

# Monmouth County Board of Elections



## 2016 Year End Report

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**Allan Roth, Commissioner**

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The Monmouth County Board of Elections is a quasi-state agency funded by the County. It works in conjunction with a variety of municipal, county, state and federal offices and agencies for the purpose of carrying out statutory responsibilities related to our electoral process. As a vital component to the process, the Board of Elections has mandated responsibilities that encompass a myriad of duties to ensure that all elections in Monmouth County are conducted in a bipartisan manner and with efficiency and integrity.

The Board of Elections is comprised of four Commissioners, two Republicans and two Democrats, who are commissioned by the Governor, for two-year terms. At their annual reorganization meeting held in March, the commissioned Board elects a Chairperson and Secretary from opposite political parties. This commissioned Board also hires staff to handle the daily operations in the office.

The Board Members include:

Jo-Ann Diana, Chairwoman (D)

Chantal Bouw, Secretary (R)

Allan Roth, Commissioner (D)

Eileen Kean, Commissioner (R)

The Administrative Staff consists of:

Robin Major, Administrator (D)

Tracee Johnson, Interim Chief Clerk (R)

Jean Pometti, Senior Clerk (D)

Debbie McEnery, Senior Clerk (R)

Kimberly Earl, Senior Clerk (D)

### **ELIGIBLE VOTERS and TURNOUT**

As of November 2016, there were 446,831 active, registered voters in Monmouth County. The voter turnout for each of the elections is as follows:

<b>Election Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Eligible Voters</b>	<b># voted</b>	<b>% turnout</b>
Special School Election (Rumson)	1/4/2016	5,246	182	3%
Special School Election (Manasquan)	1/26/2016	4,460	1,770	40%
Annual Fire Election	2/20/2016	*	*	*
Special School Election (Matawan-Aberdeen)	3/8/2016	17,294	961	6%
Special Municipal Election (Neptune City)	3/22/2016	3,306	987	30%
Annual School Election (Asbury Park and Neptune Township)	4/19/2016	27,502	1,932	7%
Special Municipal Election (Lake Como)	4/19/2016	1,055	523	50%
Municipal Election (Allenhurst, Deal, Keansburg and Loch Arbour)	5/10/2016	6,123	1,261	21%
Primary Election	6/7/2016	429,484	98,632	23%
Special Municipal Election (Belmar and Sea Bright)	9/27/2016	5,399	1,647	31%
General Election	11/8/2016	446,831	321,299	72%
Special School Election (Hazlet, Millstone and Shrewsbury Borough)	12/13/16	25,687	3,189	12%

\*=not reported

## **NUMBER OF ELECTIONS and STATISTICS**

The following twelve elections were conducted in 2016:

### **ELECTIONS**

Special School Election  
(Rumson)

January 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 6<sup>th</sup> Provisionals & Canvassing

Special School Election  
(Manasquan)

January 26<sup>th</sup>  
January 28<sup>th</sup> Provisionals & Canvassing

Annual Fire Election

February 20<sup>th</sup>

Special School Election  
(Matawan-Aberdeen)

March 8<sup>th</sup>  
March 10<sup>th</sup> Provisionals & Canvassing

Special Municipal Election  
(Neptune City)

March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 24 Provisionals

Annual School Election  
(Asbury Park and Neptune Township)

April 19<sup>th</sup>  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Provisionals & Canvassing

Special Municipal Election  
(Lake Como)

April 19<sup>th</sup>  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Provisionals

Municipal Election  
(Allenhurst, Deal, Keansburg and Loch Arbour)

May 10<sup>th</sup>  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Provisionals

Primary Election

June 7<sup>th</sup>  
June 11<sup>th</sup> Provisionals

Special Municipal Election  
(Belmar and Sea Bright)

September 27<sup>th</sup>  
September 29<sup>th</sup> Provisionals

General Election

November 8<sup>th</sup>  
November 17<sup>th</sup> Provisionals

Special School Election  
(Hazlet, Millstone and Shrewsbury Borough)

December 13<sup>th</sup>  
December 15<sup>th</sup> Provisionals

### **MAIL IN AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS**

Effective July 1, 2009, a new law changed "Absentee Ballot Voting" to Vote by Mail. There are now two options on the Mail-In Ballot application. **Option A** allows the voter to receive a ballot for all elections within the calendar year while **Option B** a voter may chose to receive a ballot for all General Elections in perpetuity or until they may otherwise indicate to the County Clerk that they no longer wish to receive such.

### **Paper Ballots Processed**

There were 41,053 paper ballots, including 34,509 mail-in ballots and 6,544 provisional ballots processed during 2016. The breakdown for each election is as follows:

<u>Election Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Mail-In</u>	<u>Provisional</u>	<u>Total Ballots</u>
Special School Election (Rumson)	1/4/2016	0	4	4
Special School Election (Manasquan)	1/26/2016	111	14	125
Annual Fire Election	2/20/2106	246	*	246
Special School Election (Matawan-Aberdeen)	3/8/2016	11	6	17
Special Municipal Election (Neptune City)	3/22/2016	37	6	43
Annual School Election (Asbury Park and Neptune Township)	4/19/2016	249	34	283
Special Municipal Election (Lake Como)	4/19/2016	14	11	25
Municipal Election (Allenhurst, Deal, Keansburg and Loch Arbour)	5/10/2016	95	23	118
Primary Election	6/7/2016	2,515	1,159	3,675
Special Municipal Election (Belmar and Sea Bright)	12/15/2016	49	16	65
General Election	11/8/2016	31,070	5,254	36,324
Special School Election (Hazlet, Millstone and Shrewsbury Borough)	12/13/16	112	17	129

\*=not reported

### **POLL WORKERS and POLLING PLACES**

There are 458 voting districts, also known as polling places, throughout the County. By statute, there must be a minimum of 4 poll workers for each polling district, with the exception of school elections. In compliance with various other statutes, the Board may assign 2 additional workers (one from each party) when there is an additional voting machine and/or the total number of registered voters in that district exceeds 900. The following indicates the number of districts and the number of Poll Workers that worked.

<b>Election Name</b>	<b># of Districts</b>	<b># of Poll Workers</b>
Special School Election	6	23

(Rumson)

Special School Election (Manasquan)	4	16
Fire Election	27	2
Special School Election (Matawan-Aberdeen)	20	77
Special Municipal Election (Neptune City)	4	15
Annual School Election (Asbury Park and Neptune Township)	29	115
Special Municipal Election (Lake Como)	1	6
Municipal Election (Allenhurst, Deal, Keansburg and Loch Arbour)	9	36
Primary Election	458	1,856
Special Municipal Election (Belmar and Sea Bright)	7	28
General Election	458	1,897
Special School Election (Hazlet, Millstone and Shrewsbury Borough)	27	113

### **POLL WORKER TRAINING CLASSES**

In addition to assigning the Poll Workers, the Board of Elections is responsible for qualifying Poll Workers to work on Election Day through statutory required training. There are currently 2,792 Poll Worker names in the database. During 2016, 774 attended classes in the months just prior to the June Primary. An additional 556 were trained just prior to the November General Election. Approximately 47% of all Poll Workers attended some training during 2016 with a total of 1,340. In addition to daytime training classes, many are given in the evening to accommodate people working during the day. The following 42 training classes were given in 2016.

January 19, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
January 29, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
February 4, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
February 8, 2016	6:30 PM	Aberdeen Municipal Court, Aberdeen
February 11, 2016	6:30 PM	Monmouth County AG building, Freehold
February 16, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
February 18, 2016	6:30 PM	Newpoint Fire House, Keansburg
March 1, 2016	6:30 PM	Shrewsbury Municipal Building, Shrewsbury
March 2, 2016	1:00 PM	Spring Lake Community Center, Spring Lake Hts
March 10, 2016	1:00 PM	Shrewsbury Municipal Building, Shrewsbury
March 28, 2016	6:30 PM	Wall Township Municipal Complex, Wall

March 30, 2016	6:30 PM	Tinton Falls Municipal Building, Tinton Falls
April 1, 2016	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
April 12, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
April 12, 2016	11:30 AM	Brookdale Community College, Lincroft
April 14, 2016	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
April 14, 2016	6:30 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
April 21, 2016	11:30 AM	Brookdale Community College, Lincroft
May 5, 2016	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
May 16, 2016	1:00 PM	Asbury Park Municipal Building, Asbury Park
May 17, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
July 11, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
July 13, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
July 19, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
July 20, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
August 2, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
August 4, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
August 9, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
August 11, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
August 16, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
August 18, 2016	10:00 AM	Board of Elections office, Freehold
September 1, 2016	6:30 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
September 6, 2016	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Ag Building, Freehold
September 8, 2016	6:30 PM	Shrewsbury Municipal Building, Shrewsbury
September 21, 2016	6:30 PM	Bayshore Senior Center, Keansburg
September 26, 2016	6:30 PM	Wall Municipal Court, Wall
September 27, 2016	6:30 PM	Aberdeen Municipal Court, Aberdeen
September 28, 2016	1:00 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
September 28, 2016	6:30 PM	Monmouth County Library, Manalapan
October 4, 2016	11:30 AM	Brookdale Community College, Lincroft
October 13, 2016	6:00 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune
October 18, 2016	5:30 PM	Monmouth County Connections, Neptune

### **MASTER BOARD WORKERS**

The Master Board Worker program has been in existence since the November 2012 General Election. It was implemented to assist our Board Workers at the polls with any questions or immediate concerns. They receive extensive training throughout the year and are assigned various towns to cover on Election Day. The Master Board Workers continue to be an asset to the BOE staff and 53 Municipal Clerks in resolving issues that arise in the polls on Election Day.

### **CERTIFICATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTION DAY**

The Board of Elections is responsible for the ADA certification of polling places. Communication with the Municipal Clerks has been established to meet these needs. The Board maintains contact information for every polling site.

### **REDISTRICTING ELECTION DISTRICTS and MAPS**

The Board of Elections, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Elections and the County Clerk, oversees the voting process for more than 628,715 residents. We are the 5<sup>th</sup> largest county in the State. Our 53 municipalities

are spread over an area of 471.57 square miles. After a census year (2010) and promulgation of the census figures by the Governor or a referendum, the Board must draw new boundaries in those municipalities that elect a local governing body (Title 13, Title 19 and Title 40). If an election district, due to size or any other consideration as noted in Title 19, requires altering or merging, the Board must prepare such information and materials to effectuate this change (Title 13, Title 19 and Title 40).

## **ELECTION DAY CHALLENGERS**

### **Challenger Credentials**

Candidates, County and Municipal Chairs may apply to the Board of Elections for Election Day Challengers. Challengers are those people who represent their party, a candidate or a question in the polling place on Election Day.

The following illustrates the 1063 credentials initially applied for by the candidates and issued for each election but does not include any changes during the two weeks after the submission deadline to Election Day.

<b>Election Name</b>	<b>Credentials</b>
Special School (Rumson)	0
Special School (Manasquan)	8
Special School (Matawan-Aberdeen)	0
Special Municipal Election (Neptune City)	16
Annual School Election (Asbury Park and Neptune Township)	21
Special Municipal Election (Lake Como)	0
Municipal Election (Allenhurst, Deal, Keansburg and Loch Arbour)	22
Primary Election	54
Special Municipal Election (Belmar and Sea Bright)	4
General Election	938
Special School Election (Hazlet, Millstone Shrewsbury Borough)	0

## **ELECTION RECOUNTS**

### **Election Recounts**

The Board of Elections conducts all election recounts at the direction of a Monmouth County Superior Court Judge.

## **RECOUNTS**

There were two recounts this year. The municipalities involved were Bradley Beach and Allentown.

## **MISC INFORMATION**

### **Legal and Display Advertisements**

The Board of Elections advertises all meetings and elections in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” and Title 19.

### **Website**

The BOE Website gives Poll Workers the opportunity to refresh the voting machine training and instructions for Election Day at anytime of the year. The county website is updated regularly for changes and dates of instruction classes. There was an additional website added this year through the County Clerk’s Office. [Monmouthcountyvotes.com](http://Monmouthcountyvotes.com) contains information for Poll Workers, Voters, Candidates and Challengers.

### **Staff Training**

BOE staff and commissioners attend continuing education classes throughout the year as well as attending training seminars during our annual convention each year in March.