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DAYTON WINS SECOND TERM DFL retains state offices but Republicans take House majority

Tuesday's state general election did not resemble past Republican Party sweeps, although eleven seats in the state's House of Representatives were taken by Republicans to gain a majority of 10 seats.

The House membership is now 72 Republicans and 62 Democrats. The DFL has the majority in the State Senate, which will be up for election in 2016.

The eleven seats captured by the GOP were in rural parts of the state with one exception: the 56B seat in the Burnsville-Lakeville area. Nine GOP House members ran unopposed. No GOP incumbents lost their seats.

The gains in the House did not carry over to the state constitutional offices as the DFL retained all four.

Governor Mark Dayton received 50% of the vote in his bid for a second term, while Republican-endorsed Jeff Johnson trailed with 44.5%.

The Secretary of State's office will stay in the DFL column after Mark Ritchie decided not to run for re-election. State Rep. Steve Simon of St. Louis Park narrowly won the seat with 47% of the vote to Republican Dan Severson's 46%. The gap between the two was 22,417 votes. Libertarian Party candidate Bob Odden received over 40,000 votes for just over 2%.

State Auditor Rebecca Otto (DFL) retained her seat with 51% of the vote, Randy Gilbert (R) had 40% and Patrick Dean (IP) had 4% among the third-party candidates.

Attorney General Lori Swanson (DFL) was also re-elected, by 52% to Senator Scott Newman's 39% for the Republican side. St. Paul Green Party candidate Andy Dawkins received 1.5%, among other third-party candidates.

The Independence Party will no longer qualify as a major political party in the state. It failed to get the required 5% of the vote in any of the races for the state constitutional offices. Bob Helland, a 29-year old state employee came closest with 4.91% in his bid for Secretary of State. The party under which Jesse Ventura won his bid for governor in 1998 will now have to petition for ballot access in future elections.

The IP's candidate for Governor, Hannah Nicollet of suburban Roseville in Ramsey County, received nearly 57,000 votes and 2.88%.

U.S. Senate and Congressional races

Tom Emmer, former state legislator and gubernatorial candidate in 2010, will be going to Washington as the next congressman from the Sixth District. Emmer, the Republican-endorsed candidate, won 56% of the vote. His tally in Anoka County was the same. His Democratic opponent, Joe Perske, received 38% and Independence Party candidate John Denney collected 5.2%. Emmer will be taking the seat of retiring Rep. Michele Bachmann.

The race that everyone in the country was watching was the 8th District contest

between Stewart Mills (R) and incumbent Rick Nolan (D). This seat has seen extremely close results in the prior two elections and Tuesday night's results, not finalized until daybreak Wednesday, were no exception. Nolan squeaked out a win by 3,694 votes out of nearly 266,000 votes cast. Green Party candidate Ray "Skip" Sandman took 11,445 votes for 4.3%. Incumbents holding the other six congressional seats in the state were confident winners. The 7th District race between long-time incumbent Collin Peterson (D) and Torrey Westrom (R) was also followed by the television pundits however Peterson comfortably won by nine points.

U.S. Senator Al Franken (D) easily won a second six-year term by ten points (53-43) over Mike McFadden (R). Independence Party candidate Steve Carlson, who previously ran for the 4th Congressional District seat, received 2.4% and Heather Johnson, Libertarian Party, received 29,683 votes for 1.5%.



How Anoka County voted in the state constitutional offices and federal elections

In Anoka County, McFadden had a slight edge over Franken, by only 2,493 votes; in the Governor's race, Johnson and Dayton flip-flopped their statewide numbers. Johnson had 50% in Anoka County and Dayton 44%. Nicollet of the Independence Party had just a whisker under 3%.

Republican Secretary of State candidate Dan Severson enjoyed a ten-point spread over DFL opponent Steve Simon (51-41%). Libertarian candidate Bob Odden had 2.2% (2,548 votes) and IP's Bob Helland 4.87%.

State Auditor Rebecca Otto (DFL) edged out challenger Randy Gilbert (R) in the county (47% to 44.4%). Patrick Dean (IP) had 3.9%.

Attorney General Lori Swanson (DFL) led in Anoka County with 49% to Scott Newman's (R) 43%.

In contested races for the Minnesota Supreme Court, Republican candidate Michelle MacDonald captured 53% of the Anoka County vote against incumbent David Lillehaug, and Wilhelmina Wright (incumbent) and John Hancock were nearly at a stand-off, separated by about 200 votes in Hancock's favor. Both Hancock and MacDonald lost their statewide races. Wright had 57% of the statewide vote and Lillehaug 53%. — ACR staff

The Divergent Paths of Keith Downey and Kurt Daudt

MacDonald is #1 vote-getter for GOP in Anoka County and state-wide

Six candidates ran statewide with the GOP endorsement in 2014. Of these candidates, Michelle MacDonald, GOP endorsed candidate for Supreme Court Justice, came out on top. Not only did she receive the highest percentage of the vote statewide amongst these six candidates, but she also won Anoka County. Statewide, MacDonald was defeated by Governor Dayton appointee David Lillehaug who received 53.22% of the vote. Lillehaug was a controversial appointment as he had previously served as Dayton's attorney for the gubernatorial recount in 2010.

MacDonald was endorsed at the 2014 GOP State Convention in Rochester after having first been recommended by their judicial endorsement committee. Days later, members of the State Party Executive Committee discovered that MacDonald had been charged with a DWI and was awaiting trial on that charge. This information had been disclosed to the judicial endorsement committee prior to their recommendation that delegates endorse MacDonald, but had not been disclosed to the Executive Committee nor to state delegates.

While GOP Chairman Keith Downey was powerless to cancel the endorsement, it has been alleged that through intermediaries he sought to have MacDonald voluntarily renounce the endorsement. When she refused, Downey and the State Executive Committee took action to remove MacDonald from campaigning at the GOP Minnesota State Fair booth, prevented her name from being listed on sample ballot mailings, and refused to provide any party resources to her campaign such as access to voter lists. Various online media sources identified Fourth Congressional District Executive Committee member Pat Anderson as having led the effort to revoke MacDonald's endorsement. MacDonald represented Anderson's ex-husband in their contentious public divorce battle several years ago.

The tussle between Downey and MacDonald generated numerous print and television stories over the course of the election. While a jury eventually found MacDonald guilty on other charges, they found her not guilty on the DWI charge.

The only statewide GOP endorsed candidate to openly criticize MacDonald and call for voters to support her opponent Lillehaug, was Attorney General candidate and current State Senator Scott Newman. Of the six GOP endorsed statewide candidates, Newman garnered the lowest percentage of the vote statewide as well as in Anoka County.

Kurt Daudt vs. the DFL

GOP House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt ignored the Downey - MacDonald controversy and focused his efforts on taking the majority in the Minnesota House. That was a successful strategy in the end. Under his leadership, every member of his caucus who sought reelection was successful, and eleven additional seats were won from the DFL. The GOP will now hold a 72-62 majority in the upcoming legislative session, ending one party rule in the state.

Emmer wins Congressional seat

Elk River school levy questions pass

Columbia Heights voters approve all ballot questions

New mayors in Nowthen, Andover, Lexington, St. Francis, Coon Rapids, East Bethel

Gamache wins Anoka County Board seat

St. Francis keeps mayor's term as is

Linwood keeps clerk position as an elected office

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Publisher's Column



John Kysylyczyn

Anoka County Library Prepares for Leaner Times

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

Anoka County Library Director Marlene Moulton Janssen told the Library Board at its October 20th meeting to prepare for belt-tightening in the next two years. She said county officials have told her to expect less money to work with in 2015 and 2016. "This could significantly reduce hours or lead to the closing of buildings," Janssen said at the meeting.

This has been said at a number of meetings over the years whenever tighter budgets have been discussed. The St. Francis and Ham Lake branch libraries are usually the ones brought up for possible closure, if budget constraints would ever make that necessary.

A new lease for the Ham Lake branch however was approved by the library board at this meeting, a one-year agreement with the option for two additional one-year renewals. The lease for the coming year, to take effect Dec. 1, 2014, will be for \$10.60 per square foot, a slight increase. This breaks down to \$4,194 per month or \$50,339 for the year.

The following year's rent, if the lease is renewed, would be calculated at \$10.80 per square foot and \$11.00 per square foot for the third year. The lease agreement is with Crosstown Partners, owners of the shopping center at Highway 65 and Crosstown Boulevard where the Ham Lake branch library is located. The lease has a 90-day termination clause which would allow the county to get out of the lease if funding for the library was ever suspended.

Regarding possible cutbacks, Library Director Janssen said 22% of the library system's staff has been cut over the last dozen years, and her predecessors often chose to cut the purchasing of materials rather than trimming staff. She said the "employee voluntary separation program" that the county now has in place to encourage early retirements, has 23 library employees on its list. Janssen said it isn't known yet as to how many of those 23 will take an early retirement package soon and how much money this may free up in the library system's budget. She did note however that many of these employees were not high-salaried workers. Board chair Robert Thistle said, "staff has been diligent in finding efficiencies."

Board members mentioned expanding the locker-kiosk idea that has been successful at the Andover YMCA to possibly Ham Lake or St. Francis if the need ever arose.

Plan to upgrade materials handling

Among future projects is to affix radio frequency

identification tags (RFID) to the entire collection of over 600,000 items, which would also necessitate a change in the check-out equipment and security gates at each library. The same effort has been recently done by neighboring county library systems. The cost is estimated at over \$900,000, spread over a number of years. A mixture of employees and volunteers are expected to take on this task, and the tagging will begin with the Northtown collection first.

(The Oct. 20 meeting packet also noted volunteer hours January through September of this year: volunteer hours donated by teenagers is up 3% compared to 2013, however adult volunteer hours were down 24% compared to the same time frame in 2013).

The RFID tagging effort will correspond with the installation of a new conveyor system for the Rum River library, and changes to the handling of returned materials at the Northtown library are also being contemplated. Eventually, new materials handling systems are aimed to be implemented system-wide, creating more efficiencies.

Certain components of Library Board authority transferred to the County Board

In a matter first reported in our Dec. 5, 2013 edition, the Library Board approved a "Memorandum of Understanding" that has been reached with the Anoka County Board. State statutes provide a wide range of authority to library boards including independent decision making with regard to the construction of buildings and other infrastructure expenditures; the Library Director serving as an employee of the library board; and the autonomy to spend any funds that are in library coffers in any manner the board wishes.

A few county boards in the state, including Blue Earth, Scott, Carver and Washington have been given special legislation from the state legislature allowing them to make their library boards advisory in nature and placing many of the fiduciary and employee considerations into the hands of county officials.

The Anoka County internal agreement was made without special legislation. Library Board chair Robert Thistle summarized the memorandum at this meeting by saying the major change affected the Library Director position. The library board would now participate in an advisory position as to the hiring of a Library Director, but that ultimately the final decision would be made by the Anoka

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ELECTION 2014

A FEW NEW FACES AMONG ANOKA COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Political parties keep their respective State House seats

Most of the faces aren't new but a few have jockeyed to a new position.

That mostly describes Tuesday's general election results within the confines of Anoka County.

The State House seats saw only one change — newcomer Abigail Whelan, the Republican-endorsed candidate who won the 35A seat now held by the retiring Rep. Jim Abeler (R) of Anoka. The race was a 60-40 split; Whelan's opponent was Peter Perovich (DFL).

Rep. Peggy Scott (R) easily won re-election to the 35B seat in the Andover area, capturing 66% of the vote against DFL opponent Sam Beard.

Rep. Mark Uglem (R) also won re-election to the 36A seat, taking 59% of the vote. The former Champlin mayor was opposed by Jefferson Fietek (DFL).

Rep. Tom Hackbart (R - Cedar) tallied 64% of the vote against J. D. Holmquist (DFL) of Wyoming, to retain his 31B seat. Rep. Kurt Daudt (R - Crown, 31A), House Minority Leader, ran unopposed.

Rep. Tim Sanders (R) retained his seat in Blaine's District 37B. It was a 55-45 split with DFL opponent Susan Witt.

Rep. Linda Runbeck (R - Circle Pines) won re-election in a rematch against DFLer Patrick Davern, capturing 62%.

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Agent: Postal worker who dumped GOP mailers not politically motivated, just lazy

By M.D. Kittle | Wisconsin Reporter | watchdog.org

MADISON, Wis. — The Neenah mail carrier who dumped hundreds of GOP political mailers in an apartment complex dumpster wasn't politically motivated; the postal worker just didn't feel like delivering the stacks of campaign advertisements, according to preliminary findings from the U.S. Postal Service Office of the Inspector General.

"Based upon our investigation, this was nothing done toward a specific candidate or party. It looks like it was a decision made by the carrier, and it was not a good decision," to not deliver the campaign advertisements, Robert Rukes, special agent with the inspector general's office in Chicago, told *Wisconsin Reporter* last week.

"A lot of times, what happened in this situation, you have a carrier who felt overwhelmed with the volume of mail so they decided to discard some of the mail without delivering," Rukes added.

Due to the ongoing investigation, Rukes declined to identify the mail carrier, who, according to the special agent, dumped 879 pieces of political mail.

As *Wisconsin Reporter* first reported, the political mailings were from the campaigns of Mike Rohrkaste, Republican candidate for Wisconsin's 55th Assembly District, and Glenn Grothman, a Republican state senator running for the open 6th Congressional District seat, as well as political messages from a special interest group in support of former state Rep. Roger Roth, a Republican who is running for Wisconsin 19th Senate District seat.

Rukes confirmed that Neenah postal officials responded to the apartment complex and verified the mailers had been unloaded in the dumpster. A resident had witnessed the mail carrier dump the campaign literature, according to Rukes.

There were no reports that campaign mailers from Democratic Party candidates have been similarly mishandled.

The special agent said the Office of the Inspector General would present its findings to U.S. Postal Service administrators and to local or federal prosecutors to determine whether criminal charges will be filed. He said the agencies will make the final determination. Administratively, discipline could include removal from the Postal Service.

"Sometimes people just make decisions that are out of character," Rukes said. "One thing we want to stress is that the vast majority of postal workers are honest, hard-working employees."

Most of the mailers came from Rohrkaste's campaign. Rohrkaste, a retired human resources executive, is running against Democrat Mark Westphal, an industrial electrician and president of the Fox Valley Area Labor Council AFL-CIO, in the race to replace outgoing state Rep. Dean Kaufert, R-Neenah, who left the Legislature to become mayor of Neenah.

Rohrkaste told *Wisconsin Reporter* that he still finds it striking that the mishandled mailers only came from Republicans. He said he had no idea there were nearly 900 discarded political mailers, campaign literature, the Republican candidate said, that was



DUMPED: A Postal Service special agent on Monday confirmed that a Neenah mail carrier dumped hundreds of GOP political mailers in a recycling bin behind a Neenah apartment complex last week. The agent said it appears the incident was not politically motivated.

mailed to voters in an important swing district in Neenah.

"In my mind, either reason is totally unacceptable, whether it was partisan-related or the guy is tired or lazy," he said. "I've worked jobs since I was 12 years old. If you are tired, well, too bad. You do your job. That's just how I was raised."

He said U.S. Postal Service administrators who responded were extremely apologetic and assured him they would investigate and deal with the situation appropriately.

Rukes said all of the mailers had been delivered to their appointed rounds as of the Friday before the election. The investigation continues.



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POST-ELECTION SPECIAL

Quote of the Week: "My staff and I have the privilege of running the most important organization on the planet - the U.S. government." — Barack Obama

The Watchdog says: Well, now we know what the whole problem is regarding the president.

ELECTION 2014 ANALYSIS

By now, readers know it was a banner night nationally as Republicans laid a massive beat down on the Democrats from coast to coast, with minor exceptions, including Minnesota (more on that later).

Election Night was a stunning and sweeping rebuke of President Obama and the policy failures of his administration and the Democrats in Congress who have enabled him the past six years.

The depth of the rejection is almost overwhelming:

The House GOP majority is the biggest since 1928 and is so large, Democrats are privately conceding that they may have to wait until the next redistricting in 2020 to have a chance to retake the body.

In Arkansas, the congressional delegation is totally Republican for the first time in 141 years, cementing the South as a Republican stronghold. Even the Clintons couldn't save Arkansas from the Obama curse.

Democrats no longer hold a single seat in Coal Country and no white male holds a Congressional seat in the Deep South.

The deep blue states of Illinois, Massachusetts and Maryland elected Republican governors.

In the state legislatures, Democrats are aggregately in a minority not seen since prior to the Great Depression.

History will show that Barack Obama cost his party plenty.

Comparing 2009 to 2015, the Democrats have lost: 15 U.S. Senate seats, 52 U.S. House seats, 10 governor's mansions, and control of 34 legislative chambers.

In Minnesota, the result was as disappointing as the national news was uplifting.

Al Franken was sent back to the U.S. Senate for another six years of buffonery. At least his antics will be done in a minority status.

Mark Dayton, the incoherent wonder, was handily re-elected as well.

In fact, all state-wide DFL candidates won, continuing a depressing streak of GOP futility in winning state-wide elections.

Finally, the promising campaigns of Torrey Westrom in Minnesota 7 and Stewart Mills in Minnesota 8 weren't successful.

In short, Minnesota defied the national trend and is looking in many respects like a semi-permanent blue state.

But the news wasn't all bad.

Minority Leader Kurt Daudt and his team ran a masterful campaign and flipped 11 seats to regain the majority and put the brakes on the shameful runaway spending train we've seen the past 2 years.

And speaking of 11 flipped seats, we should review the Watchdog picks just prior to the election and see how well we predicted things.

We were correct on the state-wide picks, with the exception of Stewart Mills. We thought he would

win that one.

For the Minnesota House races, we were on the money.

The Watchdog predicted a pick up of 12 seats, just one off the mark, which was Kirk Stensrud's narrow loss in the West Metro.

We correctly called and profiled the losses of DFL incumbents Andy Falk, Jay McNamar, John Ward, Will Morgan, Tim Faust, Zach Dorholt, Shannon Savick, and Joe Radinovich.

While the overall news on election night was good, the Watchdog, like other conservatives, is thinking ahead to what the next two years will bring and what the implications are for 2016.

While we would like to be optimistic, a sober analysis urges caution against too much optimism and a realization that there is much work to do if we are to make the gains of 2014 more permanent than the short-lived gains of 2010.

On a national level, GOP gains were primarily the result of an epic turnout collapse of the DFL base, and not because of a newfound trust in the GOP among voters.

Polls show that the GOP remains relatively unpopular and that the plummeting approval ratings of the DFL have yet to translate into gains in GOP popularity.

The opportunity is there, but Republicans in Washington need to take advantage by truly implementing a pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda while putting spending on a sustainable trajectory.

If the next two years represent the status quo and it's business as usual in Washington, Republican will rightfully fail to build a sustainable center-right governing coalition.

If voters want a massive, unresponsive, goodie-dispensing, debt-ridden government, they will pick the experts, the Democrats, every time.

If history is any guide, we doubt things will change in Washington.

At the state level, it will be important to calibrate expectations.

Republicans have only won a slender House majority and still must contend with a DFL-led Senate and a DFL governor.

In short, there isn't much the team can accomplish in terms of policy victories and instead will be playing defense against the worst ideas of the DFL.

Moreover, the House GOP must be focused on how their ideas and opposition to DFL ideas are good for society and make Minnesota a better place to live.

We can already tell you that the DFL game plan for the next two years is to paint the House GOP as a party that has no ideas and no positive agenda. Obstructionists who simply say no to everything, they say of the GOP.

Like it or not, that message resonates with voters, who want government to work.

The good news is that making government work isn't mutually exclusive to the idea of a smaller, efficient government.

Making government "work" should be a GOP idea.

And so should the philosophy of having government do fewer things.

Moreover, it is important to calibrate expectations because the crew of incoming GOP representatives has a decidedly rural flavor.

Of the GOP gains, only one came in the Metro area.

While these new Republicans are smart and talented, they represent areas that quite honestly like a good measure of government.

We frankly doubt that there will be a lot of calls to reduce local government aid, nursing home assistance, ag subsidies, or reductions in education monies for rural schools with declining enrollment.

In short, the strategic goal for the next two years should be careful and prudent management of the budget, an avoidance of unproductive social issues fights, and a focus on spotlighting DFL overreach.

Let Dayton and the DFL engage in overreach.

While this publication would love to see a return to bold and vigorous conservative governance, that just won't happen under the arrangement coming up for the next two years.

Doing so only invites a repeat of the 2010-2012 cycles, and a repeat of total DFL control must

be avoided.

In sum, the goal is to govern in a manner that sets the table for defending and expanding the gains of 2014 by showcasing GOP ideals while avoiding overreach and misreading the results of this election.

Rome wasn't built in a day, folks.

Similarly, the Leviathan the DFL built won't be reformed in two years.

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County Board.

The Library Director position will be treated as a county department head and employee. The Director will report to the County Administrator on matters that pertain to county business. Performance evaluations of the Library Director "will be the joint responsibility of the County Administrator and the Library Board president," so states the memorandum.

The library board will continue to oversee matters of a policy nature and the operations of the library system. The library board will also "determine budget allocations for library collections and materials, recommend staffing levels, submit operating budget and capital improvement plan recommendations, accept gifts and donations to the

Library," and, "approve grant applications where the Library's required match is \$10,000 or less."

The beginning of the memorandum outlined, "it is hereby agreed by both parties that to streamline the relationship between the County and the Library and to more effectively use the resources of each party, the County's relationship with the Library Board shall be structured as if the Library was a division of the County."

The document also says an effort will be made to hold occasional joint meetings between the two factions for strategic planning purposes.

Although not specifically stated in the memorandum, the County Board and county departments have been taking on more of the oversight of library infrastructure expenditures in the interests of finding efficiencies. State

statutes allow library boards to have autonomy in negotiating contracts of its own, from small expenditures to large construction projects. County officials however have found that having separate contracts for the library operations, even for small items such as janitorial services, was not cost-efficient. (See Sept. 26, 2013 *Anoka County Record*).

Citizen reports on incident at Northtown Library

A woman gave testimony at the library board meeting about an incident that occurred the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 17 at the Northtown Library. She reported "there tends to be a few creepers" at the library and she observed a man who was "staring at me and my friend" while masturbating. She told the library board she was a long-time user of the Northtown

Library, but now doesn't feel safe returning to the library again. She expressed concern that the building does not have a security guard on the premises. Board chair Robert Thistle said the sheriff and police were handling the matter.

While the recent renovation of the Northtown Library increased the visibility and sightlines within its public areas, the woman said "there's a lot of crevasses" where such behavior can still go unseen. She faulted library staff for not, in her opinion, assuring her that law enforcement authorities were being called at the moment she reported the incident. "I wanted to be put in a safe place," she said.

She went on to say that upon reporting the incident, "I felt the finger was being pointed at me — I needed more support."

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Two races in the Coon Rapids area were close, with 52-48 splits: Incumbent DFL legislators Rep. Melissa Hortman and Rep. Jerry Newton kept their seats, fending off Brooklyn Park city councilor Peter Crema and Mandy Benz, respectively. We researched the results of the previous election of these seats, in 2012, a presidential year:

Hortman received 55% in a three-way race and Newton 57%. The old adage that the mid term elections always have lower voter turnout was confirmed again. The 36B race attracted 21,125 voters in 2012 but only 14,272 in 2014. Voter interest in the 37A seat had a comparable, but slightly wider gap between the two elections.

County races

Andover mayor Mike Gamache will complete his term as mayor and take a seat on the Anoka County Board come January.

The District 5 seat held by Carol LeDoux, previously held by her late husband Scott LeDoux, was an open seat since she did not seek re-election.

Gamache captured just under 52% of the vote, enough to get by former state senator Debbie Johnson. Gamache had 7,274 votes and Johnson 6,783. There were 79 write-ins. Johnson carried all the district's precincts in Coon Rapids and Fridley, but Gamache's strong showing in Andover won him the contest. County Board members Jim Kordiak and Scott Schulte ran unopposed, as did sheriff James Stuart, county attorney Tony Palumbo and Soil and Water District 4 member Mary Jo Truchon.

The Soil and Water board's District 3 seat however was contested, with incumbent Karl Tingelstad winning re-election with 60% of the vote against Nick Proulx.

The city races

Andover has two new city councilors. Valerie Holthus was the top vote-getter, posting 4,966 votes. The second seat was won by James Goodrich (4,713). Incumbent Tony Howard was

third (4,290) and Tonya Kostick fourth (2,651) — plus 62 write-ins.

Mayor Mike Gamache pursued a seat on the Anoka County Board, leaving two city councilors to slug it out for the mayor's job. Julie Trudeau edged out Sheri Bukkila by 66 votes (5,250 to 5,184); there were 67 write-ins.

Anoka saw no changes with mayor Phil Rice unopposed; Jeff Weaver (2,987 votes) and Carl Anderson (2,249) were returned to the city council. Pat Walker came within 144 votes of nabbing the second seat from Anderson.

Bethel, Hilltop, and the North Suburban Hospital District saw no changes as all candidates were unopposed.

Blaine will have one new city councilor as Jason King received 2,900 votes to Matthew Knutson's 2,782 in Ward 3. Wes Hovland was unopposed for re-election in Ward 1, while David Clark retained his Ward 2 seat with 76% of the vote over opponent Ben Deggendorf.

Columbia Heights offered no surprises as Gary Peterson was re-elected mayor with 63% of the vote against challenger Christopher Beskar. Peterson was first elected to the city council in 1983. Newcomer John Murzyn, recently retired from city employment, was the top vote-getter for two council seats, with 3,162 votes. Donna Schmitt won a second term with 2,874 votes. Placing third was Catherine Vesley (2,204) and Gregory K. Sloat (977). Sloat was one of the leaders of the citizen petition drive that called for a referendum regarding the city's new library project. The ballot question asked whether voters were in favor of borrowing \$7 million for a new library. 3,927 voters said yes (62%), and 2,348 voted no. 6,275 voted on the question, however only 5,449 cast a vote in the mayoral race. The city's voter turnout was approximately 63%.

Fridley returned all incumbents to the city council. Jim Saefke narrowly kept his Ward 1 seat by 42 votes against challenger John Anderson. Dolores Varichak faced Pam Reynolds for the third time for the Ward 2 seat. The results Tuesday were a 60/40 split for Varichak. Saefke and Varichak were first elected in 2006. Ann Bolckom has been the Ward 3 city councilor for twenty years and had no opponent.

Ham Lake's mayor Mike Van Kirk, city councilors Al Parranto and Jim Doyle were all unopposed.

Columbus will have a new city councilor. Mark Daly was the top vote-getter with 1,083; incumbent Bill Krebs captured the second seat with 949 votes. Incumbent Jessie Messina was

ousted, tallying 596 votes. Mayor Dave Povolny was unopposed.

Coon Rapids had a high-profile election as all seats were open seats, with no incumbents filing for re-election. City councilors Jerry Koch and Ron Manning battled for the mayor's chair, held by retiring Tim Howe. Koch emerged victorious with 51% of the vote (9,170 votes to Manning's 8,648). The Ward 3 council seat went to Wade Demmer who had 60% of the vote over opponent Ethan S. Yang. Brad Johnson took the Ward 5 council seat in a 52-48 split with Valerie A. Weaver.

East Bethel saw somewhat of a shakeup as voters passed over the current mayor and a sitting city councilor and chose a former city councilor to take over the mayor's job. Steve Voss, who has been on the Planning Commission and served two terms on the city council, was elected mayor with 42% of the vote. Robert DeRoche, who was appointed mayor by a vote of the city council in January 2014, received 32% and city councilor Heidi Moegerle had 25%. (See *Anoka County Record*, Jan. 16, 2014). Two council seats went to Tim Harrington (38%), who was appointed in January to fill DeRoche's council seat, and Brian Mundt (32%). Randy Plaisance came in third place with 28% of the vote. Moegerle's council seat was one of those on the ballot.

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Ham Lake's mayor Mike Van Kirk, city councilors Al Parranto and Jim Doyle were all unopposed.

Lexington's mayor Michael Pitchford chose not to file for re-election; the seat was won by Mark Kurth who ran against Pitchford two years ago. Kurth had 385 votes to Caleb Johnson's 143. City Councilor Betty Bailey

was ousted after three decades of service. Four candidates, including two incumbents ran for two seats, and all came in only a few votes apart from each other, none with a clear mandate. Newcomer Kim Jay Devries (236 votes) and incumbent John Hughes (230) won the two seats. Bailey (211 votes) and David Paul (200).

Lino Lakes voters approved with a 56% majority, to borrow up to \$3,150,000 in general obligation bonds for street reconstruction and storm water system upgrades.

Linwood Township voters kept the town clerk an elected position by 40 votes. The ballot question asked whether voters wanted to change the clerk position to one that would be appointed by the Town Board. 885 voters chose to keep the status quo, 845 voted to make the clerk an appointed position. Incumbent Town Treasurer Vicki Erickson lost re-election to Carrie Luedtke, 784 votes to 717. Town Board seats A and D were retained by Robert Millerbernd and Michael Halliday; neither had opponents.

Nowthen will have a new mayor. The city's first mayor Bill Schulz did not file for re-election. The open seat attracted three candidates, two are current city council members. Jeff Pilon captured 860 votes for 51%. Pilon's council seat was up for election this year. Another city councilor, Jim Scheffler, placed third with 247 votes. His council seat will be on the 2016 ballot. Cindy Ohman placed second with 575 votes. Winning the council seats were Paul Reighard (700 votes) and Randy Bettinger (679). Penny LaPlante had 604 votes, and Malcolm T. Vinger II had 586.

Oak Grove will have no changes in January. Mayor Mark Korin was unopposed and city councilors Mike Wylie (1759 votes) and Dan Denno (1739 votes) were returned to office. Paul M. Tradewell, challenger for one of the council seats, received 1,186 votes. There were 31 write-ins for council and 73 for mayor.

Ramsey will now have a 4-3 majority of women on the council. Jill Johns was unopposed in Ward 1, Melody

(Hesselgrave) Shryock won the Ward 3 seat by nearly a 2 to 1 margin, garnering 65% of the vote over Frank Howsmon V. The at-large seat currently held by Randy Backous went to Kristine Williams in a 52-48 split against Wayne Buchholz.

St. Francis candidate for mayor, Steve Kane, and council candidates Chris McClish, Richard Orpen and Rich Skordahl all had no opponents. (See *Anoka County Record*, June 19, 2014). A ballot question asking for approval to change the mayor's term from two years to four years was soundly rejected. 1,164 voted for no change, 690 wanted the four-year term.

Spring Lake Park will have a new city councilor: Ken Wendling received 852 votes to take the second seat, while first-place finisher Jeanne Mason, a three-decade city councilor took 1,117 votes. Dan Lambert finished third with 838 votes and incumbent Larry Raymond had 625. Mayor Cindy Hansen was unopposed. There were 27 write-ins.

School Board races and ballot questions

Centennial ISD 12: Incumbents Suzy Guthmueller (5,216 votes) and John Burns (4,220) won re-election however incumbent Barb Regnier (3,188) was bested by Kathryn Timm for the third seat (4,056 votes). Maria Conley placed last with 2,702 votes.

Ballot Question #1 asked voters to approve general obligation building bonds not to exceed \$49,935,000 "for acquisition and betterment of school facilities". The measure was approved 6,152 votes to 5,803 against.

Ballot Question #2 proposed to revoke an existing referendum revenue authorization of "\$465.48 per pupil that is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2015 and replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$770.48 per pupil..." The new levy would run for ten years. The measure was defeated by about the same vote as the other question. 6,089 were against the increase, and 5,587 were in favor.

Columbia Heights ISD 13: Incumbent Scott Bardell placed

ELECTION *continued on page 6*

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

ANDOVER

Burglaries

Oct. 3 — 139xx Crocus St NW — safe stolen from unlocked home

Oct. 28 — 136xx Xavis St NW — lower level window was broken to gain entry; cash, jewelry, tools

Oct. 28 — 135xx Xavis St NW — lower level window was broken to gain entry; homeowner interrupted burglary — the suspect for both these burglaries was arrested

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 4 — 160xx Uplander St NW — vandalism; mailbox, driveway, and a truck was spray painted

Oct. 4 — 21xx Andover Blvd NW — wallet stolen from unlocked locker

Oct. 7 — University/Constance; vandalism to a political sign

Oct. 8 — 22xx 150 Ln NW; identity theft; victims identify was used to open a Capital One credit card

Oct. 14 — 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW; bike stolen from outside of Wal-Mart

Oct. 15 — 27xx 166 Ave NW; vandalism to a yard; tire tracks

Oct. 15 — 15xx 153 Ln NW; AT&T account fraudulently used to purchase phones out of state

Oct. 15 — 164xx Inca St NW; bobcat door stolen from a new home construction site

Oct. 17 — 29xx 141 Ave NW; vehicle window smashed; nothing of value was stolen

Oct. 20 — 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW; license plate stolen off a vehicle

Oct. 20 — 10xx 144 Ave NW — unsecure vehicle; laptop

Oct. 21 — 31xx 167 Ln NW — trailer and snowmobile stolen from the property

Oct. 23 — 143xx Hummingbird St NW; mail package stolen from the location

Oct. 24 — 148xx 7 Ave NW — 2 six gallon gas cans full of diesel stolen from the front of a shed

Oct. 24 — 23xx 138 Lane NW — ID Theft; victim went to Sprint today to open an account and Sprint advised her social security number was already being used for a different phone plan

Oct. 28 — 142xx Underclif St NW; a leaf blower stolen out of an unsecured shed

Oct. 28 — 18xx Crosstown Blvd NW; scrap metal stolen from recycling center; suspect arrested

Oct. 29 — 164xx Zuni St NW — mail stolen from mailbox

Arrests

Oct. 6 — 25xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW — 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to girlfriend/girlfriend domestic. One of the females was arrested.

Oct. 9 — 25xx 134 Ave NW; Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a female who had been

a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

Oct. 11 — 144xx Vintage St NW; 4th Degr. Assault on a Peace Officer, Flee on Foot, Obstruction with Force; deputies responded to a report of a loud party disturbing. One of the males at the party was aggressive towards the deputies and tried to flee. The male was arrested.

Oct. 18 — 138xx Round Lake Blvd NW; Domestic Assault; a deputy responded to a daughter/step-father domestic. The male was arrested.

Oct. 19 — 16300 Block 7th Ave NW; Under Age Drink and Drive; driver was stopped for poor driving conduct; appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was issued a citation for being under age (.06)

Oct. 20 — 13600 Block Hanson Blvd NW — 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for driving in the wrong lane. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.178)

Oct. 22 — 135xx Jay St NW — 4th Degree DWI; deputies stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.178)

Oct. 25 — 2xx 237 Ave NE — vehicle window smashed out overnight

using a false name to get prescription meds. The woman was located and arrested.

Oct. 28 — 135xx & 136xx Xavis St NW — Burglary, Attempted Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools; deputies responded to an attempted burglary call. Suspect took off on foot after the homeowner caught him breaking a window. Suspect was located and arrested.

Oct. 29 — 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW — Theft (Shoplifting); deputies responded to a shoplifter who fled. The suspect was located and arrested.

Oct. 29 — 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW; 5th degree Controlled Substance, Theft; deputies responded to a theft in progress and located the two female suspects. Prior to arrest their vehicle was searched and meth was found. They were both arrested.

BETHEL

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 24 — 171xx Davenport St NE; theft of pumpkin; four juveniles identified and returned to parents

Oct. 25 — 2xx 237 Ave NE — vehicle window smashed out overnight

COLUMBUS

Arrests

Oct. 13 — 152xx Zurich St NE; Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a male causing problems at the location. The male was heavily intoxicated and would not comply. He male was arrested.

Oct. 15 — 146xx West Freeway Dr NE — DAC-IPS; deputies stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

Oct. 21 — 87xx Kettle River Blvd NE — catalytic converter stolen off a vehicle

Oct. 22 — 142xx Lake Dr NE — catalytic converters stolen off of numerous vehicles

Burglaries

Oct. 17 — 151xx Lake Dr NE — unsecure garage; table saw

Oct. 25 — 174xx Potomac St NE; entered through an unsecured window; tools

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 26 — 137xx Lake Dr NE — forced entrance into RV; 2 TV's were stolen

EAST BETHEL

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 7 — 10xx 189 Ave NE — a motorcycle was keyed

Oct. 10 — 167xx Xylite St NE; theft from a vacant home; light fixtures, cabinets, flooring

Oct. 10 — 213 Hawthorn Rd NE; unsecure vehicle; flashlights, medications

Oct. 12 — 28xx 221 Ave NE — bobcat door stolen from the location

Oct. 13 — 49xx 217 Ave

NE; vehicle stolen; keys were in it

Oct. 13 — 136xx Hwy 65 NE; business; vandalism to building; graffiti

Oct. 24 — 181xx Hwy 65 NE — a vehicle that was running with the keys in it was stolen; deputies located the vehicle abandoned a short distance away

Oct. 27 — 2x Sims Rd NE — two license plates stolen off vehicles after dark

Oct. 28 — 237xx Hwy 65 NE; theft of wallet from a work place; suspect arrested

Arrests

Oct. 4 — 5xx Lincoln Dr NE; DANCO Violation; deputies responded to check the welfare of two individuals arguing in the business. The male and female were located and it was determined that the male had violated a domestic abuse no contact order. The male was arrested.

Oct. 7 — Viking Blvd NE/East Bethel Blvd NE — 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.21)

Oct. 9 — Hwy 65 NE/221 Ave NE — 4th Degree DWI; driver was stopped for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.15)

Oct. 10 — Viking Blvd NE/Jamestown St NE; 2nd Degree DWI; a deputy responded to a single vehicle personal injury crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.08)

Burglaries

Oct. 19 — 170xx 3rd St NE — forced entry through front door; safe

NE; catalytic convert stolen off a vehicle parked at the business

Oct. 28 — 20xx Mapleton Dr NE; tools stolen from an unlocked shed

Oct. 29 — 32xx 134 Ave NE; damage to mailbox and garbage cans

Oct. 29 — 1xx 172 Lane NE; ATV was stolen from the backyard

Oct. 30 — 30xx 135 Ave NE; damage to mailbox

Oct. 30 — 24xx 133 Lane NE; damage to mailbox

Oct. 30 — 173xx Zumbrota St NE; door stolen off Bobcat

Oct. 30 — 35xx 133 Lane NE; damage to mailbox

Arrests/Incidents

Oct. 25 — 1900 blk 149 Ave NE; Trespass Notice, No Insurance; a deputy responded to a location on a trespassing complaint. The suspect had left but the deputy located him in his vehicle and stopped him. He was arrested.

Oct. 26 — Central Ave/159 Ave NE; DAC-Inimical to Public Safety; a deputy stopped a driver for improper window tint. The driver was identified, did not have a driver's license, and was arrested.

Oct. 30 — Hwy 65/153Ave NE; 4th Degree DWI, DAR, No Proof of Insurance; on routine patrol a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back as revoked. The driver matched the description of the registered owner and he was stopped. The deputy smelled marijuana and alcohol and the driver appeared impaired and failed sobriety tests. He was arrested.

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Oct. 30 — 170xx 3rd St NE — forced entry through front door; safe

LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

Arrests

Oct. 21 — 43xx Channel Ln NE — OFP Violation; a deputy responded to a report of an order for protection violation. It was determined that the order was violated. An attempt to locate was put out for the male.

Oct. 24 — 194 blk Jamestown St NE; 2nd degree DWI, Careless Driving; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Fields sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.168)

Oct. 28 — 24400 blk Rutgers St NE; 3rd Degree DWI, .08 or Greater; while a deputy was on a traffic stop he noticed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road with front end damaged. He went to check on the driver who appeared impaired and could not explain why she was stopped in the road. The driver failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. (.231)

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NOWTHEN

Arrests/Incidents

Oct. 6 — 224xx St Francis Blvd NW — Disorderly Conduct; two males fighting. One of the males continued to be disruptive and refused to answer questions. The male was arrested.

Oct. 12 — 224xx St. Francis Blvd NW — 5th Degree Assault, Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to and assault between two male clients. One of the males was arrested.

Oct. 12 — 224xx St Francis Blvd NW — 5th Degr. Assault, Disorderly conduct; deputies responded to and assault between three male clients. One of the males was arrested.

Oct. 24 — 67xx 215 Court NW; 5th degree Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Trespassing; deputy responded to a road and driving complaint. A woman reported that a male, who is known to her, followed her home and started to yell and swear at her about her driving. The woman felt threatened. Deputies located the male and he was arrested.

Oct. 27 — 215xx Waco St & 50xx 215 Ave NW; Burglary, Theft; two males fled from Bar None and stole three bicycles from various properties in the area. The males were located in the woods by deputies and arrested.

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 7 — 48xx 200 Ave NW — identity theft; victim's identity was used to open a PayPal account

Burglaries

Oct. 27 — 215 Waco & 50xx 215 Ave NW; bikes stolen from unsecured garages

OAK GROVE

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 17 — 20xx 202 Ave NW — damage to mailbox

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAM LAKE

Notice is hereby given that the Ham Lake City Council will hold a public hearing on December 1, 2014 at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of adopting the 2015 Budget, Levy and Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment.

Denise Webster

City Clerk

Dated: November 6, 2014

(Published Nov. 6, 2014 Anoka County Record)

CITY OF HAM LAKE
ORDINANCE NO. 14-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 09-01, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMIT FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF HAM LAKE

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ham Lake City Council as follows:

The following fees and verbiage shall be amended in Ordinance No. 09-01

	<u>Lion's Park</u>	<u>Fee for Resident</u>	<u>Fee for Non-Resident</u>
Remove	Large Pavilion (LP)	\$50.00	\$75.00
Add — Weekday (Monday-Thursday)	Large Pavilion (LP)	\$50.00	\$100.00
Weekend (Friday-Sunday)		\$100.00	\$175.00
	<u>Ham Lake Park</u>	<u>Fee for Resident</u>	<u>Fee for Non-Resident</u>
Remove	Shelter Building (SB)	\$50.00	\$75.00
Add — Weekday (Monday-Thursday)	Shelter Building (SB)	\$50.00	\$100.00
Weekend (Friday-Sunday)		\$100.00	\$175.00

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on October 20, 2014 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 3rd day of November, 2014.

Tom Johnson,
Acting Mayor
(Published Nov. 6, 2014 Anoka County Record)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAM LAKE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Ham Lake will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 6:03 p.m. on November 17, 2014, to consider the making of an improvement of Kenyon Street NE, between Crosstown Boulevard NE and 171st Avenue NE and 171st Avenue NE, between Goodhue Street NE and Nassau Street NE (plat of Rose Crest), pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 429.011 to 429.111. The area proposed to be assessed for such improvement is the properties abutting on such streets. The estimated cost of such improvement is \$353,267.53. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

Denise Webster
City Clerk
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fourth of five candidates to lose his seat on the ISD 13 school board. Bardell had 2,289 votes and last place finisher Bobby Jensen had 1,985. Newcomer Molly Mayer-Lewis won the top spot with 3,375 votes; incumbent Laura Palmer had 3,168 and Grant Nichols took the third seat with 2,802 votes.

Ballot Question #1 asked for a renewal of an existing "\$608.93 per pupil" levy to run another ten years. The measure was easily approved by 66% of voters (5,193 for and 2,669 against).

Ballot Question #2 asked for a \$10 million levy over 10 years for capital projects. This was approved by 59% of those voting.

Elk River ISD 728: Two at-large seats and the District 1 and District 2 seats were up for election. Only District 1 was a contested race, between Larry Farber and Shane Steinbrecher, who won by 241 votes (4,655 to Farber's 4,414 votes). Tony Walter and Jamie Plantenberg-Selbitschka took the at-large seats and incumbent Jane I. Bunting of District 2 was unopposed. Two ballot questions were each approved by 58% of those voting, which asked for an increase in per-pupil funding (\$409.67) and a \$98 million bond issue.

Forest Lake ISD 831: Newcomers to the school board will be Luke Odegaard and Jill Olson, who were the top vote-getters, each receiving the same number of votes: 7,967. Incumbent Karen Moreland took the third seat with 7,942 votes. Jerry Wellman had 4,821. There were 212 write-ins.

Our traditional exclusive publishing of abstracts will be one of the features of our continued election coverage in the next edition of the *Anoka County Record*, Nov. 20. — ACR staff

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAM LAKE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a Public Hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of considering a private kennel license (to keep four dogs) for Samir Salama at 1818 140th Avenue NE, a parcel of certain land situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota and which is described as follows to wit:

Lot 9, Block 2, Larson's Heritage Oaks West

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: November 6, 2014

Dawnette M. Shimek
Zoning Official / Building Clerk
City of Ham Lake

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COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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PIN 15-32-23-41-0001

UNPLATTED HAM LAKE TWP NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 /RESERVING A STP ALONG ELY LINE 2 RODS WIDE FORA ROAD/ SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 32, RANGE 23, ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: November 6, 2014

Dawnette M. Shimek
Zoning Official / Building Clerk
City of Ham Lake

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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THAT PRT OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 SEC 24 TWP 32 RGE 23 LYG S OF N 350 FT, LYG SELY OF CSAH NO 17, & LYG NWLY OF LEVER ST NE, EX RD SUBJ TO EASE OF REC

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DATED: November 6, 2014

Dawnette M. Shimek
Zoning Official / Building Clerk
City of Ham Lake

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Senate Republicans Tap Benson as Assistant Minority Leader

Minnesota Senate Republicans today elected Michelle Benson of Ham Lake to the role of Assistant Minority Leader. She joins Sen. Gary Dahms (R-Redwood Falls), Sen. Paul Gazelka (R-Nisswa), and Sen. Warren Limmer (R-Maple Grove) as Assistant Minority Leaders. Sen. David Hann (R-Eden Prairie) will once again serve as the Senate Republican Leader.

"I am honored to have once again been chosen to help lead the Senate Republican Caucus," said Senator Benson. "Minnesotans are facing a number of serious challenges, including soaring health care costs, rising prices for goods and services, roads in disrepair, and a growing tax burden. Senate Republicans will continue to focus on reforms that help all Minnesota families: prioritizing roads and bridges, holding the line on taxes, and making sure every student receives a great education," Senator Benson said.

Benson represents the cities of East Bethel, Ham Lake, Oak Grove, St. Francis, and the surrounding area. She was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2010 and re-elected to her second term in 2012.

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Ramsey City Council Future Topics for discussion (subject to change)

Nov. 12, 2014 City Council 'Work Session'

Budget Discussion

Nov. 12, 2014 City Council — Regular Mtg.

Riverdale Drive change orders

Nov. or Dec. City Council 'Work Session'

Ordinance Licensing Massage Establishments and Massage Therapists

No date assigned — Ramsey City Council 'work sessions'

- Met Council Representative Ed Reynoso/Metropolitan Council 2040 Comprehensive Plan

- Commercial Signage Standards

- Home Occupation Ordinance

- Rental Licensing

- Trail Policy

- Update from CBRE

- Facility Rental policy

- Public Facilities Naming Policy

- Transient Merchant Permits

- Helicopter Spraying

- Topsoil Study Findings and EPB Recommendations

- Policy for City-owned Land Sales

No date assigned — Ramsey HRA

- Draft Housing Assistance Policy

- Policy on Community Sign Tenant Panels

CCWS=City Council Work Session

HRA = Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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Amanda Lynn Hoyhtya, 11875 Petersburg St NE, Blaine MN 55449

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

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/s/ Amanda Hoyhtya

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