

Special Congregational Meeting

July 14, 2024

President Todd Rothermel called the meeting to order following the 9AM worship service.

One item was on the agenda for the meeting:

- That item is for a Congregational vote to approve (YES vote) / deny (NO vote) Council action allowing expenditures for the NHELIC Learning Center planning process and feasibility study continuation above the Constitutionally imposed limit of 3% of the 2024 annual budget total. The amount for this approval has been capped at \$50,000 above the 3% limit. Any future expenditures that would exceed this amount would require additional Congregational approval.

Nikki Young provided an opening prayer.

President Rothermel announced the tellers for today as Georgann Geiser, Scott Geiser, Marty Hauser, and Steve Eisenhart

President Rothermel requested the tellers to distribute ballots to voting members.

President Rothermel provided an overview of the intent of today's meeting, stating that everyone should have received a notification letter, email, text, or voicemail communication expressing the information meetings and ballot prose. The reason for this congregational vote is as follows:

To date, expenses for the NHELIC Learning Center ministry planning process have been well within the Council's ability to approve, however pending planning costs for the design, bid and management of the necessary construction/remodeling improvements, traffic study costs, sewer authority costs (EDUs, metering costs), and certifications are expected to exceed the 3% allowable by Constitutional policy. ~\$13,000 is the 3% limit for 2024 budget within the Council's authority. Council does expect to hold a second Special Congregational meeting in a few months once the preliminary plans have been vetted and final cost estimates for this ministry are ready to be committed to.

President Rothermel noted that the Council is recommending approval and requested that the congregation mark their ballots.

President Rothermel requested the tellers to collect ballots.

A motion was called to adjourn the meeting. Ray Feick provided the motion; Steve Weidner seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned.

President Rothermel provided the benediction.

Nikki Young dismissed the congregation.

Voting results:

- 71 total votes were collected
 - 61 "yes" votes
 - 10 "no" votes