

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

**Town of Sampson
County of Chippewa
State of Wisconsin**

November 3, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Sampson, County of Chippewa, on November 3, 2020, the following proposed Town Board Ordinance #1-2020 will be submitted to a vote of the people:

Town of Sampson
Ordinance #1-2020
Ordinance to Appoint the Town Clerk/Treasurer

The Town Board of the Town of Sampson, County of Chippewa, State of Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

That, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 60.30(1e)(a), the office of the town clerk/treasurer shall be filled by appointment of a majority of the members-elect of the town board.

The term of office for the appointed position shall be set by the town board, but may not exceed 3 years per 60.30(1e)(c). The town board may re-appoint the officer for additional terms. However removal by the town board during a given term of office may only be for "cause" as defined under 17.001 and required by Chapter 60.30(1e)(f).

The ordinance is subject to approval by the town electors in a referendum, which is hereby called by the Town Board to be held on November 3, 2020. The referendum question shall be:

"Shall the person holding the office of the combined office of town clerk and town treasurer in the Town of Sampson be appointed by the town board?"

The salary of the appointed position shall be set by the town board and may not be reduced during the term of office.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its town board passage, notice after passage per 60.80 and also its referendum approval by the town electors as required by 60.30(1e)(b).

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Adopted this 3 day of August, 2020

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the person holding the office of the combined office of the town clerk and town treasurer in the Town of Sampson be appointed by the town board?"

Explanation: On August 3, 2020 the Town Board adopted Ordinance #1-2020, which would convert the elected office of a town clerk/treasurer into an office appointed by the Town Board.

An elected clerk/treasurer does not have to meet any minimal qualifications. An elected clerk/treasurer must be a qualified elector of the town and, if elected serves a two-year term. The compensation of the elected clerk/treasurer is set by the electors at an annual meeting or special town meeting.

The Town Board passed the ordinance because the supervisors recognize that the clerk position has become more complex and requires a candidate who will continue to serve in the position and offer qualifications and experience that are necessary to meet the responsibilities of the position. If the clerk/treasurer position becomes an appointed position, the clerk will report directly to the town board. The town board will establish the clerk/treasurer's job description, set the clerk's hours, determine the clerk/treasurer compensation, and the term of office, which may not exceed three years. Town board may appoint the clerk/treasurer for additional terms.

The effect of a YES vote: The Town Board will appoint the town clerk/treasurer for a term not to exceed three years. The appointed position will start when the current term of office for the incumbent town clerk/treasurer expires on April 21 of 2021. The town board may appoint the town clerk for additional terms.

The effect of a NO vote: The clerk/treasurer will continue as an elected position, to be elected at the spring election in odd numbered years. The clerk shall be elected by a majority vote of the electors at each election.

Done in the Town of Sampson, County of Chippewa, State of Wisconsin on August 3, 2020.

Veda Reed,
Town of Sampson Clerk/Treasurer

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