

2017 Municipal Election UMOVA Notice

This is an official notice of the Pike County Municipal Election to be conducted on November 7, 2017. You may register to vote and request an official absentee ballot by using the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA), available at www.votespa.com or www.fvap.gov. You may apply for an absentee ballot by submitting your FPCA by fax to 570-296-6055, by email to gorben@pikepa.org or mail to:

Pike County Board of Elections
506 Broad Street
Milford PA 18337

You may request an absentee ballot from this office at any time prior to a primary or election. However, if time does not permit you to receive and return an official absentee ballot, you are entitled to vote using the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). Military electors may also use the FWAB to register to vote and vote simultaneously.

You may use the FWAB to vote for all state and local offices, and ballot questions. Please refer to page 3 of the FWAB.

To vote for state or local offices, write the names of candidates in the Addendum section of the FWAB. Under the Office/Ballot Initiative heading, enter the office the candidate is running for. Under the Candidate Name, Party Affiliation or Initiative Vote heading, list the name of the candidate you wish to vote for, or if you are voting on a Referendum question write "yes" or "no".

Enrolled members of the Democratic Party may only vote for Democratic Candidates. A vote for a candidate of another party will be counted as a write-in vote.

Enrolled members of the Republican Party may only vote for Republican Candidates. A vote for a candidate of another party will be counted as a write-in vote.

Enrolled members of all other non-affiliated parties may only vote on the ballot questions. Votes for candidates will not be counted

A full list of offices to be elected and ballot questions is listed below.

2017 PIKE COUNTY MUNICIPAL ELECTION OFFICES FOR ELECTION

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the County Board of Elections of the County of Pike, do make known by this proclamation to the registered voters of said County that on

TUESDAY, November 7, 2017

the Municipal Primary Election will be held between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. in all 18 election precincts within the County of Pike, at which time and place, the qualified electors of the Republican and Democratic parties will assemble and vote by ballot for the nomination of candidates for the following offices:

STATE OFFICES

Justice of the Supreme Court – Vote for ONE

Dwayne Woodruff – Democratic
Sallie Mundy - Republican

Judge of the Superior Court – Vote for not more than FOUR

Maria McLaughlin – Democratic
Carolyn H. Nichols – Democratic
Debbie Kunselman – Democratic
Geoff Moulton – Democratic
Craig Stedman – Republican
Emil Giordano – Republican
Wade A. Kagarise – Republican
Mary Murray - Republican
Jules Mermelstein – Green

Judge of the Commonwealth Court – Vote for not more than 2

Ellen Ceisler – Democratic
Irene M. Clark – Democratic
Paul Lalley – Republican
Christine Fizzano Cannon – Republican

PIKE COUNTY OFFICES

County Sheriff – Vote for ONE

Kerry Welsh – Democratis/Republican

Magisterial District Judge 60-3-01- Vote for ONE

Debi Fischer - Democratic/Republican

Magisterial District Judge 60-3-03 Vote for ONE

Alan B. Cooper - Democratic/Republican

Delaware Valley School District – Vote for not more than FOUR

Rosemary Walsh – Democratic/Republican

Pam Lutfy – Democratic/Republican

Patricia McKinney – Democratic

Felicia Sheehan – Democratic/Republican

Jessica Adler Decker – Republican

East Stroudsburg School District - Vote for not more than FOUR

Ronn Bradley - Democratic/Republican

Richard Schlameuss - Democratic/Republican

Larry Dymond- Democratic/Republican

Wallenpaupack School District - Vote for not more than FOUR

John Kiesendahl - Democratic/Republican

Lisa Smith – Democratic/Republican

Michael J. Romeo, Jr. - Democratic/Republican

Paul Otway - Democratic/Republican

Proposed Constitutional Ammdement *(See end of notice for Plain English Explanation of question)*

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to permit the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation up to 100 percent of the assessed value of each homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction, rather than limit the exclusion to one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead property, which is the existing law?

YES

NO

BLOOMING GROVE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor

Nicholas Mazza – Democratic/Republican

Tax Collector

Jeanine Tenzi – Democratic/Republican

Auditor

James Pellechia - Democratic

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP # 1

Supervisor 6 year term– Vote for ONE

Jane Neufeld – Democratic/Republican

Supervisor 2 year term – Vote for ONE

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Mary Lou Corbett - Democratic/Republican

Auditor 6 year term – Vote for ONE

Richard Koehler - Republican

Auditor 2 year term – Vote for ONE

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP # 2

Supervisor – Vote for ONE

Jane Neufeld – Democratic/Republican

Supervisor 2 year term –Vote for ONE

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Mary Lou Corbett - Democratic/Republican

Auditor 6 year term – Vote for ONE

Richard Koehler – Republican

Auditor 2 year term – Vote for ONE

DINGMAN TOWNSHIP # 1

Supervisor– Vote for ONE

Thomas Mincer - Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

James Leiser – Democratic/Republican

Auditor – Vote for ONE

Write-In

Constable – Vote for ONE

Walter Tomilowicz – Democratic

John Crerand – Republican

DINGMAN TOWNSHIP # 2

Supervisor– Vote for ONE

Thomas Mincer - Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

James Leiser – Democratic/Republican

Auditor – Vote for ONE

Write-In

Constable– Vote for ONE

Walter Tomilowicz – Democratic

John Crerand – Republican

GREENE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor – Vote for ONE

Gerald A. Obert – Democratic/Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Barbara Gilpin – Democratic/Republican

Auditor – Vote for ONE

Debbie Gunnip - Republican

LACKAWAXEN TOWNSHIP # 1

Supervisor 6 Year Term – Vote for ONE

John W. Beisel – Democratic/Republican

Supervisor 4 Year Term – Vote for ONE

Jeffrey Shook – Democratic/Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Frances E. James – Democratic/Republican

Auditor – Vote for ONE

James P. Johanson – Democratic/Republican

Constable – Vote for ONE

Luis Vega, Sr.

LACKAWAXEN TOWNSHIP # 2

Supervisor 6 Year Term – Vote for ONE

John W. Beisel – Democratic/Republican

Supervisor 4 Year Term – Vote for ONE

Jeffrey Shook – Democratic/Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Frances E. James – Democratic/Republican

Auditor – Vote for ONE

James P. Johanson – Democratic/Republican

Constable – Vote for ONE

Luis Vega, Sr. - Republican

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP # 1

Supervisor – Vote for ONE

Theresa R. Laino - Democratic
Kathleen Simoncic - Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Bonnie VanWhy Wargo – Democratic/Republican
Rick Geis – Eliminate Property Tax

Auditor – Vote for ONE

Joyce A. Morgan - Democratic

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP # 2

Supervisor – Vote for ONE

Theresa R. Laino - Democratic
Kathleen Simoncic - Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Bonnie VanWhy Wargo – Democratic/Republican
Rick Geis – Eliminate Property Tax

Auditor – Vote for ONE

Joyce A. Morgan - Democratic

MATAMORAS BORO # 1

Councilmen – Vote for not more than FOUR

Mark Madsen –Democratic
Joseph Sain – Democratic
Kevin M. Rose - Republican
Peter J. Sigreto - Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Jane M. Drake - Democratic

Constable – Vote for ONE

Robert Homer - Republican

MATAMORAS BORO # 2

Councilmen – Vote for not more than FOUR

Mark Madsen –Democratic
Joseph Sain – Democratic
Kevin M. Rose - Republican
Peter J. Sigreto - Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Jane M. Drake - Democratic

Constable – Vote for ONE

Robert Homer - Republican

MILFORD BORO

Mayor – Vote for ONE

Sean Strub – Democratic
Nicholas May – Republican

Councilmen – Vote for not more than THREE

Frank Tarquinio – Democratic
Kim Reno – Democratic
Winston Clark – Democratic
Aaron May – Republican
Robert Ciervo – Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Carol Osterberg – Republican

Constable – Vote for ONE

Write-In

MILFORD TOWNSHIP

Supervisor – Vote for ONE

Penney Luhrs – Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Viola K. Canouse – Republican
William Jara-Barrientos – Democratic

Auditor 6 Year Term – Vote for ONE

Write-In

Auditor 4 Year Term – Vote for ONE

Write-In

Auditor 2 Year Term – Vote for ONE

Write-In

PALMYRA TOWNSHIP

Supervisor – Vote for ONE

Kenneth Coutts – Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Maria Coutts -Republican

Auditor – Vote for ONE

Mary Alice Trunzo - Republican

PORTER TOWNSHIP

Supervisor – Vote for ONE

Kathryn A. Otting - Independent

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Joan Horger – Republican

Auditor – Vote for ONE

Write-In

Constable – Vote for ONE

Orville R. Kleppinger

SHOHOLA TOWNSHIP

Supervisor – Vote for ONE

Greg Hoeper – Republican

Shirley Masuo – Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Elizabeth Myers – Democratic/Republican

Auditor – Vote for ONE

Ann G. Seaman - Republican

WESTFALL TOWNSHIP

Supervisor – Vote for not more than TWO

Robert J. Melvin – Republican

Robert Bostinto – Republican

Tax Collector – Vote for ONE

Laurie L. Pearce – Democratic/Republican

Auditor 6 Year Term Vote for ONE

Write-In

Auditor 4 Year Term Vote for ONE

Write-In

Auditor 2 Year Term Vote for ONE

Write-In

Constable – Vote for ONE

Michael Barth – Democratic/Republican

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to permit the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation up to 100 percent of the assessed value of each homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction, rather than limit the exclusion to one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead property, which is the existing law?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

The purpose of the ballot question is to amend Article VIII, Section 2(b)(vi) of the Pennsylvania Constitution to permit the General Assembly to pass a law authorizing local taxing authorities to increase the amount of assessed value of homestead property that may be excluded when determining the real estate tax owed for homestead property. If the ballot question is approved, the General Assembly could then pass a law authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of each homestead property when calculating the real estate tax owed on homestead property.

The Pennsylvania Constitution currently permits the General Assembly to pass a law authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude only a portion of the assessed value of homestead property when determining the amount of real estate tax owed. Under current law, the amount of assessed value that may be excluded from taxation cannot exceed one-half the amount of the median assessed value of all homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction. Local taxing authorities may not increase the millage rate of its real property tax to pay for homestead property exclusions.

The effect of the ballot question would allow the General Assembly to pass a law increasing the amount of assessed value that local taxing authorities may exclude from real estate taxation for homestead property. Currently, local taxing authorities can exclude from taxation only up to one-half the amount of the median assessed value of all homestead property located in the local taxing jurisdiction. But if the ballot question is approved, the General Assembly would have authority to pass a law permitting local taxing authorities to exclude up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of each homestead property. Local taxing authorities would continue to be prohibited from increasing the millage rate of its tax on real property to pay for the homestead exclusions.

The ballot question, by itself, does not authorize local taxing authorities to exclude up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of each homestead property from real estate taxation. Local taxing authorities could not take such action unless and until the General Assembly passes a law authorizing them to do so. The ballot question authorizes the General Assembly to pass that law.

This notice will be updated as necessary.