

**TOWN OF ELSMERE  
BOARD OF ELECTION  
MINUTES  
MAY 1, 2017  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Deborah Norkavage called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairwoman Deborah Norkavage – Present  
Ruthie Drummond-Parson – Present  
Claire Shelton - Present

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Canvass and certification of the results of the April 29, 2017 Biennial Municipal Election.

At this time Ruthie Drummond-Parson escorted Administrative Assistant Diana Reed to the Town Safe to retrieve the results.

**1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Machine #16355</u>	<u>Machine #16356</u>	<u>Absentee Votes</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
<b>Bourdon-Shade, Laura M.</b>	11	9	0	<b>20</b>
<b>Skipski, Marianne C.</b>	14	15	2	<b>31</b>

*\*\*Number of voter signature cards matched the number of ballots cast on machines, Number of absentee votes matched the number of ballots issued/received for the district.*

Chairwoman Norkavage noted that the tally sheet completed by the election workers listed the total votes for Marianne Skipski as 40 and showed 11 of those were absentee ballots. There were only 2 absentee ballots, which were marked by slashes and brings the total for Ms. Skipski to 31.

Town Manager John Giles stated that ½ of 1% of voters in the election is .225 of a person, for our purposes, we rounded to 1 person. The margin was well above 1 vote and a recount is not necessary.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Claire Shelton to certify the results of the election in District 1 with 31 votes for Marianne Skipski and 20 Votes for Laura Bourdon-Shade. The motion was seconded by Ruthie Drummond Parson.

**VOTE:** 3-0 All-in-favor Motion carried

**2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Machine #16357</u>	<u>Machine #16358</u>	<u>Absentee Votes</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
<b>Pfirmsmann, Ted C.</b>	25	28	0	<b>53</b>
<b>Stewart, Robert J.</b>	9	7	2	<b>18</b>

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Town Manager John Giles stated that ½ of 1% of voters in the election is .355 of a person, for our purposes, we rounded to 1 person. The margin was well above 1 vote and a recount is not necessary.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Claire Shelton to certify the results of the election for District 2 with 53 votes for Ted Pfirmsmann and 18 votes for Robert Stewart. The motion was seconded by Ruthie Drummond-Parson.

**VOTE:** 3-0 All-in-favor Motion carried

**4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Machine #16359</u>	<u>Machine #16360</u>	<u>Absentee Votes</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
<b>Favreau, Andrew B.</b>	7	7	2	<b>16</b>
<b>Zielinski, Edward F., Jr.</b>	22	20	4	<b>46</b>

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Town Manager John Giles stated that ½ of 1% of voters in the election is .31 of a person, for our purposes, we rounded to 1 person. The margin was well above 1 vote and a recount is not necessary.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Claire Shelton to certify the results of the election for District 4 with 46 votes for Edward Zielinski and 16 votes for Andrew Favreau. The motion was seconded by Ruthie Drummond-Parson.

**VOTE:** 3-0 All-in-favor Motion carried

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Ruthie Drummond-Parson to accept and certify the results of the 2017 Biennial Election. The motion was seconded by Claire Shelton.

**VOTE:** 3-0 All-in-favor Motion carried

Town Manager John Giles thanked the Committee for their service and advised that the memorandum of results would be prepared for Chairwoman Norkavage to present to the Mayor at the Special Council Meeting and Swearing In Ceremony on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Claire Shelton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ruthie Drummond-Parson.

**VOTE:** 3-0 All-in-favor Motion carried

At this time the meeting was adjourned.

**These minutes summarize agenda and other issues discussed at this Board of Elections Meeting. Votes are recorded accurately. The audio tape(s) of this meeting will be available at Town Hall for a period of two years from the date these minutes are approved. The audio tapes may be reviewed at Town Hall by appointment and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.**

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**DEBORAH A. NORKAVAGE  
CHAIRWOMAN**