STATE OF WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT FORM

Ken Charneski 2604 16th Road Kronenwetter, Wi 54455 715 310 3572 screenmaster@pcpros.net

State of Wisconsin Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of Ken Charneski Complainant, proceeding under Wisconsin statute 5.06 against respondent:

Kronenwetter Village clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge Village of Kronenwetter 1582 Kronenwetter Drive, Kronenwetter, WI 54455 715 693 4200 bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org

This complaint is under Chapter 7; 7.15 (1), 730.

Complainant alleges multiple and ongoing violations of Statute 7.30, in which the Defendant, Village Clerk Bobbi Birk LaBarge (LaBarge):

- 1. Removed and/or disregarded available duly appointed election inspectors, both Republican and unaffiliated, in at least 4 separate elections and primaries, and instead arbitrarily hired workers for those positions "off the street" who were not submitted by either of the main political parties, nor were they approved by the Village Board.
- 2. There were two other elections which likely involve similar violations, but for which LaBarge has not provided worker schedules (see EXHIBIT Q).
- 3. Apparently no effort was made to achieve the statutory balance between Republican and unaffiliated workers at any of the elections conducted by Ms LaBarge.
- 4. Split shifts without a Village Ordinance to authorize such action, in violation of .

- 5. Openly admitted to removing at least one election inspector without cause, documentation, or notification. (see EXHIBIT K)
- 6. For all practical purposes, she removed other workers from the Republican list, as some of them have never been called in to work the polls, while others, often unapproved, have been called in numerous times.
- 7. Submitted the election worker names to the Village Board for approval, without breaking down the list by party affiliation.
- 8. Removed names from the list submitted by the Republican Party, before forwarding that list to the Village Board for approval.
- 9. Hired at least one worker who is not a resident of the municipality, in preference over other approved workers from within the municipality who, according to statute 7.30 (4) (c), must be used first. There may be other workers from outside the municipality being being given preference as well. We do not know, because Clerk LaBarge has not provided information on any of the unaffiliated workers for us to confirm who they are, or where they live.(see EXHIBIT Q)

Background and Facts

EXHIBIT A shows the list of election inspectors approved by the Village Board in December of 2021.

EXHIBIT B shows the worker schedule for the August 9, 2022 primary.

EXHIBIT C shows highlighted, the workers on the list used for that primary.

In addition to those approved workers highlighted on the list, the schedule names 2 other people who are unknown and unappointed: Patty Tikalsky and Lucene Udulutch.

EXHIBIT D shows the worker schedule for the November 8, 2022 election.

EXHIBIT E shows highlighted, the workers on the list used for that election.

In addition to those approved workers highlighted on the list, the schedule names 6 other people who are unknown and unappointed: Cindi Falkowski, Faye Buchberger (in two positions), William Gau, Abby Wallis, Dennis Mueller, and Carol Howard (in two positions).

EXHIBIT F shows the February 21, 2023 primary worker schedule.

EXHIBIT G shows highlighted the workers used in that election.

In addition to those approved workers highlighted on the list, the schedule names 5 other people who are unknown and unappointed:

William Gau, Cindi Falkowski, Carter Coyle (in 2 positions), Dennis Meuller, and Lucene Udulutch.

EXHIBIT H shows the Aprl 4, 2023 election worker schedule.

EXHIBIT I shows highlighted the workers used in that election.

In addition to those approved workers highlighted on the list, the schedule names 9 other people who are unknown and unappointed:

Patty Tikalsky, Audrey Gray, Geraldine Kowalski, Abbi Wallis, Kay Palmer, Faye Buchberger, Cindi Falkowski, Dennis Meuller, and Lucene Udulutch.

Some workers were used several times, and some were never used, but instead were displaced by unapproved workers that the Clerk LaBarge arbitrarily brought in.

Another violation noticable in all schedules, is that Labarge also has assigned split shifts for the workers without a Village Ordinance authorizing her to do so.

In March of 2023, an election worker called me wondering why he was only called for 1 primary and never called back. EXHIBITS J and K email threads, show LaBarge's reticence to give straight answers to my questions. She appears confident that she can hire whoever she wants to, with the statement

about removing workers at will:

"If he was taken off, it was most likely for a good reason. I, myself, removed Dan Joling in the best interest of the elections. That's the clerk's choice." (EXHIBIT K)

EXHIBIT L is an email thread where LaBarge is contacted by the removed election worker's wife, who was looking for answers. I do not believe that she got the answers she was looking for LaBarge's answers are informative as to her defensive attitude, for the purpose of this complaint.

EXHIBIT M is another email thread in which I asked LaBarge to contact WEC with the question of hiring outside poll workers. The response of the WEC is significant to this complaint, as it appears to confirm the misguided attitude that LaBarge bases her non-compliant actions on.

EXHIBIT N Is where I tried one more time to get an answer as to what it was in the training information that led her to believe that she could hire whoever she wanted for election inspectors. Her only reply was "I have attached State Statutes Chapter 7 for your reference."

The rest of the email thread explains what happened there. Again, she refuses to explain her actions.

Village Board Meeting

On December 11, 2023, the Village Board meeting packet contained the election worker list and resolution for approval. At this meeting LaBarge still maintained that she has the authority to hire and fire whoever she wants to, when clearly the law says she does not. I informed her again, that State statutes regulate this for the sake of honest elections.

EXHIBIT O shows the list and resolution. The list is not broken down between Republican, Democrat, and unaffiliated workers as instructed by the October 3, 2023 WEC memorandum sent to Clerk LaBarge.

At the December meeting I asked LaBarge why she combined all the election workers' names into one list, rather than divided by political party as usual. I explained that identifying election workers by party affiliation is the whole point of the statute regarding this process.

Her answer was:

"I contacted the municipal clerks from all around us - most of them do not put the list on there to protect the privacy of the political party of these folks so they are not persuaded in any way"

Because her reply made no sense at all to me, and her decision ran contrary to the purpose of the statute and the public perception of fair elections, I later checked the meeting packets of Mosinee, Marshfield, Schofield, Rothschild, Weston and Wausau.

I discovered that what she told the Board was not true, and that **Rothschild is actually the only**place of the surrounding municipalities that combines all the election workers names into one
list rather that separated by political party. All the other five surrounding municipalities plus

Wausau not only separate the names on the list by affiliation, but two of them give the workers

addresses, and one even gave the phone numbers.

So, it appears that this was a personal, arbitrary decision on Ms Birk-LaBarge's part, to blend all the names into one list, and then she chose to lie to the Board about her reason for doing so.

This causes great concern, because concealing the political party affiliation of the election inspectors makes it much more difficult for the public to know if the clerk is bringing in a balance of inspectors from each party to work at the elections, and this concealment works against the public interest by casting doubt on the integrity of Village elections. Without opposing party members to keep an eye on each other, the potential is there for election fraud.

Furthermore, we have no information at all about the residency of the unaffiliated people on the list.

EXHIBIT P is an email thread inquiring about the party lists and the unaffiliated list. LaBarge's answers indicate she keeps a "closed shop" in that the public is not notified of opportunities to serve as an election inspector, that there are no applications taken to allow new people to get involved, or to know anything about the unaffiliated inspectors who have worked for many years. Only those already involved from previous years are notified.

This is concerning, as it appears to add to the pattern of the Village Clerk controlling access to these worker positions which allows for her to arbitrarily pick her favored people to work the polls, regardless of whether or not the parties have nominated them, or the Board has approved them. This is evident from the pattern shown in EXHIBITS A-I.

LaBarge also states that she does not create the worker schedules, but that is done by the Chief Election Inspectors the morning of the election. This does not make sense, as the workers need to know this information days ahead of time to schedule their day. This also conflicts with the Village Board resolution which states:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to schedule working hours for Election Inspectors and Chief Election Inspectors accordingly; and"

The point is, that her answers are not making sense, which gives cause for concern that the obfuscation as to who creates the work schedules, missing schedules, party affiliation, and where the unaffiliated workers come from, all tend to serve the purpose of facilitating LaBarge's ongoing habit of bringing in her favored but unapproved workers. Indicating a deliberate intent to ignore the statutes that specifically direct who can be used as election inspectors.

Another Violation

EXHIBIT Q is the list of workers submitted by the Republican Party for approval. The reason 3 of those names are not included in the list in EXHIBIT O, is because LaBarge did not immediately forward the list to the Village President as required by 7.30 (4) (b) 2.a, b, but instead contacted those workers on the list, and one way or another found reason to remove 3 of them before submitting the final list to the Board for approval.

Yet Another Violation

With the December 11 Village Board approval of the new list of workers (EXHIBIT O), LaBarge has gotten her favorite, previously illegal poll workers on the list approved by the Village Board.

However, even with a list of new and willing approved workers, LaBarge arbitrarily again brought in an unknown, unapproved worker Cindy Aucutt to work the February 20 primary.

She also briought in Cindy Falkowski, a non-resident of the municipality, to work the election, when 7.30 (4) (c) states that non-residents, even when approved by the Village Board, can be used only as a last choice, when no other approved worker is available.

Summary

The facts are documented - Ms Labarge has a history of bringing in unauthorized election inspectors to every election that she has conducted. It is clear to me that this practice is not legal as I explained to her early last summer, and again at the December Village Board meeting.

The intent of statute 7.30 is to have a system that has safeguards for the integrity of the election process. These safeguards appear to have been missing in Kronenwetter since LaBarge took office.

LaBarge's answers at the December 11 Board meeting and her expressed disregard for regulations only raises doubts and creates the lower confidence that she complains about in her email.

LaBarge did a channel 9 interview about January 3 or 4, in which she advocates for voters to bring in "new faces and new ideas", in other words- replace the incumbents. She also "likes" social media posts that disparage the incumbents.

She said she was misquoted or taken out of context, but that appears to be another lie to cover for her behavior, as again the evidence indicates otherwise. In any case, it seems to be inappropriate, biased behavior for an official who is in charge of supposedly fair elections.

| Date: 3-15-24 Complainant's Signature / Im | |
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| I, Kenneth M. Charneski, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I person complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowle stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true. | |
| Complainant's Signature | gnature |
| STATE OF WISCONSIN County of Marathon, Sworn to before me this day of March, 2024. | Managara da |
| (Signature of person authorized to administer oaths) | NSIN |
| My commission expires 11301300, or is permanent. | Millin. |

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MEETING DATE: AGENDA ITEM# REPORT TO VILLAGE BOARD 12/21/21 8.3 PRESENTING COMMITTEE: STAFF CONTACT: PREPARED BY: COMMITTEE CONTACT: Cindy Falkowski Cindy Falkowski ISSUE: The governing body appoints Election Inspectors for a two-year term at either a regular meeting or, at a special meeting designed for that purpose, before December 31st of odd-numbered years. ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Republican Party nominees are as follows: Lorene Balz Terri Eberhardy Lou Dablke Gary Goytowski Lavonne Goytowski Mark Hoffmann Dan Joling Chervl Kempe Amy Kralikowski Sandy Lee Chet Rucinski Kevin Shulfer Jennifer Smith Mary Thompson James Wysocki Democratic Party nominees are as follows: Cynthia Schaefer Also for appointment as "non affiliated" to a party are as follows: Mary Biegel Cynthia Aucutt Wendy Olson John McAuley Linda Talbert Sandra Shnowske Karen Tallitsch Mary Ventske William Udulutch Donna Rule Julie Waldvogel Tess Waller Vicki Coleman Judi Akey Rita Yaeger Randi Hartwig Clark Zunker Marie Traska RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the poll worker nominations. **COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS and JUSTIFICATION** (attach separate spreadsheets or other documentation as applicable) ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.) ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED BENEFITS (Subjective, Financial, Operational, Service-related, etc.) FUNDING SOURCE(s) - Must include Account Number/Description/Budgeted Amt CFY/% Used CFY/\$ Remaining CFY OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS: Must be appointed by December 31, 2021. ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly):

Republican Party List Democratic Party List



Partisan Primary August 09, 2022 VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER ELECTION WORKERS

| | NAME | TIME |
|---|-----------------|-------------|
| Registration | Bill Udulutch | 0630-CLOSE |
| Greeters | John McAuley | 0630-1300 |
| | Mark Hoffman | 12:30-CLOSE |
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| Floaters | Vicki Coleman | 0800-1400 |
| | Patty Tikalsky | 1400-2000 |
| | Lucene Udulutch | 1300-1600 |
| | Julie Waldvogel | 0700-CLOSE |
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| Absentee Table | Gary Goytowski | 7:00am-? |
| Wards 1-5 & 6-11 | LaVonne Goytows | ki 7:00am-? |
| | Sandra Shnowske | 7:00am-? |
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| Watch Machines | Terri Ebeshardy | 0630-1300 |
| | Chet Rucinski | 12:30-CLOSE |
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| Wards 6-11 | | |
| Chief | Mary Ventzke | 0615-CLOSE |
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| Wards 6-11 | | |
| Book #1 | Linda Talbert | 0630-CLOSE |
| Book #2 | Randi Hartwig | 0630-1300 |
| | Judi Akey | 12:30-CLOSE |
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| Wards 1-5 | | |
| Chief | Cindy Aucutt | 0615-CLOSE |
| | Marie Traska | 0615-CLOSE |
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And thank you for working the 2022 Partisan Primary!!



MEETING DATE: 12/21/21

REPORT TO VILLAGE BOARD

8.3

PRESENTING COMMITTEE:

COMMITTEE CONTACT:

STAFF CONTACT: Cindy Falkowski PREPARED BY: Cindy Falkowski

ISSUE:

The governing body appoints Election Inspectors for a two-year term at either a regular meeting or, at a special meeting designed for that purpose, before December 31st of odd-numbered years.

ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Republican Party nominees are as follows:

Lorene Balz

Gary Goytowski

Dan Joling

Sandy Lee

Jennifer Smith

Lou Dahlke

Mark Hoffmann

Amy Kralikowski

Kevin Shulfer

James Wysocki

Democratic Party nominees are as follows:

Cynthia Schaefer

Also for appointment as "non affiliated" to a party are as follows:

Wendy Olson Mary Biegel Cynthia Aucutt John McAuley Linda Talbert Sandra Shnowske Karen Tallitsch Mary Ventske William Udulutch Donna Rule Julie Waldvogel Tess Waller Judi Akey Vicki Coleman Rita Yaeger Randi Hartwig Clark Zunker

Marie Traska

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the poll worker nominations.

COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS and JUSTIFICATION

(attach separate spreadsheets or other documentation as applicable)

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| Marie Traska | Mary Ventzke | Marie Traska | | |
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| Cindy Aucutt | Vicki Coleman | Cindy Aucutt | | |
| Cyndi Schaefer | Randi Hartwig | Cyndi Schaefer | | |
| Tess Woller | Carol Howard | Tess Woller | | |
| Julie Waldvogel | Linda Talbert | Julie Waldvogel | | |
| Karen Tallitsch | Rita Yaeger | Chet Rucinski | | |
| Mark Hoffman | Dennis Mueller | Sandra Shnowske (3:30) | | |
| | | Patty Tikalsky | | |
| | | Faye Buchberger | | |
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Cindy Falkowski

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| Terri Eberhardy |
| Dennis Mueller |
| William Gau (4:30) |
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-Floater-All Day



MEETING DATE:

12/21/21

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Mary Ventske **Tess Waller**

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Marie Traska

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FUNDING SOURCE(s) - Must include Account Number/Description/Budgeted Amt CFY/% Used CFY/\$ Remaining CFY

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS:

Must be appointed by December 31, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly):

Republican Party List

Democratic Party List

February 21, 2023 Spring Election VILLAGE OF: KRONENWETTER ELECTION WORKERS



| | NAME | TIME | | |
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| Greeters | Mark Hoffman | 0630-1300 | | |
| Greeters | William Gau | 1300-Close | | |

| Badger Books | Cindi Falkowski | 0630-Close | |
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| Assistant | Rita Jaeger | 0630-? | |
| Badger Books | Linda Talbert | 0630-1300 | |
| Assistant | Available | Available | |
| Badger Books | Randi Hartwig | 1300-Close | |
| Assistant | Available | Available | |
| Badger Books | Bill Udulutch | 0630-Close | |
| Assistant | Carter Coyle | 0630-Close | |
| Badger Books | Cynthia Schaefer 1300-Close | | |
| Assistant | Available | Available | |
| Badger Books | Judi Akey | 1300-Close | |
| Assistant | Available | Available | |
| Badger Books | Teri Eberhardy | 1330-1830 | Sec. |
| Assistant | Available | Available | |
| Badger Books | Carter Coyle | 0630-Close | |
| Assistant | Available | Available | |

| Ballot Table | Dennis Mueller | 0630-Close | |
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| Ballot Table | Lücene Üdulutch | 0630-Close | |

| Absentee Table | Gary Goytowski | 8:00am-? | |
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| All Wards | LaVonne Goytowski 8:00am-? | | |
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| Chief | Mary Ventzke | 0615-CLOSE | |
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| Chief | Marie Traska | 0615-CLOSE | |

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And thank you for working the 2023 Spring Primary!!

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| Democratic Party List | | | | | | |

2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule



Bobbi Birk-LaBarge <bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Thu 3/30/2023 4:49 PM

To:traska5@charter.net <traska5@charter.net>;Mary & Mark Ventzke <ventzkefamily@gmail.com>;Gary Goytowski <gwlmgoy@hotmail.com>;Kay Palmer <okay2ski@yahoo.com>;teberhardy mailstjohn.com <teberhardy@mailstjohn.com>;Audrey Gray <grayindy10@gmail.com>;udulutchfamily@charter.net <udulutchfamily@charter.net>;Geraldine Kowalski <gktruck@charter.net>;Kathy Mueller <dekamueller@gmail.com>;Abby Wallis <abby.howard00@gmail.com>;judi.akey@tds.net <judi.akey@tds.net>;Chet Rucinski <chetrucinski@gmail.com>;Donna Rule <drules@charter.net>;Linda Talbert lindatalbert45@gmail.com>;Rita <rita.yaeger@tds.net>;bulldogmommy@charter.net <bulldogmommy@charter.net>;bulldogmommy@gmail.com>;CINDRA FALKOWSKI <fcindra@gmail.com>;Vicki Coleman <vicki_coleman@yahoo.com>

Election Inspectors,

Below is the schedule for April 04, 2023. Greeters Upstairs, I now have vests for you to wear. Please come see me on Tuesday so I can give you each one.

A few tips for election day:

- 1. Park in the back of the building
- 2. Refrain from speaking politics
- 3. Bring snacks and drink for your lunch. An evening meal will be provided.
- 4. Remember, we will all work as a TEAM to make sure this spring election runs as smoothly and flawlessly as possible
- 5. I appreciate each and every one of you!!

2023 Spring Election April 04, 2023

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER ELECTION INSPECTORS

| | NAME | TIME | WARD |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|------|
| CHIEF ELECTION | Marie Traska | 6:15- CLOSE | 1-5 |
| Inspectors | Mary Ventzke | 6:15- CLOSE | 6-11 |
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| Absentee Table | Gary Goytowski | 8:00-XX | |
| | LaVonne Goytowski | 8:00-XX | |
| | Patty Tikalsky | 9:00-XX | |
| | Teri Eberhardy | 2:00-7:00 | |
| Greeters | Mark Hoffman | 0630-1:00 | |
| Upstairs Entrance | Audrey Gray | 1:00-CL | |
| | | | |

| Information | Lucene Udulutch | 6:30-1:00 | |
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| DS 200 Machines | Geraldine Kowalski | 1:00-CL | |
| D3 200 Machines | NUWAISKI | 1.00-CL | |
| Ballot Table #1 | Dennis Mueller | 0630-CL | |
| | Abbi Wallis | 0730-1:00 | |
| | Judi Akey | 1:00-CL | |
| Ballot Table #2 | Tess Waller | 6:30-1:00 | |
| | Chet Rucinski | 6:30-CL | |
| | Donna Rule | 1:00-CL | |
| | | | |
| Badger Book #1 | Julie Waldvogel | 6:30-11:30 | |
| | Kay Palmer | 11:30-1:00 | |
| | Linda Talbert | 6:30-1:00 | |
| | Rita Yaeger | 1:00-CL | |
| | Cynthia Schaefer | 1:00-CL | |
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| Badger Book #2 | Cindy Aucutt | 6:30-CL | |
| | Cindi Falkowski | 6:30-CL | |
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| Badger Book #3 | Bill Udulutch | 6:30-CL | |
| | Vicki Coleman | 6:30-CL | |
| | | | |
| Badger Book #4 | Randi Hartwig | 6:30-CL | |
| | Karen Tallitsch | 6:30-1:00 | |
| | Faye Buchberger | 1:00-CL | |

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge Village Clerk



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"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." — Colin Powell

MEETING DATE: AGENDA ITEM # REPORT TO VILLAGE BOAR 12/21/21 8.3 STAFF CONTACT: PRESENTING COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE CONTACT: PREPARED BY: Cindy Falkowski Cindy Falkowski ISSUE: The governing body appoints Election Inspectors for a two-year term at either a regular meeting or, at a special meeting designed for that purpose, before December 31st of odd-numbered years. ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Republican Party nominees are as follows: Terri Eberhardy Lou Dahlke Lorene Balz Gary Goytowski Lavonne Goytowski Mark Hoffmann Cheryl Kempe Amy Kralikowski Dan Joling Sandy Lee Chet Rucinski Kevin Shulfer Jennifer Smith Mary Thompson James Wysocki Democratic Party nominees are as follows: Cynthia Schaefer Also for appointment as "non affiliated" to a party are as follows: Cynthia Aucutt Wendy Olson John McAuley Mary Biegel Linda Talbert Sandra Shnowske Karen Tallitsch Mary Ventske William Udulutch Donna Rule Julie Waldvogel Tess Waller Vicki Coleman Judi Akey Rita Yaeger Randi Hartwig Clark Zunker Marie Traska RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the poll worker nominations. COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS and JUSTIFICATION (attach separate spreadsheets or other documentation as applicable) ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.) HTEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED BENEFITS (Subjective, Financial, Operational, Service-related, etc.) FUNDING SOURCE(s) - Must include Account Number/Description/Budgeted Amt CFY/% Used CFY/\$ Remaining CFY OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS: Must be appointed by December 31, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly): Republican Party List Democratic Party List

Re: election



Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Thu 3/30/2023 11:06 AM

To:Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Sc:Terry P. McHugh <tmchugh@kronenwetter.org>
Bcc:Sean Dumais <sdumais@kronenwetter.org>

What is the pool of trained volunteers that you have to choose from? Who is currently conducting the absentee voting?

I'm asking because one volunteer says he was disparaged in a comment by Sashe last year, and another has asked why the determination has not been made yet.

Isn't there a timeline that this process has to follow? And how are the people for the final list chosen? Are all volunteers from Kronenwetter?

I am not "mico-managing" as apparently I have been accused of by Mr. Voll.

I am just following up due to the requests, and want to make sure we don't get unnecessary attention in the media if things are not done exactly perfect.

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge <bbr/>bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:27 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: RE: election

Hang on antsy pantsy....I'm getting that comprised now.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk - Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 10:15 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge <bbr/>birklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: election

What is the final list?

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 7:57 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: RE: election

Those are our Chief Election Inspectors.

The full list of election inspectors will be comprised by Wednesday of this week.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk - Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 7:54 AM

Yo: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: election

Only three? Is that because of the Badger Books?

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 7:50 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: RE: election

Cindy Aucutt Mary Ventzke Marie Traska

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski @kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 7:32 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: election

Bobbi,

Who are the election inspectors that you have for this election?

Thanks,

Ken

K

RE: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
 bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Mon 4/10/2023 7:45 AM

To:Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

He never got a formal letter. I just never called him. If I ever DO need him, I will email him for his assistance.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Sunday, April 9, 2023 8:53 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
 Subject: Re: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

Bobbi,

I did forward the information to the Wysocki's and the suggestion that they take it up with the State EC. Hopefully that will all get clarified.

Can you forward me the letter you sent to Dan Joling that removed him from his election inspector position? Thanks.

Ken

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 11:43 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org Cc: Dan Mahoney kronenwetter.org Subject: RE: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

Thank you Ken. I appreciate your comments. It helps.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk - Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 11:40 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < birklabarge@kronenwetter.org Cc: Dan Mahoney < dmahoney@kronenwetter.org Subject: Re: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

my comments in red

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 10:36 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Cc: Dan Mahoney cmahoney@kronenwetter.org; Chris Voll cvoll@kronenwetter.org;

Subject: RE: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

Wait,

Do you know 100% he was actually removed by Sashe or by Cindy? He was on the list as of 12/21/21. He worked the Feb 22 primary, so he obviously took the training as required. You said you never heard of him and he is not on the list. He would have been removed between the primary and the Spring Election of 2022, so that would have been Sashe who was the clerk. He should have a documented letter as such. He does not, that is part of the problem. If there was such a letter, I thought that there would be a copy in your files somewhere, that's why I asked, as this would be what he was looking for. Have you asked him for that? When you originally approached me with this question, I said I assumed that maybe the clerk removed him but I have no knowledge of that, hence why I assumed.

Where are you getting any of this information from? Is this one-sided information coming from James Wysocki himself and no one else? Yes, and his wife was with him and also heard the "trouble" comment from Sashe. This puzzled them both.

As far as forwarding this information to the States Elections commission, and if this topic is such importance to him that it has been blasted on social media I have not seen anything about it on social media. They talked to me directly. leaving you to feel the need to step in and become his problem solver (forgive me for being blunt but you have enough on your plate as it is), he, himself should contact them and then they can contact me. His intent was initially to just find out what happened and perhaps get things straightened out as he never did get an explanation for the comment. I said I would check it out, as I thought it was a matter of serious concern, and here we are. Don't let it interfere with your other work, however. As you suggest, I'm sure the EC will deal with it, or tell him that it is not worth bothering with.

I can tell you, just because they are appointed by the board does not mean they will be called to work every election either. That is a separate issue, which the statute that I sent already covers. The main point here is that the name is not on the list, which has made it impossible for him to ever be called in as the statute requires.

I can tell you, in all honesty, checking into this is not my top priority this week or next week. As a newer clerk, this is going to take some digging into and background research. I have an election to reconcile and close, payroll, retirement paperwork, taxes to pay, agendas to put together, new hire paperwork to finish, new employees to meet with etc., this week and with us being closed tomorrow I am loosing a day already. It is not meant to be a priority, or a burden on your time. I originally thought it would have been a relatively simple matter. I think your suggestion for him to take it to the State is perhaps the best thing, so let's have them deal with it since this is their specialty. I'll leave you alone to get your other work done.

Thanks,

Ken

Please understand, I will look into this but I need time.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 10:20 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Cc: Dan Mahoney < dmahoney@kronenwetter.org>
Subject: Re: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

Bobbi,

Mr. Wysocki never got a notice of any kind after he worked at the Feb, 2022 primary. He was not called back for the Spring Election, and apparently was removed from the list for some reason.

The apparent intent of the statutes here is to create public trust in the system by preventing personal biases of key public officials from interfering with a fair election process.

The removal of Mr. Wysocki's name from the list of inspectors without documentation as to a valid reason for the removal given in 7.30 (6) (c), appears to me to be a breach of the public trust. Aside from election laws 7.30, the removal also appears to be a violation under 946.12 (2) for misconduct.

As a public official, the former Village Clerk was assumed to know the duties of her job, and to know that she did not have the authority to remove anyone that she considered to be "trouble".

Perhaps a good start would be for you to forward this email thread to the State Election Commission to get their opinion as to whether or not this situation is something that they will want to follow up on.

Do you see any other names beside Wysocki's on the list from Dec 21,2021, that are not on your current list of inspectors?

Thanks,

Ken

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 5:53 PM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org > Subject: RE: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

Thank you for attaching that.

I honestly do not know the story behind that.

Do they have anything in writing from her removing them or were they just never called back to assist with the change over in clerks? They weren't on any list I had to work with.

I can look into this more later but it is extremely busy right now.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 3:58 PM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org > **Subject:** Re: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

These people are appointed by the Board as election inspectors according to State Statutes. see the attachment.

I don't see where the Clerk could remove anyone that the Board appointed, except for reasons in (C) below. So she would have to have written some kind of report explaining why Mr. Wysocki would have been removed.

Do you know of any other statutory grounds for removal?

7.30 (6) OFFICE TENURE.

- (a) Except as provided in par. (am), the appointed election officials shall hold office for 2 years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. They shall serve at every election held in their ward during their term of office.
- (c) If any election official appointed under this section lacks the qualifications set forth in this section, fails to attend training sessions required under s. 7.15 (1) (e) unless excused therefrom, is guilty of neglecting his or her official duties or commits official misconduct, the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall summarily remove the official from office and the vacancy shall be filled under sub. (2) (b).

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:42 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org > **Subject:** RE: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

The clerk at the time I am sure had a reason. What it was, I am not sure.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk - Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:18 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org Subject: Re: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

Does there need to be a reason given?

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:16 AM

To: Ken Charneski < <u>kcharneski@kronenwetter.org</u>> **Subject:** RE: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

They stay as election inspectors until they no longer want to be. They are provided 6 hours of training by the clerk or deputy clerk every two years as required by law to maintain their certification.

If he was taken off, it was most likely for a good reason. I, myself, removed Dan Joling in the best interest of the elections. That's the clerk's choice.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk - Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:13 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org Subject: Re: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

He is just wondering what happened.

Also chech Sashes emails from last March to see if he was on the list of volunteers that she called in for the election. That would verify his story.

Do these people need to volunteer every year in order to be on your list to choose from?

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:09 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org > **Subject:** RE: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

Sounds like another "he said", "she said" conversation. What is he looking for as far as a resolution? Did he say?

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 8:05 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org > **Subject:** Re: 2023 Spring Election Inspector Schedule

He says he volunteered, took the training, worked at the last April election and for some reason the previous VC called him a troublemaker, and when he asked why, she said that, she replied "oh, never mind", and

Re: [External] Election Schedule



Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Fri 4/14/2023 12:00 PM

To:Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Was there something wrong with forwarding that? It's not an unusual practice, much like you just forwarded their correspondence with you to me.

I did email you on the 9th, telling you that I forwarded the information to them.

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge <bbr/>bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:31 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: RE: [External] Election Schedule

Dully noted for future correspondence with you. Thanks

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:26 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
birklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: [External] Election Schedule

Bobbi.

As you know, Wysocki's contacted me about the issue to begin with, and I contacted you back and forth a few times on their behalf. It ended up your suggestion that they should deal with the EC on the issue. So rather than re-tell the Wysocki's everything that I told you, and re-explain back to them what I found out, I just forwarded the whole email thread to them, so they had everything straight for however they were going to proceed.

Thanks,

Ken

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 7:46 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Cc: Chris Voll <cvoll@kronenwetter.org>; Dan Mahoney <dmahoney@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: RE: [External] Election Schedule

Ken,

Any idea how Elaine Wysocki had any knowledge of the email conversation I had with you in regards to Dan Joling?

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

----Original Message----

From: enjc@tds.net <enjc@tds.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 9:53 PM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: [External] Election Schedule

Bobbie-Burk-LaBarge: First to answer to your comment on why I am texting: We have been married 58 years and Jim's states "The two shall become one". Jim appoints me. He is right next to me. You asked ware is the proof on name removed, really. You have stated this. You stated: Jim is not on the list must have been removed. You also said If taken off must have been a good reason. How can you assume this? A one time appearance, never called back, read the State Statue again. Must be a good reason, MUST be docket, Must send letter. I do not remember if this statue states Unlawful removal may be a crime. Does it not also state term is to be 2 years? The Primary was Feb. 2022 and then the Spring Election after. Jim was told by the Clerk which at that time was Sasha. And Sasha's use of "there is trouble" was at the Spring Election. It sounds a little sarcastic to me for asking if she was Joking or serious. You state NO letter exist why Jim was removed. Is this not a violation of the State Law? In my opinion the Clerk or? decided to remove Jim for there own Personal reason and did not want a paper trail knowing it was not lawful. Our opinion is Jim was treated unfairly. This needs to be corrected and made right so this does not happen again just because someone thinks they can. You stated You removed Dan Joling in the best interest of the election. The Clerks choice. Hard to believe The Chief of our First Police department removed. Remember Statue . A letter MUST be sent. And if you talked to Erin she would have told you this. Again we do not know the people there and they do not know us. You offering to include Jim in the 2023 Elections appears to be the correct way to resolve the wrong done to Jim. I was unable to down load the lists. a copy sent would be nice or let me know when copies made i will pick up. 715-693-2644. thank you.

Jim, Elaine Wysocki

---- Original Message -----

From: "Bobbi Birk-LaBarge"

bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

To: "enjc tds. net" <enjc@tds.net>

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 4:00:49 PM

Subject: RE: Election Schedule

Elaine,

I spoke with WI Elections Commission today after listening to your voicemail you left for me. I will answer your questions as best I can.

Bobbie Birk - LaBarge: I understand you were not in office at the time of this name removal. - Where is your proof his name was removed? I have nothing on file.

The problem is you now are and this falls into your lap. We are following up on the voice mail sent Friday in writing now. - Correct, I am the new village clerk and your voicemail was received.

Jim was a volunteer for working on Elections. Yes, he had the training and worked a Primary in 2022. He was not called for the Election so he called in to make sure he was or was not

working to keep that day open. - Which election was he not called for in 2022 that you are referring to?

Jim was told he was not working that there were so many volunteers so he was not needed. - Whom was he told this by and when?

No problem. On Election Day as we walked in up to the table on the left people were sitting and standing. - Which election are you referring to?

A women said out loud to Jim (There is Trouble) - Who was the woman that supposedly said this?

I looked at her then my husband as Jim said to her (What does that Mean). This was the Clerk and her answer was (Never Mind). - What was the "clerks" name? and was this supposed statement said in a joking manner or a serious manner?

since then he was never called to perform his lawful duty as an American should. In wondering why, we recently found out Jim was removed from the volunteer Schedule. - Who informed you of this?

We understand there may be a question on

weather he was. Bobbie, we have the W 2 from Kronenwetter stating 87\$ Proof enough. - I have the payroll that proves that amount.

We have contacted the State of Wis. Election Commission. She stated to us: No one can be removed except for a very good

reason. Then it Must be docketed and a letter Must be sent. We understand this is a serious Election Law 7.30. Also was informed we can check ALL the lists to see who the workers are. - You can send an open records request to me for this.

Are they constantly

the same. - No, they are not constantly the same.

She did mention that the volunteers should be of equal number of party's. - That is not correct or you misunderstood what Erin said. It is party and balance based on polling place.

We were told to try work this out with The Clerk first. If no results, call the Election Commission Board Back.

We are requesting answers and copy's on: Who requested the removal of Jim Wysocki from the volunteer election list. - I have no answer for you on this question

Requesting a copy of the required letter on the removal. - If you do not have one, than none exist

A copy of the required letter to Dan Joling. - what letter are you referring to?

Requesting to have copy's or see ALL lists of workers from Feb.2022 to now. - I will take this as an open records request. I have attached the lists.

Please respond in a reasonable time. - Response time within 24 hours of original request.

You ask what is our reason, it's to get answers. - I don't know who asked that but it was not me.

It's to make sure those who want to do there American Duty are able and not able to because of some. - Not sure where that view comes from of "not being able to because of some?"

What I can add is I failed to rotate Republican/Democratic parties due to me not knowing. I was under the assumption I just needed to have the required amount of each party and I followed what was previously done for volunteers at the election prior to me coming on board. I can make sure your husband is included in the 2023 elections if he, himself, is in contact with me when I send the request for workers. I would have liked the voicemail and this email to have come from him since he was the appointed party by the village board and he was affected, not you. I checked for your name on the village board report dated 12/21/2021 and did not see it on there.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

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Thank You

Jim and Elaine Wysocki

RE: [External] Poll Worker



Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
 bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sat 6/10/2023 9:47 AM

To:Ken Charneski <kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

My question to her was: What happens when I recruit for additional poll workers outside of that time frame and that were not listed and approved by the board during the village board meeting as mentioned above? Do all new workers hired outside of that time frame have to be approved by the board? Or can I train them and utilize them?

Her answer is: The clerk can appoint to fill vacancies.

You can call there and see if she will talk with you.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk - Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2023 9:32 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge <bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: [External] Poll Worker

That is a pretty short answer. Can I question her directly, or better to run the questions through you to send to her?

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 3:04 PM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: FW: [External] Poll Worker

Ken,

Here is the answer to your question you had asked me the other day

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk - Kronenwetter

From: Allison Coakley (Support) < elections@wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 11:53 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
birklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Cc: Elections < <u>elections@wi.gov</u>>
Subject: Re: [External] Poll Worker

Your Wisconsin Elections Commission request number (17274) is updated with the information below.

Alfison Coakley (Wisconsin Elections Commission)

Jun 1, 2023, 11:53 CDT

Hi Bobbi:

The clerk can appoint to fill vacancies.

Allison Coakley

WEC

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Jun 1, 2023, 11:29 CDT

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Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

A question by one of our village board members has come up and I need your assistance with the answer. This is in regards to hiring poll workers.

Our village appoints election inspectors for two-year terms before December 31st of odd-numbered years. A list of Republican Party, Democratic Party and non-affiliated parties are given to the board for approval.

What happens when I recruit for additional poll workers outside of that time frame and that were not listed and approved by the board during the village board meeting as mentioned above? Do all new workers hired outside of that time frame **have to be** approved by the board? Or can I train them and utilize them?

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk



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RE: [External] Poll Worker



Kim Manley kronenwetter.org

Tue 10/24/2023 3:07 PM

To:Ken Charneski kcharneski@kronenwetter.org Cc:Chris Voll kcharneski@kronenwetter.org;Bobbi Birk-LaBarge bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org Ken.

Not adversarial at all. Just saying that Bobbi does not have anything more to share. She has given you what she can. From the email string it does appear as if she does not have any training materials to share and shared the statute with you instead.

The entire process of appointing a poll worker goes back to the state statutes and the election commission.

Plus she is not here – on vacation for a couple days – yet she is attempting to answer your questions in good faith. I will talk to her tomorrow to get a better picture of what went on but right now there's not much more to be said without doing that first.

Kim Manley, Interim Administrator (715)693-4200 Ext. #102

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 2:59 PM **To:** Kim Manley kmanley@kronenwetter.org

Cc: Chris Voll <cvoll@kronenwetter.org>; Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
birklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: [External] Poll Worker

Ms. Manley,

If you wish to take an adversarial position to a constructive effort, then that is your choice. I don't understand the rationality of it because I am only trying to work with Bobbi quietly to correct a problem that I saw as being created at the State level. With Kronenwetter already having had two publicized cases of ballot mistakes in the past year, my effort was aimed at preventing further embarrassment to her or the Village with this latest round of activity. Given the widespread distrust in the integrity of our elections, I think your counter-productive response shows very poor judgement by casting even more doubt and suspicion on Kronenwetter.

Simply pointing to Chapter 7 of the statutes is may be a "response" as you say, but if that is the case, she might as well have said "it's in the law, somewhere, go find it". In any event, I can accept it for what it is, and final.

Since Bobbi has reportedly gone to numerous clerk training events, I thought I would get her input as to where she got the idea that she can decide to remove poll workers at her discretion and replace them with people not approved by the Village Board. Since this idea has no apparent basis in Chapter 7, it had to come from somewhere.

I have gone through Chapter 7, and I see nothing there to explain how 9 unapproved people could be hired to work the latest election, while 10 out of the 14 people from the Republican list who were approved to work the polls were disregarded without a known cause, as well as disregarding 5 "unaffiliated" people who apparently were also available. My assumption was that the training material, like the email from the Election Commission, was incomplete and/or misleading.

Perhaps my approach to this problem was all wrong, since the message that I'm getting here from you and Bobbi is that **she does not have** the incomplete or misleading training materials that I was expecting her to

provide. Instead, your response seems to be indicating that she decided on her own to replace Republicannominated workers with unapproved workers of her choosing, and that she did so without having any such training instructions to base these actions on.

Am I understanding your reply correctly?

Ken Charneski

From: Kim Manley < kmanley@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 8:27 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Cc: Chris Voll <<u>cvoll@kronenwetter.org</u>>; Tim Shaw <<u>tshaw@kronenwetter.org</u>>; Alex Vedvik <<u>avedvik@kronenwetter.org</u>>; Kelly Coyle <<u>kellycoyle@kronenwetter.org</u>>; Sean Dumais

<sdumais@kronenwetter.org>; Christopher Eiden <ceiden@kronenwetter.org>; Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>; Lee D. Turonie <
LDT@dempseylaw.com>

Subject: RE: [External] Poll Worker

Ken,

The Village Clerk has provided you as well as the State Election Commission what the duties and authority the Clerk has in hiring poll workers.

This matter has been addressed and responded to.

Kim Manley,

Interim Administrator

(715)693-4200 Ext. #102

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 5:09 PM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
birklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: [External] Poll Worker

Bobbi,

That is the statute itself, not the training material. Unless the trainers just said "here are the rules, now go read them". If that were the case, then who would need a training seminar?

I know what the statute says about removing people specifically for not participating in training, or handing out ballots improperly, etc. Is there somewhere in that Chapter that you can more specifically point to that fits what I had asked for?

Thanks!

Ken Charneski

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 12:37 PM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Cc: Village Board < VillageBoard@kronenwetter.org >; Kim Manley < kmanley@kronenwetter.org >

Subject: RE: [External] Poll Worker

Good Morning Ken,

I have received your request below to <u>"find examples of materials or elsewhere that led you to believe that you could remove workers for reasons outside of those specifically listed in statute, and/or hire other people not approved by the Board. Or, any training materials that would be ambiguous about this issue and contribute to misunderstanding."</u>

I have attached Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 7 for your reference.

Sincerely,

Bobbi J. Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk

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From: Ken Charneski «kcharneski@kronenwetter.org»

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 12:07 PM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: [External] Poll Worker

Bobbi,

I'm picking up this subject again because of continued comments and complaints.

I emailed Ms Coakley at the election commission and she seemed evasive in providing direct answers to my questions, and suggested that I file a complaint instead, which I declined to do, but said I wanted answers to my questions instead.

It ended up that she sent me a link to the training manual for me to find my own answers, and I found what I needed to know, which is that the system needs fixing.

The bad news is that it appears that you improperly hired quite a number of unapproved workers for the latest election, instead of using other approved workers on the list, and this is illegal according to what I have read and what other knowledgeable people have told me.

The good news is that the problem appears to originate with the Election Commission itself and their incomplete or ambiguous training material. Ms. Coakley's misleading answer below is an example. Yes, you can appoint to fill vacancies, but only under limited conditions, and vacancies can only be created under even more limited conditions and very specific reasons.

This same issue is apparently happening in many municipalities, and there seems to be a lot of concern about it.

So, I know you are busy, but in order for me to move forward with getting this issue fixed, either in Madison or at the local level, what I need is for you to find examples that you have from training materials or eslewhere that led you to believe that you could remove workers for reasons outside of those specifically listed in statute, and/or hire other people not approved by the Board. Or, any training materials that would be ambiguous about this issue and contribute to misunderstanding.

Once I have that information to complete my case, I can contact some people in Madison to see what can be done to clarify the rules.

I think we should be pro-active in fixing the problem, before the problem comes to us in the way of complaints and bad press.

Thanks,

Ken Charneski

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2023 9:47 AM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Subject: RE: [External] Poll Worker

My question to her was: What happens when I recruit for additional poll workers outside of that time frame and that were not listed and approved by the board during the village board meeting as mentioned above? Do all new workers hired outside of that time frame have to be approved by the board? Or can I train them and utilize them?

Her answer is: The clerk can appoint to fill vacancies.

You can call there and see if she will talk with you.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2023 9:32 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org >

Subject: Re: [External] Poll Worker

That is a pretty short answer. Can I question her directly, or better to run the questions through you to send to her?

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 3:04 PM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Subject: FW: [External] Poll Worker

Ken,

Here is the answer to your question you had asked me the other day

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

From: Allison Coakley (Support) < <u>elections@wisconsin.gov</u>>

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 11:53 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Cc: Elections < <u>elections@wi.gov</u>> **Subject:** Re: [External] Poll Worker

Your Wisconsin Elections Commission request number (17274) is updated with the information below.

Allison Coakley (Wisconsin Elections Commission)

Jun 1, 2023, 11:53 CDT

Hi Bobbi:

The clerk can appoint to fill vacancies.

Allison Coakley WEC

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Jun 1, 2023, 11:29 CDT

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Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

A question by one of our village board members has come up and I need your assistance with the answer. This is in regards to hiring poll workers.

Our village appoints election inspectors for two-year terms before December 31st of odd-numbered years. A list of Republican Party, Democratic Party and non-affiliated parties are given to the board for approval.

What happens when I recruit for additional poll workers outside of that time frame and that were not listed and approved by the board during the village board meeting as mentioned above? Do all new workers hired outside of that time frame **have to be** approved by the board? Or can I train them and utilize them?

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk



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Report to

Agenda Item:

Resolution No. 2023-016; A Resolution Appointing Election Inspectors

for the 2024-2025 Election Cycle

Meeting Date:

December 11, 2023

Referring Body:

N/A

Committee Contact:

Report Prepared by:

IN/F

Staff Contact:

Village Clerk Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution No. 2023-016; A Resolution Appointing Election Inspectors

for the 2024-2025 Election Cycle

OBJECTIVE(S):

Appoint Election Inspectors for the 2024-2025 election cycle.

The Marathon County Republican and Democratic parties have submitted a list of names for appointment. The names listed represent

Republican, Democratic and unaffiliated parties.

The governing body appoints Election Inspectors for a two-year term at either a regular meeting or, at a special meeting designed for that

purpose, before December 31st of odd-numbered years

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2023-016

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-016 VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING 2024-2025 ELECTION INSPECTORS

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes provide for the appointment of Election Inspectors and Special Voting Deputies by municipalities between December I and December 31 of each odd-numbered year for a two-year term, and

WHEREAS, terms of current Election Inspectors Will expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.30(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes allows the two dominant parties to submit a list of names from which appointments shall be made; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Republican and Democratic Parties have submitted a list of names for appointment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Kronenwetter hereby appoints the following individuals representing republican, democratic and unaffiliated Election Inspectors for a two-year term which will run from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025:

- 1. CHRIS JOHN
- 2. MARY JOHN
- 3. KATHRYN PALMER
- 4. CYNTHIA SCHAEFER
- 5. ABBY WALLIS
- 6. CINDRA FALKOWSKI
- 7. ARIEL SCHEFTGEN
- 8. TESIA WALLER
- 9. DENNIS MUELLER
- 10. RITA YAEGER
- 11. KAREN TALLITSCH
- 12. LAURIE SAZAMA
- 13. VICKI COLEMAN
- 14. JUDI AKEY
- 15. LORENE BALTZ
- 16. TERRI EBERHARDY
- 17. STEPHANIE FERGUSON
- 18. GARY GOYTOWSKI
- 19. LAVONNE GOYTOWSKI

- 20. AMY KRALIKOWSKI
- 21. SANDY LEE
- 22 CHET RUCINSKI
- 23. DONNA RULE
- 24. KEVIN SHULFER
- 25. JENNIFER SMITH
- 26. JAMIE STUEDEMANN
- 27. LINDA TALBERT
- 28. PATTY TIKALSKY
- 29. BILL UDULUTUCH
- 30. LUCENE UDULUTUCH
- 31. JULIE WALDVOGEL
- 32. JAMES WYSOCKI

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Republican Party submitted a list of names for appointment; and the following names have notified the clerk via email and/or phone, they do not wish to be included in the 2024-2025 election inspector appointment list: Daniel Joling, Cheryl A. Kempe, and Mark Hoffman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marie Traska and Mary Ventzke be designated as Chief Election Inspectors with Cynthia Aucutt as alternate; and will hold said position for the election cycle unless removed by the clerk or the inspector(s) ceases to be certified under s. 7.31; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each election inspector(s) has agreed to serve at every election during their term of office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if any appointed election official lacks the qualifications, fails to attend required training sessions required under s. 7.15(1)(e) unless excused or is guilty of neglecting his or her official duties or commits official misconduct, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall summarily remove the official from office and the vacancy be filled by the clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to schedule working hours for Election Inspectors and Chief Election Inspectors accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is authorized as the special voting Deputy as needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the election-day registrations will be conducted in the same building as the polling place.

This Resolution was adopted by the Village of Kronenwetter Board of Trustees on the 11th day of December, 2023.

| Ву: | | | |
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| Village | Board | President; Chris Voll | |
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| Attest: | | | |
| Village | Clerk: | Bobbi Birk-LaBarge | |





Republican Party of Marathon County

PO Box 834, Wausau, WI 54402

Dear Municipal Clerk,

I am writing to follow up on the Marathon County Republican Party Election Inspectors nominations which I submitted to your municipality.

Your preparation of the agenda for the upcoming December meeting of your municipal board/council is probably well underway. I would like to request that all the nominations I submitted in accordance with Wis.Stat. 7.30(4) (b) be appointed to the office of election official by your municipal governing body at that meeting. Please contact me immediately if this is not your intention.

As I am sure you are aware, unless non-appointment is authorized by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, according to Wis.Stat. 7.30(4) (e), your governing body is obligated to appoint the nominees submitted by the Marathon County Republican Party to election inspector positions.

It is my understanding if you would like further clarification on the appointment process, the Wisconsin Elections Commission and/or your municipal attorney could be of assistance to you.

Thank you for your work in election administration and I look forward to partnering with you in staffing our polling locations.

Kind regards,

Kevin Hermening, Chairman RPMC

kevinhermening@gmail.com

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| orene Baltz | 1746 County Rd. X ,Kronenwetter | 715-270-0919 | | |
| Terri Eberhardy | 2173 Plum Road, Kronenwetter | 715-241-1068 | | |
| Stephanie Ferguson | 1810 Sunny Ct. Kronenwetter | 715-550-7337 | | |
| Gary Goytowski | 1977 Kowalski Road, Kronenwetter | 715-298-4158 | | |
| avonne Goytowski | 1977 Kowalski Road, Kronenwetter | 715-298-4158 | | |
| Mark Hoffmann | 2016 Creciente Drive ,Kronenwetter | 715-355-4694 | | |
| Dan Joling | 2400 North Road Kronenwetter | 715-506-1025 | 1.0 | |
| Cheryl Kempe | 1074 Russel Street, Kronenwetter | 715-693-0446 | | |
| Amy Kralikowski | 2294 North Road, Kronenwetter | 715-544-7322 | | |
| Sandy Lee | 1661 Lane Rd. Kronenwetter | 715-571-1831 | | |
| Chet Rucinski | 2155 Terrebonne, Kronenwetter | 715-212-6237 | | |
| Donna Rule | 1851 Forsyth Rd. Kronenwetter | 715-571-5309 | | |
| Kevin Shulfer | 1920 Dewberry Drive, Kronenwetter | 715-409-9468 | | |
| Jennifer Smith | 2084 Terrebonne Drive | 715-432-2088 | | |
| Jamie Stuedemann | 2230 Sisken Lane, Kronenwetter | 715-573-8147 | | |
| Linda Talbert | 760 Village Road, Kronenwetter | 715-693-3097 | | |
| Patty Tikalsky | 2153 Peach Rd, Mosinee | 715-203-9307 | | |
| Bill Udulutuch | 1859 Kimberly Rd.Kronenwetter | 715-359-3295 | | |
| Lucene Udulutuch | 1859 Kimberly Rd.Kronenwetter | 715-359-3295 | | |
| Julie Waldvogel | 2367 Whitetail Drive, Kronenwetter | 715-551-8592 | | |
| James Wysocki | 1463 Maple Ridge Road, Kronenwetter | 715-693-2644 | | |
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Election Inspectors Nomination List

| Dear Robb, Birk-kaBa (municipal clerk) | rigo. | | |
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| Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §7.30, and Inspectors in Marathon | nd for the purposes o _County, | of nominating Republican Ele | ection |
| (county) | | | |
| I, Debra Hadley | Vice Chair | _of the Republican Party of_ | Marathon |
| (name) | (position) | | (county) |
| County hereby nominate the na | umed individuals bel | low. | |
| | Certifics | ation | ř. |
| I, hereby, certify that I have co | ntacted each nomine | ee whose name appears on thi | s list and each |
| nominee on this list has agreed | to serve as an electi | on inspector. | * |
| County Party Chair Kevin | Hermening | 11-17-20a Date | 3 |
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| County Party Secretary Robe | rta Siegharte | er Date | |
| Please do not hesitate to contac information. | et me with any quest | ions or if you need any additi | onal |
| Deb Hadley (Name) | | | |
| 715-618-6184 (Phone) | | | CEIVED NOV 3 0 2023 |
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RE: election information



Bobbi Birk-LaBarge
 bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Fri 1/12/2024 1:15 PM

To:Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org> Cc:Village Board < VillageBoard@kronenwetter.org>

As a general thinker-yes, however, how it works is the clerk gives the list of available election inspectors for each particular election to the Chief election inspectors prior to election day. Because the Chief Election Inspectors run the election on the day of the actual election, it is the practice that the Chief election inspectors develop the election worker schedules themselves. The schedules would exist in an email if they were sent out via email. In the "do not exist files", my best assumption is the clerk was not given a schedule from the chief election inspectors and duties were just assigned the morning of the election. Also keep in mind, those schedules are not always followed as emailed out or assigned the morning of the election and can change at any time due to various circumstances i.e. someone calls in sick, someone gets sick, someone needs to leave early, etc.

Hopefully that answers your questions.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk - Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 12:55 PM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

 bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: election information

Bobbi,

Thanks for what you sent. As for the 2 "does not exist" files - wouldn't they exist as attachments to the emails sent out to the workers in the week just prior to those elections?

Thanks,

Ken Charneski

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2023 12:18 PM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Cc: Village Board < VillageBoard@kronenwetter.org>; cdem1@charter.net < cdem1@charter.net>

Subject: RE: election information

Dear Mr. Charneski:

I am responding via email to your public records request emailed to me on December 21, 2023 for "election worker schedules for each of the elections and primaries held in Kronenwetter from spring of 2020 through to the end of 2023, except for the 2023 spring election, which I already have".

The response to your request is as follows:

There are no records in my possession that are responsive to your request on 11/03/2020 and 04/05/2022. Therefore, that part of the request is denied for the reason that no responsive records exist.

Denial of a written request is subject to review in an action for mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1), or by application to the local district attorney or Attorney General.

However, all election inspector schedules that were saved in the system for the following elections are attached:

02/18/2020 - Attached

04/07/2020 - Attached

05/12/2020 - Attached

08/11/2020 - Attached

11/03/2020 - Does not Exist

02/16/2021 - Attached

04/06/2021 - Attached

02/15/2022 - Attached

04/05/2022 - Does Not Exist

08/09/2022 - Attached

11/08/2022 -- Attached

02/21/2023 - Attached

Sincerely,

Bobbi Bird-LaBarge, Clerk

cc: Dan Mahoney, Interim Administrator

Bobbi J. Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk

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From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2023 10:17 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: election information

Bobbi,

Thank you for that informative summary.

Could you send me the election worker schedules for each of the elections and primaries held in Kronenwetter from spring of 2020 through to the end of 2023, except for the 2023 spring election, which I already have?

Thanks for your help!

Ken Charneski

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 2:40 PM
To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org
Cc: Village Board < VillageBoard@kronenwetter.org

Subject: RE: election information

Ken,

The Clerk sends an email out to all election inspectors that were used the year prior and lets them know what their options are as far as notifying the Republican party or the Democratic party that they wish to work the next election cycle and that they are AVIALABLE for all elections and that they will complete training. For those that want to work the next election cycle and choose to be "unaffiliated" they send the clerk an email.

Bobbi Birk-LaBarge

Village Clerk – Kronenwetter

From: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org >

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 2:03 PM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: Re: election information

Bobbi,

Thank you for the D and R lists.

If the unaffiliated workers do not send applications, then could you tell me what is the process for finding these workers, and the basis for selecting them for the list of workers for the Board to approve?

For example, are there some kind of ads posted by the Village asking for people to volunteer for these positions?

Thanks,

Ken Charneski

From: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org>

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 1:41 PM

To: Ken Charneski < kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>

Cc: cdem1@charter.net <cdem1@charter.net>; Village Board < VillageBoard@kronenwetter.org>

Subject: RE: election information

TO: Ken Charneski, Trustee

kcharneski@kronenwetter.org

| RE: | Response to public records request sent via email December | er 12, 2023 |
|--|--|---------------------------|
| Dear Mr. | . Charneski: | |
| I receive | d via email your public records request: | |
| "As per | your comments last night, can you send me the following | g information - |
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| The resp | onses to the first, second and fourth request are attached in | this email. |
| | ords for your third request involving applications of the unaff re, that part of your request is denied for the reason that then | |
| | of a written request is subject to review in an action for m), or by application to the local district attorney or Attorn | |
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| | | Sincerely, |
| | | Bobbi Birk-LaBarge, Clerk |
| cc: | Dan Mahoney, Interim Administrator; Village Board | |

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Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 8:47 AM

To: Bobbi Birk-LaBarge < bbirklabarge@kronenwetter.org >

Subject: election information

Bobbi,

As per your comments last night, can you send me the following information -

- The list of election inspectors sent to you by the Democratic Committee.
- The list of election inspectors sent by the Republican Committee.
- The applications of the unaffiliated people on your list.
- and the emails from the three people from the Republican list who said that they did not want to work the elections.

Thanks,

Ken Charneski



2024 Spring Primary February 20, 2024 VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER ELECTION INSPECTORS

| | NAME | TIME | WARD |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| CHIEF ELECTION | Marie Traska | 6:15-CLOSE | 1-11 |
| INSPECTORS | Mary Ventzke | 6:15-CLOSE | 1-11 |
| ADDENITE TABLE | One Contourly | 10-00 VV | |
| ABSENTEE TABLE | Gary Goytowski | 8:00-XX 8:00-XX | |
| | LaVonne Goytowski Patty Tilkalsy | 8:00-12:30 | |
| | Fally Findisy | 0.00-12.30 | |
| GREETERS | Lucene Udulutch | 0630-12:00 | |
| DS 200 MACHINES | Judi Akey | 12:00-CL | |
| INFORMATION | | | |
| Dellas Table #4 | Dannia Marallas | Jacob Cl | |
| Ballot Table #1 | Dennis Mueller Abbi Wallis | 0630-CL | - |
| | ADDI Wallis | 10030-CL | + |
| Ballot Table #2 | Cindy Aucutt | 0630-CL | 10-20- |
| | Donna Rule | 0630-4:30 | |
| Badger Book #1 | Condy Flakowski | 0630-CL | |
| | Stephanie Ferguson | 0630-CL | |
| Badger Book #2 | Cynthia Schaefer | 6:30-CL | 1 |
| === 3 2: =230 # 3 | Ariel Scheftgen | 6:30-CL | |
| Badger Book #3 | Bill Udulutch | 6:30-CL | |
| | James Wysocki | 12:00-CL | |
| Badger Book #4 | Tess Waller | 0630-2:00 | |
| | Kay Palmer | 12:00-CL | |