

TOWN OF CHARLESTON

Board of Civil Authority Meeting 7/12/2018

MINUTES

A meeting of the Charleston Board of Civil Authority was held on July 12, 2018 at the Town Clerk's Office. Members present were Meghann Carter, Teri Gray, Glenn Peterson, Peter Engels, and Larry Young. Asst. Town Clerk Colleen Kellogg recorded minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by 2017 BCA Chair Meghann Carter.

The first order of business was to elect a BCA chair for 2018. Meghann Carter was nominated by Teri Gray, seconded by Peter Engels, and Ms. Carter was unanimously elected as BCA Chair.

Per statute, the Town Clerk reported on the results of 2017 voter challenges, including voters added and removed, and presented the current voter checklist for review.

The Town Clerk presented for review: the Warning for the August 14th Statewide Primary Election, sample ballots, and voter checklist copies, which will be posted at public places as well as the town website the following day, in advance of the state deadline of July 15th.

The Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk are interested in using an optical scanner to tally votes at statewide and general elections. Doing so requires a vote of the BCA at least 60 days prior to an election. Scanners are already required of towns with over 1000 voters, and they significantly reduce poll worker time after the polls close. There is no cost for the scanner or regular maintenance, but pre-election programming runs about \$700 for a primary and \$400 for a general election. After the meeting agenda was prepared, the Town Clerk learned at a training that the Secretary of State's office is considering changing over to a new scanner system and requiring it of all towns. If this happens, the Town Clerk recommends waiting and starting up with the new system. The SOS should finalize their plan in the coming months. Motion by Ms. Carter to table the matter until further notice from the Town Clerk, seconded by Mr. Peterson, and the matter was tabled.

The current term for Justices of the Peace ends 1/31/2019, and the next slate will be elected at the November general election. Interested candidates are reminded that nominations must be filed with the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 pm Friday, August 17, 2018. Independent candidates must file a petition and major/minor party candidates must be nominated by party caucus or committee.

Seeing no other business before the board, Ms. Carter moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Engels, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm. The next meeting will be at the notice of the Town Clerk.

Received for record on this _____ of _____ 2018

Attest: _____, Town Clerk