

ZIONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEET

Mundy chosen by GOP caucus

Staff report

It only took 10 minutes for a Boone County GOP caucus to officially elect Steve Mundy to fill the vacant Zionsville Town Council seat for District 5 on Thursday, April 29, at Zionsville Town Hall.

Mundy was the only person to file prior to the 7 p.m. Monday, April 26, deadline.

Eleven of 16 eligible Eagle precinct voters attended, and after a brief introduction by Mundy, all 11 raised their hands in support. Eagle 1 Precinct Committeeman Tom Easterday asked to suspend the rules requiring a secret ballot and instead asked for a vote by acclamation.

"I know very little about politics, and I have a lot to learn," Mundy said. "But in my work life, I had a simple mantra that I will continue to use: Work hard, do a good job and never give up."

Boone County GOP Chairwoman Debbie Ottinger thanked Mundy for offering his service.

"Thank you for being willing to step into this position," she said. "It won't always be easy, but it's also very rewarding."

The District 5 seat was



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Eagle 16 Precinct Committeeman Rob Schein and Mundy visit with those in attendance prior to Mundy's unanimous election to fill the vacant Zionsville Town Council seat in District 5 on Thursday, April 29, at Zionsville Town Hall.

vacated after former council vice president Michelle Barrett resigned in early April for personal reasons.

Mundy, 65, is retired from human resources at Eli Lilly and Company. He is a member of the Zionsville Plan Commission and has said he will stay on both boards in the short term and see if he can handle it. Both his council and commission terms run through the end of 2011.

Eagle precinct voters in

attendance included Tom and Deb Easterday (1 and 15), Richard Wise (4), Heather Gallagher (6), Gerald Pullen (8), Tim Bennett (9), Judith Essex (12), Jim Holden (14), Rob Schein (16), Ron Beck (18) and Kristen Holden, voting by proxy for Gene Thompson (17).

Mundy's first council meeting was Monday, May 3. He was formally sworn in before the meeting (see related story page A1).