



Townsend Board of Elections Meeting

March 31st, 2023 @ 9 a.m.

VIA CONFERENCE CALL & Town Hall 141 Main St,
Townsend, DE 19734

- I. Call to Order: 9:18 am
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Board of Election
(BOE) Members –
Gerald Dove, Patricia
Cobourn, and Terry
Mobley.
 - B. Town Personnel – Town Clerk Mariaelena Rivera and Town Manager
Antonina Tantillo.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
 - A. All present recited the pledge of allegiance.
- IV. Visitor Acknowledgement
 - A. Councilman J. Mertz.
- V. Approval / Rejection of Minutes:
 - A. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval/ Rejection of Minutes from the February
10th, 2023, Board of Elections Meeting.
 1. Minutes approved.
- VI. Review and discussion of candidate packets for the 2023 election.
 - A. TC Rivera confirmed the Town has received four candidate packets
for this years election. Additionally, all have been verified and
certified. The following candidates listed have submitted their
packet:
 1. Dr. Joseph J. Bangura – submitted with the intent to serve for
two years.
 2. Marcus Suhr – submitted with the intent to serve for two
years.
 3. Joshua Mertz – submitted with the intent to serve for one
year.
 4. Matthew Chapman – submitted with the intent to serve for
two years.
 - B. TC Rivera reminded the BOE members there are three seats open for
a two-year term and one seat open for a one-year term for the
election year. TC Rivera advised there may not be a need for an
election this year based on the observations confirmed.

- C. BOE members agreed no election is needed. Mr. Dove noted the decision is also in accordance with the Town's Charter.
- D. TC Rivera advised announcements will be posted on the Town's sites. Furthermore, notifications will be sent to the current Council, New Castle County Board of Elections, and the candidates that there is no need for an election.
- E. TC Rivera advised she will reach out to the BOE members to coordinate a meet the candidate night.
- VII. Discussion of the 2023 Town of Townsend Municipal Election procedures.
 - A. No discussion held, no election needed.
- VIII. Discussion of the absentee voting process.
 - A. No discussion held, no election needed.
- IX. Adjournment
 - A. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.