

## Statement from the Borough Clerk about the Borough's Election Integrity

With recent articles about cyber security for the Dominion voting system, I wanted to inform the public of how the Borough uses the voting system to ensure the security of Borough elections.

- The Borough uses hand-marked paper ballots only. We **DO NOT USE** electronic ballots.
  - A tabulator counts the hand-marked paper ballot.
  - The voted paper ballots are preserved and secured by trained election officials in locked bags at the polling locations.
- The tabulators do not have Wifi or Bluetooth. The tabulators are never connected to the internet to transmit election results and thumb drives are never used. The tabulators have three serialized numbered locks to ensure that no tampering has taken place.
  - Two locks secure the memory cards into the tabulator. The serialized number is recorded by the Review Board when they are locked in place before the election. Once the tabulators are returned from the precincts these serialized locks are checked.
  - The third lock covers the ports where you could, should you choose to, transmit election results electronically through a phone line or insert a thumb drive. Again, WE DO NOT transmit election results electronically or use thumb drives. These locks are in place so that no one has access to the ports. If even a tiny corner of the lock is tampered with the lock will read VOID and is very noticeable.
  - The Review Board tests the tabulators to make sure they are tabulating correctly and secures them for election day use.
- The Borough Clerk's Office calculates the election results with the memory cards from the precinct tabulators. When the tabulators are returned from the precincts, Clerk's staff in the presence of the election officials, check the locks on the tabulator (making sure the serialized number is the same), the locks are removed and placed with the results tapes that are run at the precincts. The memory card is then uploaded into the central count, which prints the precincts results and keeps an overall total of the election results.
- Beginning the day after election, the Canvass Board reviews the overall election and reports to the Assembly any irregularities they may find in an election.
  - Some of the duties of the Canvass Boards are: reviewing the election results from the precincts and ensuring the election results report printed from the central count match; reviewing and ensuring accuracy in the ballot accountability reports from each voting location; review absentee and question voters to ensure the voter was eligible to vote and were eligible to vote the ballot they received.

The Borough Clerk's Office takes the integrity and the security of the election very seriously and I hope that the information I have provided is helpful to you. Again, we **never** connect the tabulators to the internet, use electronic ballots, or use thumb drives. Election officials are required to take an oath of office and are trained to securely handle all voting materials.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact my office. Better yet, I encourage you to serve as an election official and learn about the election process at the Mat-Su Borough.

Thank you,

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

Borough Clerk