

Barneгат8\*Board of Elections Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 6, 2020

**Meeting Attendees:** Election Commissioners Toombs & Wahls, Legislators Balliet, Sullivan, Standinger, Mullen, and Sauerbrey

September Minutes approval: Motion by Legislator Sullivan, second by Legislators Standinger and Balliet

**Financial Update/Budget:**

YTD Budget Report attached

**Old Business:**

EO 202.58 – The informational mailer was completed and BOE is in compliance with the new regulations for reviewing absentee ballots

Initial Election Inspector assignments have been prepared; two more inspector trainings are planned to certify additional Election Day workers, so we can have sufficient workers to cover the added poll site duties of disinfecting surfaces and monitoring social distancing

**New Business:**

General Election mailer listing voting options, per EO 202.58, was successful, no major issues

Voting Booths were loaned to Owego Village Election

Temporary clerks hired, started week of 9/28; they are working with staff to proof DMV and mail in registrations, assist in issuing of Absentee Ballots and will prepare poll site supplies for Early Voting and Election Day

Pre-LAT (Logic and Accuracy Testing) and Test Decks of Clear Ballot System and Dominion Voting Machines completed, no issues with ballots, one voting machine required a minor repair

Use of secure storage room, borrowed from Public Health Dept., to store absentee and Election Day ballots

Initial mailing of Absentee Ballots was over 3000, currently up to 3500 applications processed (2020 Primary Election had total of 3,748 absentee ballots issued)

Absentee Ballot Drop Box installed near HHS Building entrance, BOE will issue a press release to notify public that it is available and include assurances that it is secure

Tioga County awarded \$19,262.50 from CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant to cover added election expenses incurred due to COVID-19

After discussion with other department heads, and with approval of BOE Legislative Committee, the voter entrance for Early Voting will be the rear side door with direct into the annex of the HHS Building; during the week of Early Voting, the connecting corridor the rest of the HHS Building will be closed and locked; this will be safer for voters and staff with regard to the pandemic, as it will help prevent large groups of people from lining up inside the building

Despite complications, legislators agreed that funds will be appropriated to replace our aging voting machines in 2021

**Resolutions:**

J20 – Accept CTCL Grant Award and Amend BOE Budget