Present:
Ray Adler, Chairman and Republican Member
Greg Purvis, Democrat Member
Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk and Secretary
Beth Sheller, Elections Administrator
Kate Healey Snedeker
David Brooks
Mike Johns
Marla Ailor
Linda Naas
Barbara Simonson

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by Chairman Adler. Introductions were made of all attendees at the meeting.

The Election Board Minutes from the July 31, 2019 Meeting were presented by Chairman Adler. Mr. Purvis moved to approve the minutes, Clerk Williams seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Chairman Adler brought before the Board the complaint made by Mike Johns against Kate Healey Snedeker. Chairman Adler swore in Mr. Johns. Mr. Johns presented his case against Ms. Snedeker to petition the Election Board to review and decide on the validity of her candidate filing. The items addressed were Ms. Snedeker’s names used on filing forms, the signatures presented from the CAN-44 forms, failure to divulge all employers, and failure to mark #13 on the CAN-45.

David Brooks, representative for Ms. Snedeker, then defended Ms. Snedeker against the complaint brought by Mr. Johns. Mr. Brooks also addressed all items from the complaint.

Chairman Adler allowed the other interested parties at the meeting to address questions or concerns. Several questions and concerns were given.

Chairman Adler swore in Ms. Snedeker. Mr. Purvis asked Ms. Snedeker questions regarding her previous candidacy and 2018 employment salaries.

Mr. Purvis moved to deny the complaint brought by Mr. Johns against Ms. Snedeker because of no evidence produced that should keep Ms. Snedeker from running for Westfield City Council, District 5. Clerk Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Adler brought before the Board a complaint made by Democratic Chairman Joe Weingarten. The complaint was concerning the “incomplete” wording given to a voter by the voting machines if they do not vote for any candidate for an office or they do not vote for as many candidates as possible for an office. He would like this wording deleted. After discussion by the Election Board, it was determined that this wording is believed to be required but will need to be researched. Clerk Williams made a motion to move forward with the ballot production for this election and research this wording for the next election. A decision will be made at a later date. President Adler seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1, with Mr. Purvis voting no.

At 10:25 a.m., President Adler made a motion to dismiss, Clerk Williams seconded the motion, meeting dismissed.