



Grand Haven Charter Township Candidate Questionnaire

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General:

1. What qualifications/experience do you feel you possess that will enable you to fulfill the responsibilities of the elected office you are seeking? I am currently serving my third term as a trustee on the GHCTWSP Board, I am the current Chair of the Public Safety Committee, a member of the ZBA Board of Appeals, I have recently accepted an appointment to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board and also the NORA Board.
2. Have you ever run for political office before? If yes, please explain
Yes this is my 4th time running for Trustee

3. If elected, what would be your top priorities and why? To continue to be involved in the Public Safety building project, continue to enhance all of our parks and public space particularly the Schmidt Heritage Park along with DDA/Bra running sewer and water to M45, new water main from The city of Grand Haven to Grand Haven Township.

Economic Development, General Policy and Transportation

1. Please describe your general economic development philosophy for Northwest Ottawa County. To continue to maintain a healthy balance of growth in commercial, industrial and residential areas ensuring that to the best of our ability we meet the needs of the Community.
2. Do you support the use of tax abatements and/or special tax incentives to create jobs and spur economic growth? Why or why not? Yes I do, tax abatements and incentives encourage businesses to want to come into the Township and in doing so creates jobs.
3. Affordability and availability of housing for many that earn between 80 and 120% Average Median Income (AMI) is a serious problem in our community. How would you address this barrier to residency? Currently the Township has a number of new rental units that have increased the availability of work force housing. Also there continues to be great interest in additional similar projects that will increase this type of housing.
4. As we move to a more regional community and in the face of continued fiscal constraints, what are your thoughts on consolidation of services (police, fire, schools, transportation to name a few)? I believe we need to continue to increase connectivity along the

lakeshore by working on various types of transportation that could move people from North of Muskegon to Holland and east to Grand Valley. This will not only aid those looking to seek a higher education, but can also be helpful to our manufacturers.

5. How would you propose to fund key community infrastructure needs that have been identified over the next three to seven years?
Continuing to seek State and Federal grants is the key to any type of major projects, the additional increase in our tax base from new residential, commercial and industrial developments will also help. I would like to point out that Grand Haven Township currently has a solid infrastructure plan that includes funding for several years out due to good fiscal management