

Special Village Board Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2021  
12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Davies, Steve Fritz, Orv Damrau, Adam Raabe, Gary Wolf  
Members Excused: Al Tessmann  
Members Absent: Kendra Schiefelbein

Others Present: Dan Mahoney, Karen Swanson

1. Mr. Davies called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION DIRECTING A SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE OF PLOVER WARD 1 AND/OR WARD 2 TRUSTEE  
The Clerk referred to her memo, copy attached, and explained that there are three candidates for Ward 2 Trustee.

In addition, the incumbent Ward 1 Trustee decided not to run for re-election. Because she did not sign a Notice of Non-Candidacy by the deadline of 12/25/20, the filing deadline for Ward 1 Trustee has been extended until 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. There is the potential that there could be three or more qualified candidates.

The Village does not have an ordinance automatically requiring a primary when three or more candidates file for the same office, therefore, the Village Board decides whether to hold a primary or not.

There will be a statewide primary for State Superintendent of Schools, however, voter turnout at spring primaries has been historically low.

Mr. Mahoney stated that there would be better voter representation at the April election.

Ms. Swanson discussed the increase in cost of having a primary.

- ✓ **Mr. Damrau moved to the deny the Resolution directing a Spring Primary Election for the Office of Ward 1 and/or Ward 2 Trustee. Mr. Fritz seconded and the motion carried 4 - 0 with Mr. Wolf abstaining**

3. Mr. Damrau moved to adjourn at 12:07 p.m. Mr. Fritz seconded and the motion carried.

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Karen Swanson, Village Clerk