

## **IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION**

In light of the ongoing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Governor Phil Murphy, per Executive Orders 105, 120 and 144, has made significant changes to how the 2020 Primary Election will be conducted.

- The date of the Primary Election is now July 7, 2020.
- The election will be conducted primarily by paper VOTE BY MAIL ballots. Vote By Mail Drop Off Locations have been announced and the closed Drop Box to Waterford Township is at the Chesilhurst Municipal Building located at 201 Grant Ave. in Waterford Works.
- All Active Democrats and Republicans will automatically be sent VBM Ballots.
- Unaffiliated voters and Inactive voters will be mailed a VBM application on or about June 18, 2020, which must be filled out and returned if they wish to get a Vote by Mail ballot. Unaffiliated voters must declare a party on the application BEFORE a ballot is sent. These applications must be returned by June 30, 2020.
- When returning your ballot, please note that postage has already been paid for their return. They can be returned to any US Post Office or in a USPS mailbox. If mailing close to Election Day, it is recommended that you ask the Post Office to hand cancel the envelope to assure it has a readable postmark.
- Ballots postmarked on or before Election Day will be counted if received by July 14, 2020.
- There are also secure drop boxes located throughout Camden County in which you can drop off your ballot. A list of the locations can be found at [www.camdencounty.com/vbmdropbox](http://www.camdencounty.com/vbmdropbox).
- If someone else transports your ballot, they must complete the "Bearer" portion of the Green return envelope.
- Vote by Mail ballots CANNOT be dropped off at polling places.

### **If a voter chooses to vote in-person:**

- The polls will be open 6:00am to 8:00pm
- The Polling Places in Waterford Township WILL REMAIN THE SAME. Districts 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 will be at the Atco Senior Center. Districts 4 and 5 will be at the Waterford EMS Building.
- No Sample Ballots will be sent, but a card listing your polling place will be sent prior to the election.
- Voters will only be able to vote on a paper Provisional Ballot at the Polls. ***YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN A MACHINE UNLESS YOU certify, under the penalty of fraudulent voting, that they are unable to vote a paper ballot.***
- All votes (Vote by Mail, Provisional, and ADA machine) will be included in the final vote tally. As with all elections, the Vote by Mail ballots are counted first, beginning on Election Day at the opening of the polls. While the Vote by Mail ballots are normally posted first on election night at the close of polls, because of the expected larger number of ballots, the results may not be available for publication for a couple days after the election.
- Provisional ballots need to be verified to confirm that no Vote by Mail ballot was received, preventing the casting of multiple ballots, so they cannot be counted until all Vote by Mail ballots are received. For this election, this means that the In-Person votes will be tallied last.

All election questions, including clarification of polling place, can be directed to Dawn Liedtka, Municipal Clerk at 856-768-2300.