

Election Inspector Wrap-Up

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Good afternoon, lovely Election Inspectors! DeWitt Township's Democracy Defenders. I want to take a minute to update you all on the events of a week ago, the November 8, 2022 General Election.

What. A. Day. It was really busy, no? We processed 4070 voters in-person. That's 800 more than we had in the Presidential Election in 2020. Our Absentee Counting Board processed another 4039 ballots, and didn't even need the whole day to do it! It definitely felt like a record-breaking primary, and the numbers reflect it. Not unlike our neighboring communities to the south, we are seeing an increase in the number of election day registrations. Traffic in the Township Hall was higher than any institutional memory could recall.

So, how did we do? In short, A++, everyone, every precinct. The problems were few and easily managed, and everyone stayed composed, cheerful, and professional in the face of, sometimes, intimidating numbers of voters waiting. The feedback from voters has been overwhelmingly positive and appreciative, even in precincts that had a line. The historically difficult process of closing polls, and compiling all of the required documentation, set a new bar for efficiency and accuracy once again! I was at County reporting results before 11:30 PM.

I could not be more pleased with the team of Election Inspectors we have in place. Take a moment to be extremely proud of what you accomplished. Accurate, efficient, and above all, a transparent process that assures voters that their ballot counts. We had a Precinct Challenger in the Community Center for most of the day and the feedback was 100% positive.

We continue to learn from our experiences and we will adjust and adapt for future elections. We get better every time. I've already made several procedure changes based upon feedback received. Please respond to me if you have a concern or an idea to make our elections even better. Most importantly, share your experience with others. Explain how the democratic process works in Michigan. Recruit. Try to comprehend how important the job you perform is to the ability of every voter to have their voice heard. You are election heroes.

Payroll was processed today, and the checks went to the Post Office this afternoon. If you do not receive yours by this weekend, let me know on Monday so we can fix it before Thanksgiving.

Have a wonderful start to the Holiday Season. Thank you all for your commitment and hard work for our elections.

Yours in pride and in thanks,

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