



City of Hillsdale Election Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
3:30 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room
City Hall
97 N. Broad Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Minutes**
 - A. Approval of the October 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Communications/Petitions**
- V. Unfinished Business**
- VI. New Business**
 - A. Resolution to Consolidate Precincts/Wards for the May 8, 2018 Election
- VII. Adjournment**



**Election Commission
Minutes**

**Hillsdale Public Library
11 West Bacon Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242**

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Board members present: Ms. Darnella LoPresto
Ms. Jean Porter
Ms. Julie Yoder

Board members absent: None

Also present was Mr. Stephen M. French, City Clerk, Mayor Scott Sessions, Ray Briner, Penny Swan, and Dennis Wainscott.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk French at 4:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

By consent, the minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comments

Mr. Dennis Wainscott, 34 Garden Street, asked if the batteries had been replaced in the voting tabulators since the last election. City Clerk French stated he was unsure, as the County Clerk's Office was responsible for changing the batteries in the memory cards. City Clerk French added that it was doubtful the batteries were changed, as this was the last election for the machines before the new equipment was received and new batteries for the tabulator cards were fairly expensive.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business for review

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Election Inspectors & Receiving Boards for the November 8, 2016 General Election

City Clerk French presented a proposed listing of election poll workers for the November 7, 2017 municipal election.

Ms. LoPresto, seconded by Ms. Porter, moved to appoint the following individuals to serve as poll workers for the November 7th Election, pending any necessary changes and emergencies:

Poll Workers:

Ward 1: Connie Watkins (Chair) – R; Eric Keiber – D; Myrna Schneider – R;
Ward 2: Kathy Flaughner (Chair) – D; Victor Beeker – R; Warren Schneider – R
Ward 3: Sue Billings – R; Diane Potok – R; Katy Price – D
Ward 4: Beverly Fall (Chair) – D; David Dye – R; Teresa Dye – R

By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously

Public Accuracy Test for the November 7, 2017 Election

The Elections Commissioners then performed the accuracy test for the Ward 1 tabulator that was to be used for the November 7, 2017 election. The test was performed without issue and appropriate seals were placed on the equipment in anticipation of Election Day.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen M. French, MMC
City Clerk



City of Hillsdale Election Commission Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: March 7, 2018
AGENDA ITEM: New Business
SUBJECT: Precinct/Ward Consolidation Resolution

BACKGROUND PROVIDED BY STAFF: Stephen M. French, City Clerk

State of Michigan election law allows a local municipality to consolidate precincts and wards for an individual election, subject to approval by the local Election Commission. Precinct consolidation would allow all four city precincts/wards to be combined into one ward for the May 8, 2018 special election for the Hillsdale Community Schools sinking fund millage request. The election consolidation would only be for the May election.

By consolidating precincts, the city can limit costs by reducing the number of poll workers needed for the May election, from our usual 18-20 workers, to only 6-8. In addition, the entire city will only have to use one ballot type, which will also reduce costs. Since the school issue will be the only question on the ballot, the school district will be responsible for 100% of the city's costs for the May election.

I recommend the Election Commission adopt the attached resolution to consolidate the four, city precincts for the May 8, 2018 Special Election.

**CITY OF HILLSDALE
ELECTION COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION TO CONSOLIDATE CERTAIN PRECINCTS FOR THE
MAY 8, 2018 ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Act 116 of 1954, as amended, being MCL 168.659, authorizes a municipal election commission to consolidate precincts for any election that is not a general November election, primary election or other statewide or federal election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that section, the Election Commission of the City of Hillsdale has considered the number of choices the voter must make, the percentage of registered voters who voted at the last similar election, and the intensity of interest of the electors in the jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Clerk to consolidate all four city precincts into a single precinct in the City of Hillsdale for the May 8, 2018 election date; and

WHEREAS, each of the precincts to be so consolidated is located in the same polling location as the precinct with which it will be combined, and, as such, notice is not required to be given to the voter, and

WHEREAS, the consolidated precincts will not exceed 5,000 registered electors.

RESOLVED that all four city precincts into a single precinct in the City of Hillsdale for the May 8, 2018 election date.

Election Commissioner _____ supported by Election Commissioner _____ moved to adopt the above resolution. Motion adopted.

Adopted by the City of Hillsdale Election Commission on _____.

Stephen M. French, MMC
City Clerk