

2014 Election Report
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The annual Municipal Election will be held Tuesday, October 7.

1. This year's ballot will provide for the election of: 36 elected positions as follows:

- A. Four Assembly Members: two members for 3 year terms and two members for 2 year terms
- B. Three School Board Members: 1 each for one, two and 3 year terms
- C. Three Hospital Board Members: Two, 3 year terms and 1 one year term
- D. Seven Planning Commissioners, Seven Library Advisory Board Members, Seven Harbor & Ports Advisory Board Members and Five Public Safety Advisory Board Members, all with available terms of three, two and one year.

2. Public Officials Financial Disclosure (POFDs) reporting will be required for individuals running for election to: the Assembly, School Board and Planning Commission. An incumbent re-running for office will not be required to file an additional POFD if they have already filed their annual report. Individuals not currently holding elected office will be required to make a candidate financial disclosure filing. Individuals wishing to run for office for: Hospital Board, Library, Harbor & Ports and Public Safety Advisory Boards are not required to file the forms.

3. To date, there is a possibility of 7 propositions to be placed on the ballot. The assembly has already approved submitting the question of opting out of candidate financial disclosure reporting to the voters. Pending action by the assembly over the next three assembly meetings, there are an additional 6 more propositions, all relating to sales and use taxes. The assembly has until the 2nd meeting in August to finalize these additional proposals. (A draft sample ballot with all seven possible propositions is included with this report for your review to assure the ballot proposals are clear).

4. The first day to file for candidacy is Tuesday, July 29. Nominating petitions and declaration of candidacy forms can be obtained from the front desk of the finance office during normal business hours or online at the Borough's website. The last day to file for candidacy is 5:00 p.m., August 26.

5. The last day to qualify and register to vote at the election is September 7. Individuals can obtain voter registration forms at the Borough offices.

6. This is the largest municipal ballot that has been submitted to the community in many, many years. 36 elected positions and 7 propositions appears to be a record. To help us assure that we provide our residents with the most efficient and secure means to cast their ballots, we are in need of election workers. The crew that has been working our elections for the last 15-20 years has retired. A push to recruit new workers in 2009 to train for future elections failed. The numerous letters and notices we have recently placed seeking new election workers have largely gone unanswered. I am asking the assembly to search for interested workers, ask friends or family if they can lend a hand; or for any caring residents to contact me

immediately. My personal thank-you is extended to all retired election workers that have served the community during my tenure as clerk. Those individuals are: Naomi Welde, Jean Curry, Lynda Fredricksen, Polly Koeneman Sigrud Medalen, Pamela Jensen, Carol Stedman and Karen Haltiner. When you see any of these individuals, please thank them for their many years of civic service. While saying good-bye to the retired guard and welcoming the new, my sincere appreciation is extended to three individuals who have agreed to step forward and work the municipal election this year. Those residents are Cathy Harris (the lone survivor of the retiring guard) Beverly Richardson and Erica Worhatch. However, three is not enough to work a challenging 14 to 16 hour day. We need at least two or four more.

7. This year's election cycle also provides for a State run primary in August and a General election in November. We can expect our voters to become confused on ballot issues as well as where to vote as the election times grow nearer. I encourage anyone with questions on any of the elections to contact my office and we will point you in the right direction for answers.