

**Meeting of the City of New Castle Board of Elections  
New Castle Public Library  
424 Delaware Street  
New Castle, Delaware 19720  
January 17, 2013  
4:30 p.m.**

Present:

Marianne Caven, Chair  
Pat Salter-Flynn  
Richard Pennell  
Faythe Waterloo, Secretary  
Barbara Winkler

The Chairperson called the meeting to order. She reviewed information she had received regarding absentee ballots. The procedure for filing absentee ballots will be much easier for the next election and the fact we will have only one district this year should make the entire voting procedure easier.

There will be a meeting for Election Board members on February 25, 2014 at 4 p.m. with State officials. All members plan to attend and more information will follow.

There was a discussion on the number of voting machines required for the upcoming election. It was decided we will order 4 machines. There followed a lengthy discussion on the new voting times, which will now be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., necessitating election workers to be present from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. Concern was raised that none of the Election Board members had input into the time changes. The Board has been told there is nothing to be done for this year's election but that consideration would be given to revising the voting times for the next election. A suggestion was made that poll workers receive an increase since the amount of time they must spend at the polls has increased. In addition, more meals/food will be required for the workers due to the time involved.

Debbie Grier from the State is coming to train city employees on how to input information via computer for new voting forms.

The next Election Board meetings will be held on February 21, March 21 and April 4, 2013. Ms. Caven will check to see if we can continue to use the Library Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.