

Creative steps municipalities are taking to recruit enough poll workers for the Spring Election

(The following list is taken from responses the League of Wisconsin Municipalities received from a survey of municipal clerks the week of March 23-27)

Doubling poll worker pay for working April 7.

Recruiting other city employees.

Recruiting college students and high school seniors who are at home because their campuses went to online learning.

We don't anticipate needing as many poll workers because we will only allow a few voters in the building at one time.

Utilizing Village staff and spouses.

Recruiting governing body members not on the ballot to work the polls on election day.

Using my children and other employees and their children.

My chief inspectors are contacting people that they know personally.

Reaching out to the school district to ask teachers and support staff if they are interested.

Reaching out to the volunteer fire department.

Reaching out to citizens who serve on our other boards/commissions/committees.

Scheduling multiple training sessions in order to maintain less-than-10.

We are placing recruitment notices on all our media platforms and hoping the County can help provide poll workers.

Using library employees who are out of work and willing to work for the election.

Assigning non-essential employees who are on pay continuation to work the polls.

Asking friends and neighbors.

Training police officers, public works and utility employees, and library employees to be poll workers.

Reaching out to displaced YMCA personnel, our tourism staff, and teachers.

Placing recruitment notices on our webpage, Facebook, public access and on the webpages of the Police and Fire Departments. It is also going to be a rolling scroll over the public access programs.

All City workers and Council are on standby to work that day at the polls so City Hall will have to close for all other operations.

Recruiting two 18-20 year old registered voters to serve as election officials alongside one seasoned election official.

Reaching out to friends and relatives.

Using DPW staff and police as poll workers.

Reaching out to bars and restaurants that are closed to see if any laid-off staff would work.