

In reference to the “Election Statement from the Borough Clerk”, I’d like to present some information

In the Second bullet she mentions that “The tabulators do not have Wifi or Bluetooth. The tabulators are never connected to the internet to transmit election results and thumb drives are never used. “

According to the training provided by DOE (File Name: T04.pdf) and past election worker acknowledgment, Borough election machines transmit data via a modem. Thus the machine is accessible to the internet via the modem, cell tower and the equipment on the cell tower for a period of time. Although it may not be the intent of the borough or even the state to transmit election results over the internet, the machines are at risk because the potential to intercept election results or distort them exists.

This statement about “never connected to the internet” can be true and misleading at the same time. While it appears to be the common message used by Dominion and most other voting machine companies trying to assure voters of security, it doesn’t mention that **a voting machine** can connect to another device which is connected to the internet. Thus the machine itself is not connected to the internet, but a secondary machine is, therefore transference of data between the Dominion machine through the other device to someone else on the internet is absolutely possible without the machine being directly “connected to the internet”.

The first sub bullet under the second bullet point says that “The Review Board tests the tabulators to make sure they are tabulating correctly and secures them for election day use. “

It is a good policy to test a program before use, but these voting machines have different “phases” they work in. Examples would be a set up phase, testing phase, and voting phase. If the voting phase was compromised and the test phase was not, your tests would appear correct, but your actual votes during the election or “voting phase” would be different and you wouldn’t be able to tell. In addition, even if you test the “voting phase” other triggers such as the actual date may trigger malware to execute, so your testing may prove of little significance. Are you certain that the voting phase was not compromised? The only way to test a compromised voting phase is with a hand count of paper ballots.