

# PEPIN COUNTY STATWIDE RECOUNT CANVASS

## APRIL 5, 2011 SPRING ELECTION

### Justice of the Supreme Court Recount, Wednesday, April 27, 2011

- Dates of Recount: April 27, 28 and 29, 2011
- Office to be Recounted: Justice of the Supreme Court
- Original Result: David T. Prosser, Jr. – 882  
Joanne F. Kloppenburg – 983
- Canvass Board Members: Marcia Bauer, Pepin County Clerk, Canvass Chairperson  
Maureen Manore, Pepin County Deputy Clerk, Recording Secretary  
Jeannie Reinhardt, a Republican  
James Dawson, a Democrat
- Other Personnel: Barb Traun, Tabulator on April 27/28  
Dan Richardson, Tabulator on April 27/28  
Joe Komisar, Tabulator on April 27  
Carol Prissel, Tabulator on April 27  
Pete Adler, Tabulator on April 28  
Elaine Traun, Tabulator on April 28
- Others Present: The April 27<sup>th</sup> recount was attended by the following observers: Jean Accola, Dan Spence, Linda Solie, and Judith Schwellenbach.
- The April 28<sup>th</sup> recount was attendend by the following observers:  
Dan Spence, Linda Solie, Judith Schwellenbach, Helen Kees, Nancy Wolfe and Bruce Holmstadt.
- The April 29<sup>th</sup> recount was attended by the following observers;  
Dan Spence, Nancy Wolfe, Helen Kees, Dennis Wolfe, Bruce Holmstadt and Tony Borreson.
- Notification: The recount for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court was posted per ss. 19.84 and notice to the candidates provided per ss 9.01(2).

The Board of Canvassers Chair convened the Recount Canvass for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court at 9:09 a.m. on April 27, 2011. The Oath of Office was administered for the Board of Canvassers and for the Tabulators.

The rules for the canvass were explained and a handout was available next to the sign-in sheet. The Chair kept a cell phone on which would be switched to speakerphone, for questions that may arise.

## Town of Albany Recount

The original vote totals for the Town of Albany were: David T. Prosser, Jr. – 84  
Joanne F. Kloppenburg – 49

Number of voters from registration list: 351

Number of absentee ballot applications: 1

Number of absentee ballots: 1

The poll books were given to the Tabulators to reconcile.

The absentee ballot materials were reviewed. The Used Certificate Envelope (GAB 103) and Certificate of Rejected Absentee Ballots (GAB 102) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. Both envelopes were opened. The Absentee Ballot Certification (GAB 122) was inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. There were no rejected absentee ballots. The Supplemental Absentee Ballot log was present and filled out. The Absentee Ballot Certification served as the Absentee Ballot Request.

The Certificate of Provisional Ballots (GAB 108) was correctly filled out and signed. There were no provisional ballots.

A seal log was provided.

The Inspector's Statement (GAB 104) listed a paper jam, which was resolved. The ballot bag seal listed on the Inspector's Statement and on the Ballot Container Certification (GAB 101) were the same as the tamper evident seal, #10314223.

The ballot bag was opened and the contents removed, this included the voted ballots and the used voting machine seals.

The Board of Canvassers proceeded to separate the absentee ballot from the other paper ballots, inspect all paper ballots backs for initials and count paper ballots. The machine tape was cut into individual ballots and separated into groups of 25 by candidate. One paper ballot had Joanne F. Kloppenburg selected then erased. It was determined that the voter did not wish to cast a vote for this candidate. This ballot was marked with Exhibit Tag 1.

The total number of ballots was 135. The hand count of machine ballots matched the machine totals tape.

The Tabulators reconciled the poll books and counted 135 voters.

The result of the recount:	David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
	66 machine	43 machine	2 machine
	<u>18 paper</u>	<u>6 paper</u>	<u>0 paper</u>
	84 Total	49 Total	2 Total

The ballots were returned to the ballot bag. The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #10314250, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The recount for the Town of Albany was concluded.

## Town of Durand Recount

The original vote totals for the Town of Durand were: David T. Prosser, Jr. – 102  
Joanne F. Kloppenburg – 73

Number of voters from registration list: 425

Number of absentee ballot applications: 11

Number of absentee ballots: 10

The poll books were given to the Tabulators to reconcile. One poll book was missing the certification page.

The absentee ballot materials were reviewed. The Used Certificate Envelope (GAB 103) and Certificate of Rejected Absentee Ballots (GAB 102) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. Both envelopes were opened. There was one rejected absentee ballot due to no witness signature, the Board agreed. The rest of the Absentee Ballot Certifications (GAB 122) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. The Supplemental Absentee Ballot log was present and filled out. The Absentee Ballot Requests were not present, the Municipal Clerk had them on file.

The Certificate of Provisional Ballots (GAB 108) was correctly filled out and signed. There were no provisional ballots.

A seal log was provided.

The Inspector's Statement (GAB 104) listed changing the printer paper. The ballot bag seal listed on the Inspector's Statement and on the Ballot Container Certification (GAB 101) were the same as the tamper evident seal, #10314231.

The ballot bag was opened and the contents consisting of the voted ballots were removed.

The Board of Canvassers proceeded to separate the absentee ballots from the other paper ballots, inspect all paper ballots backs for initials and count paper ballots. The machine tape was cut into individual ballots and separated into groups of 25 by candidate.

The total number of ballots was 177. The hand count of machine ballots matched the machine totals tape.

The Tabulators reconciled the poll books and counted 177 voters.

The result of the recount:	David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
	99 machine	67 machine	2 machine
	<u>03 paper</u>	<u>6 paper</u>	<u>0 paper</u>
	102 Total	73 Total	2 Total

The ballots were returned to the ballot bag. The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #0517571, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The recount for the Town of Durand was concluded.

The Board of Canvassers took a 15 minute break at 10:35, one member remained in the room at all times.

## Town of Frankfort

The original vote totals for the Town of Frankfort were: David T. Prosser, Jr. – 84  
Joanne F. Kloppenburg – 77

Number of voters from registration list: 228

Number of absentee ballot applications: 9

Number of absentee ballots: 9

The poll books were given to the Tabulators to reconcile.

The absentee ballot materials were reviewed. The Used Certificate Envelope (GAB 103) and Certificate of Rejected Absentee Ballots (GAB 102) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. Both envelopes were opened. The absentee ballot Certifications (GAB 122) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. There were no rejected absentee ballots. The Supplemental Absentee Ballot log was present and filled out. The Absentee Ballot Requests were inspected and found to be satisfactory.

The Certificate of Provisional Ballots (GAB 108) was correctly filled out and signed. There were no provisional ballots.

A seal log was provided.

The Inspector's Statement (GAB 104) listed assisted voters, running out of paper ballots and more provided and three voted ballots without the Election Inspector's signature, which the Inspectors admitted to forgetting to do. These ballots were counted at the polls. The ballot bag seal listed on the Inspector's Statement and on the Ballot Container Certification (GAB 101) were the same as the tamper evident seal, #10314232.

The ballot bag was opened and the contents consisting of the voted ballots were removed.

The Board of Canvassers proceeded to separate the absentee ballots from the other paper ballots, inspect all paper ballots backs for initials and count paper ballots. The machine tape was cut into individual ballots and separated into groups of 25 by candidate. The paper ballots without initials were counted.

The total number of ballots was 181. The hand count of machine ballots matched the machine totals tape.

The Tabulators reconciled the poll books and counted 181 voters. An observer asked the Chair why the Tabulators count was initially 182. They said voter #13 was listed in the poll book and the supplemental so was initially counted twice.

The result of the recount: David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
73 machine	71 machine	13 machine
<u>11 paper</u>	<u>6 paper</u>	<u>7 paper</u>
84 Total	77 Total	20 Total

The ballots were returned to the ballot bag. The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #10314291, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The recount for the Town of Frankfort was concluded.

## Town of Lima

The original vote totals for the Town of Lima were: David T. Prosser, Jr. – 68  
Joanne F. Kloppenburg – 51

Number of voters from registration list: 373

Number of absentee ballot applications: 1

Number of absentee ballots: 1

The poll books were given to the Tabulators to reconcile.

The absentee ballot materials were reviewed. The Used Certificate Envelope (GAB 103) and Certificate of Rejected Absentee Ballots (GAB 102) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. Both envelopes were opened. There were no rejected absentee ballots. The Absentee Ballot Certification (GAB 122) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. The Supplemental Absentee Ballot log was present and filled out. The Absentee Ballot Request was present.

The Certificate of Provisional Ballots (GAB 108) was correctly filled out and signed. There were no provisional ballots.

A seal log was provided.

The Inspector's Statement (GAB 104) listed changing the printer paper. The ballot bag seal listed on the Inspector's Statement and on the Ballot Container Certification (GAB 101) were the same as the tamper evident seal, #10314233.

The ballot bag was opened and the contents consisting of the voted ballots were removed. .

The Board of Canvassers proceeded to separate the absentee ballot from the other paper ballots, inspect all paper ballots backs for initials and count paper ballots. The machine tape was cut into individual ballots and separated into groups of 25 by candidate.

The total number of ballots was 120. The hand count of machine ballots matched the machine totals tape.

The Tabulators reconciled the poll books and counted 120 voters.

The result of the recount:	David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
	64 machine	49 machine	1 machine
	<u>04 paper</u>	<u>02 paper</u>	<u>0 paper</u>
	68 Total	51 Total	1 Total

The ballots were returned to the ballot bag. The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #10314292, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The recount for the Town of Lima was concluded.

Jeannie Reinhardt made a motion to recess for lunch until 12:30 and Maureen Manore seconded and the motion carried. The room was evacuated and then locked by Audrey Leiffing. Time 11:40.





A seal log was provided.

The Inspector's Statement (GAB 104) listed a 15 minute power outage. The ballot bag seal listed on the Inspector's Statement and on the Ballot Container Certification (GAB 101) were the same as the tamper evident seal, #10314235.

The ballot bag was opened and the contents consisting of the voted ballots were removed.

The Board of Canvassers proceeded to inspect all paper ballots backs for initials and count paper ballots. The machine tape was cut into individual ballots and separated into groups of 25 by candidate.

The total number of ballots was 97. The hand count of machine ballots matched the machine totals tape.

The Tabulators reconciled the poll books and counted 97 voters.

The result of the recount:	David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
	40 machine	50 machine	4 machine
	<u>03 paper</u>	<u>0 paper</u>	<u>0 paper</u>
	43 Total	50 Total	4 Total

The ballots were returned to the ballot bag. The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #10314294, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The recount for the Town of Stockholm was concluded.

## **Town of Waterville**

The original vote totals for the Town of Waterville were:

David T. Prosser, Jr. – 78
Joanne F. Kloppenburg – 91

Number of voters from registration list: 480

Number of absentee ballot applications: 2

Number of absentee ballots: 2

The poll books were given to the Tabulators to reconcile.

The absentee ballot materials were reviewed. The Used Certificate Envelope (GAB 103) and Certificate of Rejected Absentee Ballots (GAB 102) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. Both envelopes were opened. There were no rejected absentee ballots. The Absentee Ballot Certifications (GAB 122) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. The Supplemental Absentee Ballot log was present and filled out. The Absentee Ballot Requests were present.

The Certificate of Provisional Ballots (GAB 108) was correctly filled out and signed. There were no provisional ballots.

A seal log was provided.

The Inspector's Statement (GAB 104) listed no incidents. The ballot bag seal listed on the Inspector's Statement and on the Ballot Container Certification (GAB 101) were the same as the tamper evident seal, #10314236.

The ballot bag was opened and the contents consisting of the voted ballots were removed.

The Board of Canvassers proceeded to separate the absentee ballots from the other paper ballots, inspect all paper ballots backs for initials and count paper ballots. The machine tape was cut into individual ballots and separated into groups of 25 by candidate.

The total number of ballots was 173. The hand count of machine ballots matched the machine totals tape.

The Tabulators reconciled the poll books and counted 173 voters.

The result of the recount:	David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
	60 machine	64 machine	2 machine
	<u>18 paper</u>	<u>27 paper</u>	<u>2 paper</u>
	78 Total	91 Total	4 Total

The ballots were returned to the ballot bag. The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #10314295, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The recount for the Town of Waterville was concluded.

**Town of Waubeek**

The original vote totals for the Town of Waubeek were were:	David T. Prosser, Jr. – 56
	Joanne F. Kloppenburg – 38

Number of voters from registration list: 257

Number of absentee ballot applications: 0

Number of absentee ballots: 0

The poll books were given to the Tabulators to reconcile.

The absentee ballot materials were reviewed. The Used Certificate Envelope (GAB 103) and Certificate of Rejected Absentee Ballots (GAB 102) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. Both envelopes were opened. There were no absentee ballots.

The Certificate of Provisional Ballots (GAB 108) was correctly filled out and signed. There were no provisional ballots.

A seal log was provided. The Polls Open/Closed seal numbers were not provided.

The Inspector's Statement (GAB 104) listed changing the printer paper and a paper jam. The ballot bag seal listed on the Inspector's Statement and on the Ballot Container Certification (GAB 101) were the same as the tamper evident seal, #10314237.

The ballot bag was opened and the contents consisting of the voted ballots were removed. Also removed was an envelope containing the un-voted ballots.

The Board of Canvassers proceeded to inspect all paper ballots backs for initials and count paper ballots. The machine tape was cut into individual ballots and separated into groups of 25 by candidate. There was one machine ballot for David T. Prosser Jr. that was mangled. It was taped back together.

The total number of ballots was 95. The voting machine tape total was checked and it matched the hand count.

The Tabulators reconciled the poll books and counted 95 voters.

The result of the recount:	David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
	45 machine	28 machine	1 machine
	<u>11 paper</u>	<u>10 paper</u>	<u>0 paper</u>
	56 Total	38 Total	1 Total

The ballots were returned to the ballot bag. The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #10314296, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The recount for the Town of Waubeek was concluded.

Jeannie Reinhardt made a motion to recess the recount until 9:00 a.m. on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Maureen Manore seconded and the motion carried. Time 3:55 p.m.

The room was evacuated and Audrey Leiffing locked the door.

## **Justice of the Supreme Court Recount, Thursday, April 28, 2011**

The room was unlocked when all Canvass Board members were present at 8:55 a.m. by Laura Berger.

The recount was resumed at 9:00.

Maureen Manore was excused to report the previous day's results to the Government Accountability Board.

The Oath of Office was given to Pete Adler and Elaine Traun, new Tabulators for the day.

Larry Zins of Command Central was called to ensure that the correct cartridge was sent. He confirmed that it was.

Maureen Manore returned at 9:15.

## **Village of Pepin**

The original vote totals for the Village of Pepin were:

David T. Prosser, Jr. – 74  
Joanne F. Kloppenburg – 165

Number of voters from registration list: 519

Number of absentee ballot applications: 26

Number of absentee ballots: 23

The poll books were given to the Tabulators to reconcile. One poll book was handwritten in voter number order.

The absentee ballot materials were reviewed. The Used Certificate Envelope (GAB 103) and Certificate of Rejected Absentee Ballots (GAB 102) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. Both envelopes were opened. There were 2 rejected absentee ballots due to no signatures. The Board agreed that these ballots should be rejected. Four of the absentee ballots had no witness address, these were accepted. The Absentee Ballot Certification (GAB 122) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. The Supplemental Absentee Ballot log was present and filled out. The Absentee Ballot Requests were present.

The Certificate of Provisional Ballots (GAB 108) was correctly filled out and signed. There were no provisional ballots.

A seal log was provided.

The Inspector's Statement (GAB 104) listed the 2 rejected Absentee Ballots. The Inspector's Statement submitted to the County did not have enough election inspectors listed. A copy of the Village Clerk's Inspector Statement was provided that listed all the election inspectors. The ballot bag seal listed on the Inspector's Statement and on the Ballot Container Certification (GAB 101) were the same as the tamper evident seal, #10314238.

The ballot bag was opened and the contents consisting of the voted ballots were removed

The Board of Canvassers proceeded to separate the absentee ballots from the other paper ballots, inspect all paper ballots backs for initials and count paper ballots. The machine tape was cut into individual ballots and separated into groups of 25 by candidate.

The total number of ballots was 249. The hand count of machine ballots matched the machine totals tape.

The Tabulators reconciled the poll books and counted 249 voters. The Tabulators commented that the use of the one handwritten pollbook in voter number makes the canvassing process much longer, and caused much frustration.

An observer asked the Chair if the last voter number on the poll books could be read out. It was read as number 249. She then asked that the numbers counted for each letter of the alphabet in the poll books be read out and they were.

A short break was announced, No one left the room. Roxie Bauer was called at 10:55 for the number of the Subway. Subway was called to place a lunch order. The recount resumed.

The result of the recount:	David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
	38 machine	97 machine	6 machine
	<u>36 paper</u>	<u>68 paper</u>	<u>4 paper</u>
	74 Total	165 Total	10 Total



The result of the recount: David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
05 machine	19 machine	1 machine
<u>01 paper</u>	<u>04 paper</u>	<u>0 paper</u>
06 Total	23 Total	1 Total

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The ballots were returned to the ballot bag. The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #10314298, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The recount for the Village of Stockholm was concluded.

Jeannie Reinhardt made a motion to recess for lunch until 12:15 and James Dawson seconded. The motion carried. Time 11:15 a.m.

The room was evacuated and then locked by Laura Berger.

The room was unlocked by Laura Berger at 12:15, when all Canvass Board members were present.

The recount resumed at 12:25.

Nancy Wolfe, Town of Pepin Clerk was present and gave a verbal statement. She stated that she was not present at the Town Hall on election day, due to being on the ballot. The election inspector's contacted her when the voting machine ran out of paper. She instructed them to change the paper and put the ballot roll from the voting machine into the blue bag. (note: the ballot bag is blue) This morning Nancy was looking through her equipment bag and discovered the ballot roll. Her equipment bag is blue also. She unrolled it far enough to determine that it was a roll of official ballots. She returned it to the equipment bag and brought it in with her to the recount.

These ballots were taken from her by the Board and separated and counted. The ballots were kept separate from the other Town ballots. The count matched the missing number of votes.

It was determined by the Board that due to the unsecured nature of these ballots, the recount would still be determined from the voting machine cartridge audit report. The ballots were returned to the Town Clerk. The Town of Pepin Clerk was asked to submit a written statement as to the administrative error. This statement is to be attached to these recount minutes and a copy attached to the Town of Pepin Inspector Statement.

## City of Durand

The original vote totals for the City of Durand were: David T. Prosser, Jr. – 200  
Joanne F. Kloppenburg – 234

Number of voters from registration list: 1165

Number of absentee ballot applications: 32

Number of absentee ballots: 32

The poll books were given to the Tabulators to reconcile.

The absentee ballot materials were reviewed. The Used Certificate Envelope (GAB 103) and Certificate of Rejected Absentee Ballots (GAB 102) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. Both envelopes were opened. There were no rejected absentee ballots. The Absentee Ballot Certifications (GAB 122) were inspected for signatures and found to be satisfactory. The Supplemental Absentee Ballot log was present and filled out. The Absentee Ballot Requests were present.

The Certificate of Provisional Ballots (GAB 108) was correctly filled out and signed. There were no provisional ballots.

A seal log was provided.

The Inspector's Statement (GAB 104) listed changing the printer paper and assisted voters. The Inspector's Statement did not have enough election inspectors listed for the morning shift. The City Deputy Clerk provided a signed Inspector's Statement attachment with additional signatures. She explained that they had forgotten to sign the Inspector's Statement. The ballot bag seal listed on the Inspector's Statement and on the Ballot Container Certification (GAB 101) were the same as the tamper evident seal, #10314240.

The ballot bag was opened and the contents consisting of the voted ballots were removed. Also mistakenly included in the bag were the city's ballots. The City's ballots were returned to the ballot bag.

The Board of Canvassers proceeded to separate the absentee ballots from the other paper ballots, inspect all paper ballots backs for initials and count paper ballots. The machine tape was cut into individual ballots and separated into groups of 25 by candidate.

The total number of ballots was 440. The hand count of machine ballots matched the machine totals tape.

The Tabulators reconciled the poll books and counted 440 voters.

The result of the recount:	David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
	189 machine	215 machine	3 machine
	<u>11 paper</u>	<u>19 paper</u>	<u>2 paper</u>
	200 Total	234 Total	5 Total

There was one previously unreported scattering vote. Scattering - 1

The ballots were returned to the ballot bag. The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #10314299, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The recount for the City of Durand was concluded.

The Tabulators were dismissed at this time, as there were no further poll books to reconcile.

A break was taken at 1:30. One Board member remained in the room at all times.

The recount resumed at 1:50. The voting machine cartridge for the Town of Pepin had not arrived yet and there was no firm delivery time.

Jeannie Reinhardt made a motion to recess until 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 2011. James Dawson seconded and the motion carried. Time: 1:50 p.m.

The room was evacuated and then locked by Laura Berger.

## **Justice of the Supreme Court Recount, Friday, April 29, 2011**

The room was unlocked by Audrey Leiffing at 8:55, when all Canvass Board members were present.

### **Town of Pepin**

Nancy Wolfe was present and set up her voting machine, assisted by Maureen Manore. Once the machine was turned on Command Central was called on the speakerphone and Larry Zins walked Nancy through the procedure for obtaining the audit report.

The audit report was printed. The Board was told by Larry that #63 represented David T. Prosser and #64 represented Joanne F. Kloppenburg. Undervotes were assigned #140. Write-ins were listed as #1. The votes were tallied.

The result of the recount: David T. Prosser	Joanne F. Kloppenburg	Undervotes
65 machine	96 machine	5 machine
<u>22 paper</u>	<u>36 paper</u>	<u>4 paper</u>
87 Total	132 Total	9 Total

These numbers are the same as originally reported.

There were a total of 228 ballots and 228 voters in the poll books.

The ballot bag Tamper Evident seal #10314293 was removed from the ballot bag. The previously unsecured ballots were wrapped in a rubber band and put in the ballot bag.

The ballot bag was resealed with tamper evident seal #10314300, noted on the Ballot Container Certification and the certification was signed by Jeannie Reinhardt and James Dawson.

The Town of Pepin recount was completed.

Maureen Manore was excused to go prepare the Summary Statement of the Board of Canvassers. When she returned with this document it was signed by the Board of Canvassers.

Jeannie Reinhardt made a motion to adjourn the recount for the Supreme Court Justices and Jim Dawson seconded. The motion carried. Time 9:55 a.m.

Maureen Manore  
Recording Secretary

To whom it may concern:

In regards to the statewide recount-

On April 5, 2011 election day I set up the election and then I had my chief inspectors take over. My name was on the Ballot for Town Of Pepin clerk/treasurer. I told my chief inspectors that I will be available to answer questions but I will not be involved with handling ballots, counting etc.

In the afternoon the paper ran out in the voting machine. My chief inspector was not sure of her self to change the paper. I called for help from a neighboring village. The paper was change and voting continued. My chief inspector called me and asked what to do with the roll of ballots. I told her to place the roll in the blue bag. She did place the roll in the blue bag but it was the blue bag with my extra paper rolls not in the Township Lock bag. I did not realize that anything was wrong until the recount when the County clerk asked for my machine and also bring extra paper rolls. When I open the bag with extra paper rolls there was the missing ballots. I Since then I have change the color of my bags.

Town of Pepin

Nancy Wolfe

Clerk/treasurer.