4-6 – No discrepancies were noted.

Wards 7-9 – 1 more ballot cast than voter. No explanation offered in inspectors' statement.

Wards 10-12 – 4 more ballots cast than voters. "Jam" is not an occurrence that counts ballots multiple times.

City of Sheboygan –

Ward 1 – See *. Envelope of Used Certificate Absentee Electors Form was not signed.

Ward 2 – See *

Board of Canvass adjourned at 11:45PM. Reconvened at 1:17 PM.

Wards 3 – 1 provisional ballot was returned resulting in Justice of the Supreme Court, Protasiewicz; +1. Circuit Court Judge Branch 2, Torry; +1. Circuit Court Judge Branch 3, Sutkiewicz; +1. Circuit Court Judge Branch 5, Van Gompel; +1. Municipal Court Judge, Torry; +1.

Ward 4 – See *

Ward 5 – See *

Ward 6 – See *

Ward 7 – See *. Missing purple ballot bag, red seal number on inspectors statement.

Ward 8 – See *

Ward 9 – See *

Ward 10 – See *. 1 more voter sticker than ballots cast. Sticker was lost?

Ward 11 – Blue cast seal sticker placed on inspectors' statement. Should be placed in Used Seal Envelope.

Ward 12 – See *

Ward 13 – See *

Ward 14 – See *

Ward 15 – See *

Ward 16 – See *. 11 ballots given to voters from Ward 18.

Ward 17 – See *

Ward 18 – 11 ballots given to voters from Ward 16.

Ward 19 – No discrepancies were noted.

Ward 20 – See *

Used Seal Envelope not sealed in the purple ballot bag-Ward unknown.

City of Sheboygan Falls -

Wards 1-3 – No discrepancies were noted.

Wards 4-6 – No discrepancies were noted.

Wards 7-10 – 1 more voter than ballot cast. Clerk Seymour investigated, but error was not determined.

Board of Canvass adjourned at 2:45 PM

General Notes:

* All polling locations **should be recording** the vote count **frequently** throughout the day on the inspectors statement. Inspectors Statements should never be blank, though several were. It's extremely important that election inspectors make it a habit of hourly reconciling throughout the day (tabulator count to poll book count), even when the day is slow.

In order to have a continuous tape from opening of polls to closing of polls the Zero Report should not be torn off. **THREE** signatures are required at the opening and closing of polls. If three signature lines do not print, the poll was opened incorrectly.

REMINDER: Chief Inspectors are **in charge** on election day. Municipal clerks should never take on that responsibility, but should be available to answer questions, provide supplies, and support.

Poll workers should not discourage voters from using the Clear Access machine.

Friendly Reminders:

The large absentee envelopes in the supply box (pink, white & manila) can be recycled if they haven't been written on. We ask that poll workers only complete the envelopes that are used. As always, the **manila envelopes** for the rejected absentee ballots is **REUSABLE** by the County Clerk's Office if it **HAS NOT** been written on. If there are no rejected absentee ballots, **PLEASE DO NOT** write on the envelope.

Unused ballots should **not** be returned to the County Clerk's Office. They can be destroyed at your municipality.

To prolong the life of the purple ballot bags, please place the voted ballots side by side in the bags instead of making one large stack if they are 8 1/2 x 11.

Respectfully Submitted


Kari LaPean, Deputy Clerk