

Minutes April 5, 2020

Participants: Committee members – Marty, Lorie, Halie, Lauren, Jesse;
Board – Susan, Todd, Tiffany; VMA staff – Niles.
Meeting held via Zoom.

Marty called for a motion to approve the minutes from March 18 – unanimously approved.

Agenda for the meeting – make decision on how VMA will vote:

- 1) Question about whether online voting is workable at this moment – Marty’s view: based on feedback from other villages, not ready for primetime yet; Niles presented additional options in writing to the committee.
- 2) Vote by mail – agreed as a Committee to ask the Council to do a resolution at the April 16 Council meeting.

Need to determine process and streamline processes for vote by mail.

Lorie: In touch with Electec – one of the mail-in vendors – is looking to VMA for guidance.

Marty: Also in touch with owner of Electec, checked Electec’s references with Bowie, New Carrollton, etc. Do we want to keep looking at companies or make a recommendation to the Council to go with Electec? Committee is satisfied with Electec.

Todd: Can turn this over to Niles to research further.

Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Council the following:

- 1) Use vote by mail for the election;
- 2) Use Electec as a vendor for vote by mail; and
- 3) Declare the election date - May 15.

Issue of timing – Council will ask Ron about compliance – if votes cast/postmarked NLT election day, May 15, and received by election service provider by deadline.

Conversation with Electec – we can design the ballot, we can observe.

Process: Niles now the point person with Electec.

Other issues –

Niles has updated the voter roll.

Two current communication opportunities for candidates:

- 1) Statements to send out to village in official election packet; and
- 2) Meet the Candidates Forum – date TBD.
- 3) Can provide additional opportunity for info in a special section of May newsletter or on VMA website, including a possible video.

Issue for discussion – do we need an additional member? Consensus – not at this time.

Adjourned at 9:39