



THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD  
OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Holland called the meeting of the Municipal Officers Electoral Board of the Village of Frankfort to order at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, January 4, 2021, by remote conference and in-person.

ROLL CALL

Administrator Rob Piscia called the roll. In attendance were Mayor Jim Holland, Clerk Brian Feehery (in person), Trustees John Clavio and Keith Ogle. Also in attendance were Attorney George Mahoney, Attorney Hannah Lamore (In Person), Village Administrator Rob Piscia (In person), Candidates Michael Leddin, Objector Tamara Schaeffer (In person), Attorney Ryan Morton (representing Objector Schaeffer In person) and court reporter. Candidate Dan Rossi participated as an audience member.

Mayor Holland stated in accordance with Public Act 101-0640, 5 ILCS 120/7(e), this Village of Frankfort Municipal Officers Electoral Board meeting will be held both remotely and in person based on the gubernatorial disaster declaration and the president of the Village of Frankfort determining that a full in-person meeting is not practical or prudent. Members of the public will be able to attend the meeting in person, but the Village will enforce any capacity restrictions in effect due to any applicable gubernatorial executive order. The general public will be able to view and participate in the meeting remotely as well.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE BOARD CHAIR AND CONSIDERATION OF STATUTORY INELIGIBILITY OF BOARD MEMBER UNDER 10 ILCS 5/10-9

Board Chair, Mayor Jim Holland, provided opening remarks detailing the reason for the meeting and outlining said Electoral Board has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois to hear objections to the nomination papers of candidates for elected office in the Village of Frankfort.

Chair Holland summarized Ms. Tamara Schaeffer has filed in objection, Case No. 2020-1, objecting to the nominating papers of Candidate Brian Feehery running for the elected office of Village Trustee. Ms. Schaeffer has also filed an objection, Case No. 2020-2, objecting to nominating papers of Candidate Michael Leddin running for the elected office of Village Trustee.

Additionally, Chair Holland noted pursuant to statute, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board is comprised of the Village President, Village Clerk and Senior Trustee. However, since Clerk Brian Feehery is running for Village Trustee and is subject to an objection, he is considered statutorily ineligible. Consequently, the next most senior trustee shall serve as a replacement Municipal Officers Electoral Board member. As such, the Frankfort Municipal Officers Electoral Board shall be comprised of Mayor Jim Holland (Chair), Trustee Keith Ogle and Trustee John Clavio.

#### PRESENTMENT AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION TO RULES FO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT

Chair Holland noted rules of procedure had been distributed to the Electoral Board members and entertained questions or concerns. Hearing none, Trustee Ogle made a motion (#1), seconded by Trustee Clavio, to approve and adopt the rules of procedure for the Municipal Officers Electoral Board of the Village of Frankfort for Case Nos. 2020-1 and 2020-2. Administrator Piscia called the roll: Ayes: Chair Holland, Trustees Clavio and Ogle; Nays: None--. The motion carried.

Following the adoption of the rules, Chair Holland asked Attorney George Mahoney how to insure all participants receive copies of the rules for both cases. Attorney Mahoney summarized that Candidate Feehery, Objector Schaeffer and Attorney Morton, who were in attendance in person, were given copies of the newly adopted rules. Attorney Mahoney advised Candidate Leddin, with no objection, would be given a copy of the rules electronically before the end of the evening.

#### CASE NO. 2020-1

Chair Holland opened Case No. 2020-1, Schaeffer vs. Feehery. Chair Holland noted Objector Schaeffer was represented by Attorney Morton and inquired if Candidate Feehery intended on seeking Counsel for this case. Candidate Feehery advised he did not have Counsel and it was unknown if he intended on obtaining such. Chair Holland asked how much time Candidate Feehery needed to prepare. Candidate Feehery asked for a week to respond.

#### CASE NO. 2020-2

Chair Holland opened Case No. 2020-2, Schaeffer vs. Leddin. Chair Holland again noted Objector Schaeffer was represented by Attorney Morton and inquired if Candidate Leddin intended on seeking Counsel for this case. Candidate Leddin advised he did not have Counsel and he believed it was not needed. Chair Holland asked how much time Candidate Leddin needed to prepare. Candidate Leddin advised that he was prepared to proceed.

Following the opening of the cases, due to the time differences requested for preparation, Chair Holland poled the Board to determine how they wished to proceed. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to give all participants adequate time to prepare. As such, it was determined the Board would meet on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:30 PM to set a date for hearing. Tentatively, a hearing date was set for Friday, January 15, time to be determined. All were in agreement. Attorney Mahoney informed the Board, Objector, Counsel and the

Candidates that the Will County Clerk had been contacted and it was anticipated that the voter information raised in the objections would be available for review at the tentatively set meeting of the Electoral Board on January 15, 2021.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Candidate Leddin inquired if any other materials would be presented for which the objectees would need to prepare. Attorney Mahoney noted that no additional objections would be presented.

Candidate Leddin commented that he wanted all to understand that these are voluntary positions for which the candidates are seeking and as such to keep this in mind in regard to these cases.

Attorney Morton inquired if all sides were amicable to the filing of briefs in these cases. Discussion ensued and the consensus was that briefs were fine as long as no additional charges were included.

Trustee Clavio asked procedural questions regarding withdrawal of objections or candidacy.

Candidate Leddin inquired on review of materials and procedures. Chair Holland noted the hearing would be adjudicated thoroughly and fairly.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No written comments from the public were received.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Ogle made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Clavio, to adjourn the Village of Frankfort Municipal Officers Electoral Board of Monday, January 4, 2021.

Administrator Piscia called the roll. Ayes: Chair Holland, Trustees Clavio and Ogle Nays: None. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.