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To: Village Board

From: Debbie Baenen, Clerk-Treasurer

Re: Ordinance 2016-11, creating a Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers

Date: June 2, 2016

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Due to the increased number of electors voting absentee and the additional work and delays the processing of absentee ballots cause at the polls, several municipalities in Brown County met to discuss options and have decided to go with the central count location option (process absentee ballots at a location other than at the polls).

Therefore, I ask that Ordinance 2016-11 be adopted to create a Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers to provide for centralized canvassing of all absentee ballots at a place other than the polling location.

Only additional costs anticipated would be for programming extra drivers required to read ballots (approx. \$200 per election) and possibly 2 additional inspectors to process the ballots (approx. \$280 per election).

A request to carryover funds (\$2417) from the 2015 election budget will be on a future agenda.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-11**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SEC. 2.09 OF THE VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING A MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ABSENTEE CANVASSERS AND PROVIDING FOR THE CENTRALIZED CANVASSING OF ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS

**THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DOES ORDAIN THAT SEC. 2.09, MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ABSENTEE CANVASSERS, BE CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Sec. 2.09 MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ABSENTEE CANVASSERS. is created to read as follows:

A. Central canvassing of absentee ballots. Pursuant to Secs. 7.52 and 7.53(2m) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Village Board of the Village of Allouez hereby creates a Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers and authorizes the centralized counting of absentee ballots on election days as follows:

- (1) The Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers shall be composed of the municipal clerk, or a qualified elector of the municipality designated by the clerk, and 2 other qualified electors of the municipality appointed by the clerk for a term of 2 years commencing on January 1 of each odd-number year. The clerk may appoint additional inspectors under sec. 7.52(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, to assist the absentee ballot board of canvassers in canvassing absentee ballots under this section.
- (2) The Village of Allouez declares that, in lieu of canvassing absentee ballots at polling places under sec. 6.88 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers shall canvass all absentee ballots at all elections held in the municipality.
- (3) The municipal clerk shall give at least 48 hours' notice of any meeting of the Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers under this section.
- (4) The municipal clerk no later than the closing hour of the polls, shall post at his or her office and on the Internet at a site announced by the clerk before the polls open, and shall make available to any person upon request, a statement of the number of absentee ballots that the clerk has mailed or transmitted to electors and that have been returned by the closing hour on election day.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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James F. Rafter, Village President

ATTEST:

DATE OF PUBLICATION:

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Debra M. Baenen, Village Clerk