

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
SECOND MEETING AND HEARING OF CASES**

JANUARY 11, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Village President O'Hara called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and Village Clerk Megan Michael called the roll.

The following were present:

Chair: Kathleen O'Hara

Trustee: Mark Dewart

Also Present: Megan Michael, Village Clerk
Peter Friedman, Village Attorney (VA)
Treshanna Robinzine, Court Recorder
Drew Irvin, Village Administrator
Glen Cole, Assistant to the Village Administrator (ATVA)

2. ITEM 2 - INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY BOARD CHAIR

Chair O'Hara explained that the Village's Municipal Officer's Electoral Board is a special public body that is convened for the sole purpose of conducting hearings and making rulings on objections to nominating petitions submitted by candidates for Village offices. The Membership of the Electoral Board is set by statute and members are required to serve unless they have a direct conflict – either they are candidates whose own petitions are being challenged or they are running in a race in which their opponent's petitions are being challenged. None of these circumstances exist, and thus the makeup of the Lake Bluff Electoral Board is required by statute to be the Village President, the Village Clerk, and the Village Trustee who has served the longest, which is Trustee Mark Dewart. President O'Hara said the Village Clerk received four objections, three to candidates for Village Trustee, and one to a candidate for Village Clerk. Since that time all but one of these objections have been withdrawn and the Board will consider its ruling on the remaining objection this evening.

3. **ITEM 3 – CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 4, 2021 AND JANUARY 8, 2021 MEETINGS.**

Trustee Dewart made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Village Clerk Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (3) O’Hara, Michael and Dewart
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)

4. **ITEM 4 - REVIEW OF LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES BY BOARD’S LEGAL COUNSEL**

VA Friedman said the Village Clerk initially received four objections for consideration. At the January 8, 2021 meeting, Mr. Rick Lesser withdrew his objections regarding 20 MOEB 2 and 20 MOEB 3, and Mr. Linda Hinde withdrew her objection regarding 20 MOEB 4. VA Friedman said orders acknowledging the dismissal and withdraw of those objections has been prepared for signature and does not require a vote by the Board.

5. **ITEM 5 – CONSIDERATION OF THE ENTRY OF FINAL ORDERS IN THE FOLLOWING CASE**

VA Friedman said the only case that remains to be heard today is - 20 MOEB 1 – IN THE MATTER OF THE OBJECTIONS OF LINDA K. HINDE TO THE NOMINATION PAPERS OF AARON TOWLE AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF.

VA Friedman said at the January 8, 2021 meeting the Board voted (2 to 1) to overrule the objection. Staff was directed to prepare a final order overruling the objection and declaring the nomination paper of Aaron Towle to be valid so that his name could be placed on the ballot. The final order has been transmitted to the Board and presented tonight for consideration, and discussion if the Board deems necessarily.

As there were no questions from the Board, Village Clerk Michael made a motion to approve the findings and decisions as set forth in the written order before the Board. Trustee Dewart seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (2) O’Hara and Michael
Nays: (1) Dewart
Absent: (0)

6. **ITEM 6 - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair O’Hara opened the floor for public comments.

Village Administrator Drew Irvin clarified that the objector, Ms. Hinde, withdrew her objection to case 20 MOEB 4 prior to the January 8 meeting.

In response to a question from Ms. Hinde, VA Friedman said the written opinion will be entered today and distributed to all parties and their attorneys.

7. **ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Dewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Village Clerk Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote at 2:31 p.m.

Ayes: (3) O’Hara, Dewart and Michael
Nays: (0)
Absent: (0)

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator/Deputy Village Clerk

Megan Michael
Village Clerk