

NEWS

Worden election objections appealed to Madison County Circuit Court

By **Karla Vasquez Mejia**, Karla.Vasquez@hearst.com
Dec 26, 2024



News
Pixabay

Multiple Worden candidates still face the possibility of being removed from
the people who filed objections appealed them to the Madison County Cir

Three appeals were filed by Worden resident Andrew Ogden. He had objected to the candidacies of Village President Preston Hall and Trustees Susan Myers and Robert Foster for failing to correctly bind their candidate papers.

ADVERTISEMENT

≡ **theIntelligencer** Franklin

e-Edition

 **Account**

X
Watch More

According to the 2025 candidate guideline Illinois State Board of Elections, "the petition signature sheets must be neatly fastened together in book form at one edge in a secure and suitable manner (paperclips, clipboards, etc., are no secure ways to fasten petitions and those bound in this manner will not be accepted by the State Board of Elections)."

The Worden electoral board rejected his objections during a Dec. 16 hearing, the third of three electoral board hearings.

As of Dec. 26, no judge had yet been assigned and no date had been set to hear the appeal. The deadline for submitting the appeal was Dec. 23.

When the appeal is heard, if the judge overturns the decision of the Worden electoral board, Hall, Myers, and Foster would be removed from the April ballot. The three candidates could file to run as write-in candidates.

Four additional appeals were also made to the Circuit Court from Worden trustee candidate John Oltmann.

Oltmann had filed objections against Worden trustee candidates Myers, F
village clerk candidate Chelsea Paul.

His objections allege that the candidates had concealed or misrepresented
candidate refused to provide allegedly required financial information in the

X

Watch More

required for all candidates seeking office in Illinois.

Oltmann's objections were denied during the Dec. 11 hearings of the electoral board.

ADVERTISEMENT
Article continues below this ad

Village Attorney Jim Schrempf told the Worden electoral board that this type of objection was not the purview of the board and cited two Illinois court cases, Welch v. Johnson from 1992 and Troutman v. Keys from 1987 to support his conclusion.

Both cases state outright that the only entity with the authority to investigate incomplete, inaccurate, or fraudulent statements of economic interest are the circuit courts.

Oltmann's cases have been assigned to Circuit Court Judge Ronald J. Foster. According to court records, no date for the appeal hearing had been set as of Dec. 26.

The Worden electoral board met three times in December, on Dec. 5, Dec. 11, and Dec. 16, and heard nine total objections. In addition to the objections filed by Ogden and Oltmann, Worden resident Gina Lewis filed objections against trustee candidate Austin McConnell for not binding his candidate papers and village president candidate Greg Garrison for failing to file the receipt for his statement of economic interest.

ADVERTISEMENT
Article continues below this ad



Watch More

Lewis withdrew her objections during the Dec. 16 hearing after a contentious Dec. 11 hearing saw multiple outbursts and members of the public storm out of the room.

Jason Koch contributed to this report.



Sign up for Breaking News alerts

Don't miss breaking news and stories you need to read.

Email

searchfortherainbow@gmail.com

Sign Up

By signing up, you agree to our [Terms Of Use](#) and acknowledge that your information will be used as described in our [Privacy Policy](#)

Dec 26, 2024



Karla Vasquez Mejia

DEVELOPMENT REPORTER

Karla Vasquez Mejia is the development reporter for The Edwardsville Intelligencer. She is a graduate of Webster University and a St. Louis native. She has written for KMOV 4 and for the Webster-Kirkwood Times.

Around The Web

Powered by **REVCONTENT**

New Neuropathy Device Baffles Experts (Works Fast)

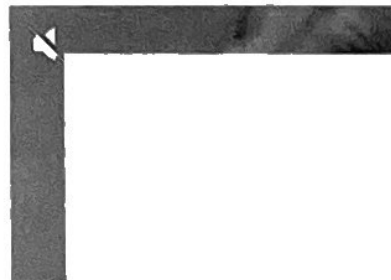
By **Health Insights Journal**

IRS Doesn't Want You to Know of This "Cheat Code"

By **Birch Gold Group**

2 Insane Cards Charging 0% Interest Until 2026

By **Compare Credit**



Watch More

Urologist Warns Men: Start Doing This Tonight to Shrink

Forget Your IRA or 401(k) - Here's the Little-known Tax Rule

This Transforming Lives Across