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NOTICE

MACOMB COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

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The Macomb County Election Commission will hold a **SPECIAL MEETING** on Friday, March 2, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the Probate Court Building, 21850 Dunham Rd., Mount Clemens, to judge language factuality and clarity on recall petitions filed against John W. Paterek, Armada Township Supervisor.

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**Probate Court Building
21850 Dunham Rd.
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
1:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Public Participation
- IV. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2017 Election Commission Meeting
- V. Judge Clarity and Factuality of Wording on six (6) Recall Petitions filed on February 14, 2018 for John W. Paterek, Armada Township Supervisor.
- VI. Approve ballots for the May 8, 2018 Election
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Public Participation
- X. Adjournment

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RECEIPT FOR RECALL LANGUAGE SEEKING CLARITY REVIEW

Person(s) Being Recalled

Office Held

John W. Paterek

Armada Township
Supervisor

(6 total petitions)

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SUBMITTED BY:

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RECALL PETITION

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

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We, the undersigned registered and qualified voters of the Armada in the County of Macomb and State of Michigan, petition for the calling of an election to recall John W. Paterek from the office of Supervisor (District, if Any) for the following reason(s):
On Nov. 8, 2017 Supervisor Paterek voted to appoint his personal secretary as his Deputy Supervisor.

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003

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

We, the undersigned registered and qualified voters of the City Township Village of Armada, in the County of Macomb, and State of Michigan, petition for the calling of an election to recall John Paterek from the office of Supervisor (District, if Any) _____ for the following reason(s):

On Feb. 1, 2018, Supervisor John Paterek called a special meeting of the Armada Township Board for Monday Feb. 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm, again disregarding the Policy & Procedure Manual of the Township that clearly states that the Clerk shall post or regular special meetings.

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A letter dated Jan. 16, 2018 from the Village of Romeo Clerk, Mike A. Lee indicates the Board has violated the Inter-governmental agreement for sewage disposal services entered into by & between Armada Township & the Village of Romeo on August 9, 2017

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calling of an election to recall John W. Paterrek from the office of Supervisor (District, if Any)

On Wednesday January 31, 2018, after regular business hours, Supervisor John W. Paterrek called and posted a Special Meeting for "Thursday Friday" February 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm disregarding the Policy & Procedure Manual of the township that states the Clerk shall post all meetings.

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ARMADA TOWNSHIP

Controversy swirls around bookkeeping

BY STACY SOBOTKA

Bank reconciliations and a controversial agenda issue had Armada Township residents in an uproar at a special meeting of the Armada Township Board of Trustees Feb. 5.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Feb. 1 but a typographical error caused the meeting to be moved to Feb. 5.

Many residents learned about the meeting via social media.

Resident Steve Nikkel noted that Armada Township Supervisor John Paterek seemed to be conducting a lot of business behind closed doors.

"I don't feel that having a special meeting one on one with an individual is appropriate. As board members that are elected officials to this community, you should be explaining to us more in depth as to what really is going on and why you're coming up with these decisions," he said. "Instead it's a cat and mouse game and it's really deceitful. Having special meetings like this is deceitful. Not conveying the correct message is deceitful."

On the agenda was an item listing the job description of a deputy supervisor.

Paterek planned to hire Robin Spalding as the deputy supervisor. Residents were outraged when it was learned she is Paterek's personal secretary at his business, Paterek Mold and Engineering.

"I think it's a huge conflict of interest having your personal secretary. I don't see how a true honest job can be done when you're conducting business here and you're conducting business at your own business. I don't see how you can separate the two," Nikkel said.

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Resident Monica Job felt that Armada Township Treasurer Camille Finlay was the best person to perform the bank reconciliations the township has been dealing with since March 2017.

"Bank reconciliations are the treasurer's responsibility. Camille is working diligently like nobody has done in years here and working to get that done," Job said.

Another item on the agenda was to give Paterek full access to all township records through BS&A and QuickBooks software the township uses.

"If you have viewing to BS&A and QuickBooks, that is all you should ever have. If I was the clerk or the treasurer the last thing I want is anybody else having access who would be able to go in there and change anything already in those books or not. Nobody should have access to that to change anything going in or going out other than the treasurer and the clerk," she said.

Spalding explained that the special meeting was called at the recommendation of Cary Vaughn, the administrative manager of the audit section of the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Vaughn was concerned that the budgets had not been balanced.

She also explained her expertise in bookkeeping was the reason Paterek selected her.

"The only reason John would include me in this is because I'm not just a secretary, I'm a bookkeeper. I know how to work QuickBooks. I can learn BS&A. It's the only reason he asked for my help," Spalding said.

She went on to explain that Paterek kept getting locked out of BS&A and had to prepare screen dumps to obtain information.

Armada Village Treasurer Jo Adair admitted that BS&A and QuickBooks often conflict with each other.

"It should not be impossible for you to go back into QuickBooks because you will need access to some of that history," she said.

Paterek said he is working on getting a financial adviser to take a look at their records and to get a bond rating for the township. He also admitted the township was in a mess but that money had not gone missing.

"I don't think that there's money missing. I just don't think it can be accounted for," he said. "At some point, I

need to know where we are."

Paterek explained why he put a deputy supervisor's job description on the agenda.

"It will help me follow how these bank reconciliations are being handled and where we are on a weekly basis," he said.

The description would include assisting Paterek with gathering financial information, knowledge of QuickBooks, and weekly updates submitted on the status of bank reconciliations.

"I am completely opposed to that," Finlay said. "I was just told 'I want bank reconciliations and I want Robin to get them'."

Finlay then gave members of the board packets containing transcripts of texts and e-mails during Spalding's tenure at the township.

Spalding served as Deputy Treasurer from August 2016 to January 2017. According to Finlay, back in November Spalding was hired to perform the bank reconciliations only. Finlay eventually learned that Spalding had hoped to become treasurer.

"In the 24 weeks that she worked in the treasurer's office she made a notation and one bank statement that she balanced from December checking," she said. "In six weeks I cleaned up years of bad bookkeeping that wasn't cleaned up during the 24 weeks that Robin worked in the same office."

The texts and e-mails show that Peg Smith's last day was Nov. 16, but her retirement was not announced until Nov. 20.

Finlay also said that she and clerk Mary Swiacki had to deal with harassing e-mails from Spalding, primarily regarding pay for her work.

On Dec. 26 Finlay said Paterek contacted attorney Christine Anderson to find a legal way to overthrow her appointment as treasurer.

"When that failed I received two e-mails from Robin threatening legal action on me to cease and desist. It stated that the letters would follow by certified e-mail as well. This did not happen. It's just more bullying," she said.

Spalding denied bullying Finlay.

The motion to give Paterek access to the township's records was ultimately changed to giving him access to only view and print all township records through BS & A and QuickBooks.

The motion to define the deputy supervisor's job description failed by a vote of three to two.

**MACOMB COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
September 15, 2017
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Macomb County Election Commission met on Friday, September 15, 2017, in Court Room #1 of the Macomb County Probate Court Building, 21850 Dunham, Mount Clemens with the following members present:

Judge Kathryn George – Senior Probate Judge, Chairperson
Larry Rocca – County Treasurer
Karen Spranger – County Clerk

Also Present: Roger Cardamone – Election Department
Michael Grix – Election Department
Frank Krycia – Corporation Counsel
Joe Biondo – Treasurer's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Judge George called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Larry Rocca. Karen Spranger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joseph Hunt spoke. 8306 Stanley, Warren, MI 48093

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 MEETING

Larry Rocca made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Karen Spranger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BALLOTS

Judge George made a motion to approve the ballots. Larry Rocca seconded the motion. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Karen Spranger for the Election Commission to adopt Robert's Rules of Order. Larry Rocca seconded the motion. Judge George made an amended motion to table Karen Spranger's original motion until the next Election Commission meeting. Larry Rocca seconded the amended motion. The amended motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joseph Hunt spoke. 8306 Stanley, Warren, MI 48093

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:02 a.m. Larry Rocca made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen Spranger. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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