

August 9, 2016

The County Board of Canvassers convened at 10:30 AM on August 9, 2016 to draw the name of the Champion Township Supervisor Race as there was a tie for the two democratic candidates (Mark Hamel & Tina Koski). The Honorable Judge Cheryl Hill called the meeting to order reading the following information:

We are here today regarding the Champion Township Supervisor Race – The two Democratic Candidates each received 41 votes; creating a tie between the following individuals:

Mark Hamel - Democrat (41 votes received)

Tina Koski - Democrat (41 votes received)

The following rules apply for breaking the tie votes: In those rare instances where it is revealed through the county canvass that two candidates are tied for nomination or election to an office certified by the Board, the tie is determined by a drawing. As an initial step, the Board consults with the county clerk to establish a date when the tied candidates and all interested parties can assemble in the office of the county clerk to participate in the drawing. Upon the establishment of a date, the Board sends notice of the meeting to the candidates and interested parties. At the meeting, the county clerk writes the word “NOMINATED” (primary) or “ELECTED” on a slip of paper and the words “NOT NOMINATED” (primary) or “NOT ELECTED” on an identical slip of paper. Both of the slips are folded so that the words written on them cannot be seen and the two slips are indistinguishable from one another. Each candidate then draws one of the slips from a box. **In the event of a tie in primary race, the candidate who draws the slip which bears the word “NOMINATED” receives their political party’s nomination to appear on the general election ballot. (MCLA 168.852).**

The Clerk, Linda Talsma created two slips of paper one stating “Nominated” the other stating “Not Nominated”.

Mark Hamel decided to allow Tina Koski to draw first - the Clerk held the box up and Ms. Koski drew first followed by Mr. Hamel – both opened the pieces of paper at the same time to see which name will be on the November ballot under the democratic nomination.

All three local TV stations were present for the meeting; it was a very successful event. Both candidates seemed alright with the results. Tina Koski drew Nominated and Mark Hamel drew Not Nominated. Following the meeting Mark Hamel filled out a Declaration of Intent as a Write In Candidate for the office of Champion Township Supervisor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM by Judge Cheryl Hill, Chairperson for the Marquette County Election Commission.