

**Special Township Meeting**  
**Electoral Board Meeting #1**  
**St. Clair Township**

Date: January 10, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Clair Township  
107 Service Street  
Swansea, IL 62226

Members Present: Tim Buchanan, Supervisor  
Dave Barnes, Trustee  
Rich Schobert, Trustee

Others Present: See Attached Sheet

The Special Meeting of the St. Clair Township Electoral Board was called to order by Supervisor, Tim Buchanan with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Buchanan explained that there will be two meetings tonight. The first one dealing with the objections to Mr. Greg Hipskind's and Mr. Sherman Poston's petitions and the people that will serve on that board are Supervisor Buchanan, Trustee Schobert and Trustee Barnes. The typical board for this is the Supervisor, the Clerk and the most senior Trustee, however, if an individual is running for the particular office where the challenge is occurring they can't be on the board and in this case Dave Barnes replaces the Clerk, Mary Carroll. Mr. Buchanan explained that the purpose of this board is to rule on the objections to the petitions and tonight we are just kind of getting oriented and our attorney will lay out what the procedures are and actually most of the stuff will occur at the next meeting.

Mr. Michael Hipskind attorney for Mr. Greg Hipskind and Mr. Sherman Poston, presented a motion to Supervisor Buchanan. Supervisor Buchanan gave to attorney Mr. Stiehl to review. Mr. Stiehl decided they will take this motion into consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Stiehl prepared a one page document on the rules and procedures for the Electoral Board to review.

At this point Supervisor Buchanan took roll call, Mr. Schobert, here, Mr. Barnes, here, and the Chair is here as well.

Trustee Dave Barnes made a motion to adopt. It was seconded by Trustee Schobert. All in favor.

The Board was given copies of the petitions that were filed by Mr. Greg Hipskind and Mr. Sherman Poston. The Board was given the objections. Supervisor Buchanan asked if anything should be done with them at this time. Mr. Stiehl said at this point, no. Supervisor Buchanan said that basically at the next meeting the objectors will present their case and the people whose petitions are being objected to will present their case and the board will deliberate and make a decision. Mr. Stiehl said that is correct.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:30 or as soon as Supervisor's hearing is over.

Supervisor Buchanan explained that he had put public comments on the agenda but shouldn't have and that it is really not a public comment sort of thing. Mr. Stiehl said no it is not. Supervisor Buchanan asked if there were any questions from the board members on the upcoming meetings. Mr. Stiehl said that he does think we could take questions from parties, if they have any questions about procedurally how this is going to occur.

Mr. Stiehl explained that at the hearing next Thursday they will first take up the motion to dismiss objections with regards to the Trustees' objections, then we will have a hearing and the objector will have the burden of proof and the objector will present evidence and argument as to why he believes the petition is not valid or why certain signatures are not valid or the petition as a whole. Then the candidate will have the opportunity to respond to that and present any evidence that he believes is appropriate or relevant. We are not going to be bound formally by the rules of evidence and that is set out in the written rules, we will accept affidavits and if a party is unable to obtain documentation from an office or somebody, the Electoral Board is authorized by law to issue subpoenas and we will do that if you ask. Mr. Stiehl is hopeful that the board makes a determination and can issue a decision after next Thursday's hearing. We will take as long as we need to take, we could be here a long time. Mr. Stiehl asked if anyone had any questions with regard to procedure.

Supervisor Buchanan asked if the board will deliberate in public. Mr. Stiehl said no, deliberations will be in closed session. Supervisor Buchanan said so that means that for the audience there will be a short time of hearing arguments and then they may have to sit quite a while and wait for a decision? Mr. Stiehl said yes that is right and in fact we may schedule a separate meeting for the delivery of the actual decision.

Mary Carroll asked if she will need to go through every line item. Mr. Stiehl said it will be played by ear and he doesn't see a necessity of pointing out to the board things that they can see in the documents.

There being no further business, Supervisor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Schobert made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary M. Pearson

# Sign in Sheet (January 10, 2012)

Name	Street #	Street Name	City
<i>Steph Kernell</i>			
<i>David Moore</i>			
<i>Megan</i>			
<i>Andrea Poston</i>			
<i>Lauren &amp; John O'Neill</i>			
<i>Fury Carver</i>			
<i>Brenda Reed</i>			