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## ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS – Regular Meeting

Douglas Smith, Clerk of Elections, called to order the 2015 Regular Meeting of the Erie County Board of Elections at 3:32 p.m. in the Erie County Council Caucus Room.

Mr. Smith, Clerk of Elections, called the roll:

Members Present:     Mr. DiMattio  
                              Mr. Horton  
                              Mr. Breneman (via telephone)

Members Absent:     None.

Also Present:           Douglas R. Smith, Clerk of Elections

### Hearing of the Public:

Mr. Fiore Leone advised the Election Board that in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> District polling site, St. Paul's Church, has an issue with their lift chair. He stated the lift is broken and they have no money to repair it. If it's not repaired, the Board may have to look at a different polling site. He commented that anything the Board could consider in helping out with the repair would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Leone stated that Mr. Smith could contact either Father Miko or Jean Jordano for more information.

### Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Breneman moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2015 Regular Meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Horton and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

### Other Business:

Mr. Smith opened discussion on a possible change in polling place for Erie 5-11 from Central High School to Glenwood United Methodist Church. He explained that there is no parking at Central and that voting takes place in the hallway, which is not a good situation. He has received approximately ten complaints over the last two elections with regard to the site. Mr. Smith explained that the church is a nice facility with good parking and would really be a plus for voters.

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Mr. DiMattio commented that the gymnasium in the church would be used and it will relieve a lot of congestion during election day. Mr. Smith commented that the Board could consider moving other districts there in the future.

Mr. Horton made a motion to have Mr. Smith investigate the chair issue at St. Paul's and get a cost to either fix or replace, then report to the Board. This was seconded by Mr. Breneman and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Horton then made a motion to approve the change in polling place for Erie 5-11 from Central High School to Glenwood United Methodist Church. This was seconded by Mr. Breneman and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Smith commented that cards will be sent out to voters to announce the change and there would be signage placed at the old polling site (Central). He also stated a press release would be sent prior to the May primary.

Ms. DeLand gave a brief update on the upcoming primary and stated that Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Czerpak have begun conducting poll worker classes and it seems to be going smoothly thus far. She also stated that approximately 400 absentee ballots have been received and that ballots have been sent.

Mr. Smith stated that there was a small issue with the 650 machine that scans and counts absentee ballots. The vendor has been troubleshooting the issue but has been unable to identify the issue up to this point. Mr. Smith commented that if the situation is not resolved, it may be necessary to do a hand count on the absentees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Deneé M. Breter, Council Secretary