

**Recount of Billings Township Election**  
**August 9, 2011 – Clerk's Position**  
**2:00 p.m.**

Clerk Maveal welcomed those in attendance, introduced the Canvassers, and stated the intent of the recount today. Clerk Maveal stated that the ballots for the recount today were transported by Dan Zurich, Clerk Elect of Billings Township, along with an impartial Democrat and Republican from Billings Township (Mary Offenbecker and Barb Johnson).

Public Comments – there were none at this time.

The Canvassers verified that the ballot bag was sealed correctly and that the seal matched the number recorded on the transfer certificate and in the poll book. Public was asked if they would like to view the seal prior to cutting. Seal number 1056170 was then cut.

All materials were removed from the bag and the ballots placed in one pile separate of the rest. Materials were offered for review to the public without touching prior to the separation and count process.

Canvassers in groups of two (one Republican, one Democrat) were paired to begin the process of physical count of the ballots in groups of 25 to balance back to the tabulated total reported on Election night. 2:08 – 2:16 p.m. Ballots reconciled to 520 ballots.

The same two groups of Canvassers began to sort the ballots by Clerk position only into two groups. First group – Zurich, second group – Write in votes and "other" marks. Sorting completed. Public was offered the opportunity to view the two stacks of ballots.

Zurich votes were counted in stacks of 25 and equaled 223 votes. Straight party votes gave him an additional 20 votes. Total votes = 243, which balanced to the total on the tabulator tape.

The write in ballots were then sorted into two groups. First group – "clear votes" and second group – "questionable votes" to be determined based on Michigan Election law Optical Scan ballot marking.

Canvassers Blecke and Wilton stayed with the sorted ballots while Clerk Maveal and Canvassers Hoag and Ford made contact with the BOE to confirm ballot markings. After review of the ballots and confirmation with the State on "stray markings" and other issues, the final tally showed 232 good write in votes for Susan Brancalone.

Recount concluded at 3:07 p.m.

The canvassers then reloaded the ballot bag with all materials and sealed the bag with #1056273. The new seal was recorded on the transfer certificate and in the poll book with the initials of the Canvassers.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Laura Brandon-Maveal*

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