

DISTRICT IN DUNKARD TOWNSHIP

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A hearing is now scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. to hear any issues raised by written objections.

Please see attached:

Petition

Court order

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - GREENE

CIVIL DIVISION

IN RE:)
CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION)
DISTRICTS IN DUNKARD TOWNSHIP) No. 15 Misc. 2019
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ORDER

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND NOW, this 12th day of April, 2019, the Court wishes to acknowledge that it is in receipt of a petition to consolidate election districts. That petition has been filed by the County Board of Elections and has been filed pursuant to certain provisions of the election code. By Order dated April 1, 2019, the Court has scheduled a status conference this date.

The Court recognizes that as a result of the petition, the County Board of Election seeks to consolidate all precincts in Dunkard Township into one precinct, with all voting to be held at the Civic Club located in Bobtown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Furman, Esquire, is present during the status conference and represents the interests of Dunkard Township. The Township has advised that they would prefer and feel that it is more convenient for Dunkard Township to be divided into two

precincts. The Court recognizes that this ultimately is a decision that lies with the Court.

Pursuant to the election code, the County Election Board is now DIRECTED to post notice at the three (3) existing polling venues and also to post notice at the Dunkard Township building and the Post Office in Bobtown, Pennsylvania and the Dilliner convenience store. Notice shall be provided by the County Board of Elections by the posting of copies of this Order, along with copies of the original petition for consolidation at the above described places. The Court hereby incorporates the original petition, which will be posted with this Order.

The County Election Board is now DIRECTED to create notice to accompany copies of this Order and copies of the original petition and that notice shall be on orange and red paper designed to attract attention and shall be on paper at least 8.5 by 11 inches.

The notice shall read as follows: "Proposed Changes to Election District in Dunkard Township"

"The County Election Board has proposed a consolidation of election districts in Dunkard Township. The petition is attached and incorporated by this notice. Objections must be filed in writing with the Greene County Prothonotary in the Greene County Courthouse on or before Friday, April 26, 2019.

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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It is ORDERED that any party objecting to the consolidation and/or change of voting place must file their objection in writing on or before Friday, April 26, 2019 at 4:00 PM. The Court DIRECTS that any written objections will be heard on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 2, Greene County Courthouse, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

In the event that no objections are filed on or before Friday, April 26, 2019, the petition of the County Board Election will be confirmed.

It is anticipated that objections will be filed by the supervisors of Dunkard Township in an effort to facilitate convenience for the voters and citizens of that Township.

SO ORDERED AND DECREED.

ATTEST:

Susan K White

CLERK OF COURTS
Prothonotary

BY THE COURT:

Louis Dayich

LOUIS DAYICH, JUDGE
4/16/19

DATE

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PETITION TO CONSOLIDATE ELECTION DISTRICTS

AND NOW, comes the Petitioners, Blair Zimmerman, Dave Coder and Archie Trader, by and through their attorney, Cheryl Catherine Cowen, Esquire, who sets forth the following:

1. The Petitioners are the County Commissioners sitting as members of the County Board of Elections pursuant to 25 P.S. §2641.

2. The relevant township is Dunkard Township which currently has four election districts: Bobtown District, Dilliner District, Lower District and Upper District.

3. Residents at all four districts vote at the following locations:

1) Shannopin Civic Club, 777 Larimer Drive, Bobtown, PA; 2) Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, 292 Mt. Pleasant Road, Dilliner, PA, and; 3) Dana/Coresco Training Center, 322 Meadow Run Road, Mount Morris, PA.

4. The Dana/Coresco Training Center will not review its lease due to the closing of Dana Mining.

5. The Petitioner is able to renew its lease with the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, but due to the location, requires multiple voters to drive past the Shannopin Civic Center to get to the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church.

6. The Petitioner has also had difficulty in staffing the multiple precincts in the past and in finding handicapped accessible locations.

7. The Petitioner is enclosing both a map and a verbal description of the proposed election district which map is enclosed as Exhibit "A" and which verbal description is attached as Exhibit "B".

8. The Petitioner is enclosing a certification of the number of registered voters which will be in the proposed election district, which number of registered voters is One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Nine (1,259) voters. The certification is attached as Exhibit "C".

9. Petitioner acknowledges that it must show good cause to create a voting district containing more than One Thousand Two Hundred (1200) voters.

10) Petitioner believes that good cause can be shown by the following reasons:

- A) The consolidation of the four election districts into one district promotes the convenience of the voting public because many of the voters are required to drive past the proposed voting location to get to the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church; and
- B) The staffing issues will hopefully be eliminated.

11. The proposed polling location is sufficient in size to handle the additional voters and is handicap accessible.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests this Honorable Court to schedule a time and date for a hearing and direct the Petitioners to provide notice as requested by 25 P.S. §2704.

Respectfully submitted:

By: Cheryl Catherine Cowen
Cheryl Catherine Cowen, Esquire

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By: Blair Zimmerman


By: Jan Code

By: Justin Wade

VERIFICATION

AND NOW, comes Jeffrey Marshall on behalf of Greene County Board of Commissioners, who verifies that the facts contained in the within Petition to Consolidate Election Districts and are true upon his personal knowledge, information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of relating to unsworn falsification to authorities, which provides for criminal penalties if a person with intent to mislead makes a written false statement which he/she does not believe to be true.

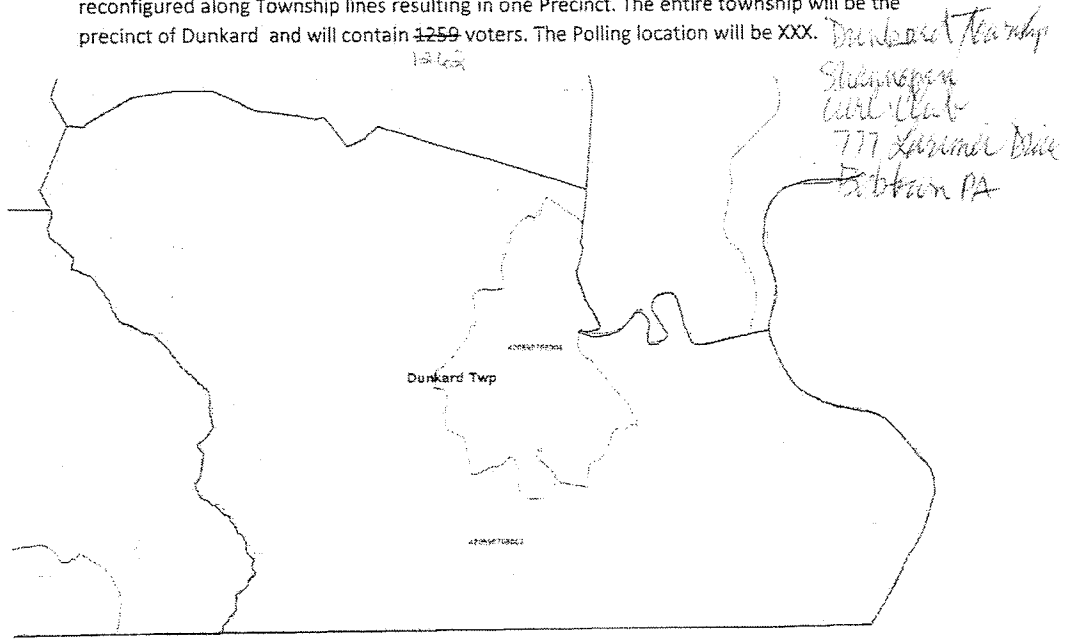
Date: March 11, 2019



Jeffrey Marshall

Summary of Requested Changes to Election Precincts in the County of Greene, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1. The four existing precincts in Dunkard Township (Upper, Lower, Dilliner, and Bobtown) will be reconfigured along Township lines resulting in one Precinct. The entire township will be the precinct of Dunkard and will contain 1259 voters. The Polling location will be XXX.



Description of Dunkard

Following the US Census tract and block group 42-059-970800-3 and the lines of the Dunkard Township, and including US Census tract and block group 42-059-970800-4, **Everyone inside these lines shall be in the precinct of Dunkard and it shall contain approximately 1259 voters.**

Exhibit "A"

DUNKARD TOWNSHIP

Beginning at the Whitely township line traveling in a southeasterly direction following Glade and Dooley Runs the southern point being West Virginia State line; following the West Virginia State line in an easterly direction to Fayette County Line; then in north northwesterly direction following the Monongahela River and State Route 88 to the Monongahela Township line, following Monongahela Township line (being Dunkard Creek) in a westerly direction to the intersection of Dunkard Creek and State Route 2011. Following the Monongahela Township line north to the Greene Township line and following Greene Township line to the Whiteley Township line, the point and place of beginning

Exhibit B"

COUNTY OF GREENE
BUREAU OF REGISTRATION
& ELECTIONS



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CERTIFICATION OF NUMBER OF ELECTORS
IN PROPOSED ELECTION DISTRICTS

I, Tina Kiger, Director of the Greene County Bureau of Registration and Elections, hereby certify that the number of registered electors in the districts affected by the within Petition, based on the number of registered electors in the 2018 General Election, is:

Dunkard Bobtown – 466
Dunkard Dilliner – 328
Dunkard Lower – 248
Dunkard Upper – 246

The proposed consolidation of these election districts will result in an election district with one thousand two hundred and eighty eight (1,288) registered electors.

Tina Kiger
Director, Bureau of Registration & Elections

SEAL

CORNERSTONE OF THE KEYSTONE STATE

Blair Zimmerman, Chairman • Dave Coder, Commissioner • Archie Trader, Commissioner



Exhibit "C"

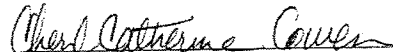
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Cheryl Catherine Cowen, Esquire, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the within Petition to Consolidate Election Districts was served on the following persons, by placing the same in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid on the 11th day of March, 2019:

Department of State
PA Department of State
Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation
210 North Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dunkard Township Supervisors
370 N. Moreland Street
P.O. Box 369
Bobtown, PA 15315

03/11/19
Date


Cheryl Catherine Cowen, Esquire