

2022 Civic Betterment Party Town Meeting Minutes

The 2022 Civic Betterment Party Meeting was called to order today by President Josh Cattero at 10:01 am; Saturday, December 3 at The Glen Ellyn Civic Center. Drive thru voting took place from 9-2 pm in the Village parking lot west of GE public library on 12/3. Those present included: Jim Meyers, Julie Spiller, Jim Burket, Mark Pfefferman, Mike Klingele. A quorum was present at the beginning of the Civic Center meeting with 82 people present. Josh welcomed the guests and gave a little history about Glen Ellyn and how it has been referred to in the past with a land acknowledgement statement. A presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 52 occurred, where they marched down the aisle, displayed a flag, and said the pledge of allegiance.

President Josh Cattero gave a welcome speech to Glen Ellyn residents covering the history and purpose of the Civic Betterment Party and giving thanks to the CBP committee to make the town meeting possible. His speech included that CBP started in 1931 and that it is a process of "neighbors nominating neighbors" to find people to help govern our village. There is not a function of partisan lines, the influence of money is kept out of the process, and donations are used for yard signs, mailers, and the website; to bring awareness of the candidates to the residents. Josh thanked on behalf of the CBP committee; the League of Women Voters (LWV) for their help and hard work today and input through this cycle.

Treasurer Chris Wilson presented the Treasurer's report: at the end of Nov. 14, 2020, the beginning balance was \$2,648.53, we collected \$10,004.87 and spent \$8,396.25. The ending balance was \$4,257.15. There was a contested election in Spring 2021. The report was accepted. In addition, there was a donation/collection jar at the voting booth. The Treasurer Chris Wilson and CBP Member Casey Baldin counted cash donations from jar when the polls closed at 2:00 p.m. and the total was \$400.00. Secretary Britta Albrecht read the Town Meeting minutes from 2018 & 2020. They were approved as read.

President Josh Cattero presented a resolution for a new name "citizen nominating party." It was passed. Two resolutions were presented for CBP committee officers, including Vice President Jeff Stevenson (The position of Vice President traditionally deals with election law, filing of petitions, economic interest forms, etc.) and Treasurer Becky Beilfuss. Both were passed and approved. Josh proceeded to present a resolution to nominate 2020/2021 CBP committee members. Those nominated were: Britta Albrecht, Casey Baldin, Becky Beilfuss, Jim Burket, Steve Butkus, Josh Cattero, Bob Duncan, Robert Herbold, Matt Jones, Mike Klingele, Barb Lemme, Mike Lullo, Jim Meyers, Mark Pfefferman, Rick Scheck, Julie Spiller, Jeff Stevenson, Chris Wilson, Zak Wilson, Jake Yarnell. There were no nominations from the floor; nominations were closed, slate accepted by acclamation.

President Josh Cattero presented Village Trustee candidates slated by the CBP nominating committee, who gave 2:00 minute speeches. For Village Trustee there are 3 open positions, including Kyle Boston, Kelli Christiansen, Robert Deitch, Steve Thompson, Donna Jean Simon, Steve Szymanski. Nominating Committee Chair Zak Wilson presented the Library Trustee candidates who also gave 2:00 minute speeches. There are 4 open positions and include the following Mary Sue Brown, Joeff Davis, Kathy Slovick, Karen Volk, and Richard Jones (He was absent so Zak Wilson read his bio). One nomination was made from the floor: Adil Saeed. Nominations closed.

The Meeting portion was suspended at 10:57 a.m., to be reconvened when the vote count was completed. Polls remained opened until 2:00 p.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 3:09 to find out results of candidates that moved to the ballot. Here are the number of affidavits, therefore number of voters outlined:

Total affidavits: 575
Town Meeting affidavits: 281
Early voting affidavits: 102
Drive thru voting affidavits: 192

President Josh Cattero provided a thanks to all candidates and encouraged all, even those who may not have made it this time around, to continue participating in civic duties.

The Village Trustees that advanced to appear on the ballot include:

1. Donna Jean Simon: 324
2. Kelli Christiansen: 283
3. Steve Thompson: 268

The runners up include: Steve Szymanski: 200, Robert Dietch: 196, Kyle Boston: 109

The Library Trustees that advanced to appear on the ballot include:

4. Mary Sue Brown: 367
5. Karen Volk: 363
6. Kathy Slovik: 325
7. Richard Jones (Not Present): 257

The runners up include: Joeff Davis: 245, and Adil Saeed: 57(Nominated from the floor)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Britta Albrecht
Secretary, Civic Betterment Party