

AGENDA # K.4
Scio Township Board of Trustees
Establish Permanent Polling Places in Scio Township

FOR MEETING DATE OF: November 28, 2023

PREPARED ON: November 20, 2023

PREPARED BY: Jessica Flintoft

SUBMITTED BY: Clerk

ITEM TYPE: Possible Action

SUGGESTED ACTION: To adopt resolution as presented to establish permanent polling places in Scio Township.

BACKGROUND: This item is contingent on the Election Commission's adoption of new precincts--reducing from 8 to 5 precincts--being considered at its November 27th meeting.

Scio Township is fortunate to have generous community-minded partners that provide space to serve as polling places for every Election in Scio Township. Our partners do not charge, and provide additional staff and maintenance as needed around Election Days. We periodically evaluate the spaces to ensure that they are accessible for people with mobility differences.

We have assigned polling places to the newly established precincts to ensure as convenient a polling place for as many voters as possible. With the newly enacted law, allowing the Township to reduce the number of precincts from 8 to 5, we can reduce the number of polling places while still providing easy access to voting. Administratively, a reduction in polling places reduces costs and delay in reporting returns.

While Meeting Hall will be used for 9 Days of Early Voting, it will not be a polling place on Election Day. Instead, Meeting Hall will be used by the Absent Voter Counting Boards for counting absentee ballots on Election Day. We will no longer need to use the Utility Bay for the Absent Voter Counting Boards, reducing need to rent tables and chairs, or disrupt the Utilities and Parks operations around Election Days.

We will no longer use the Scio Community Church on North Zeeb Road as a polling place. They have been a wonderful host--generous and easy to work with. We so appreciate their years of service as a polling place.

RECOMMENDATION: Clerk recommends approval.

MODEL MOTION: To adopt Resolution to Establish Permanent Polling Places in Scio Township [as

presented/as amended].

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution_to_Establish_Permanent_Polling_Places.pdf](#)

[proposed precinct changes to election commission nov 2023.jpg](#)