

City of Ferrysburg Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire

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Please provide a brief biography, including your education, professional experience, and any previous public service or community involvement.

8 years city council 6 as Mayor Pro Tem, 45 years EMS, 6 Police, 20 USCG Aux. 17.5 Firefighter/EMT/Lieutenant.

What motivated you to run for Mayor of Ferrysburg?

Eliminate wasteful spending disregarding master plan and favoritism

What skills or experiences uniquely qualify you for this role?

8 years on council 6 as Mayor Pro Tem

What is your leadership style, and how do you plan to build consensus on City Council and with other local leaders?

Lead by example. First in, first out. Represent ALL residents and listen to all opinions objectively.

How will you ensure transparency and accountability in city government?

Lack of transparency prevents objectively listening. Within the law explain why something will or won't work.

What role should the mayor play in engaging residents and ensuring their voices are heard?

Support the US Constitutional right to free speech. Every voice matters and listen objectively

Ferrysburg is known for its natural beauty and small-town character. How will you balance growth and development with preservation and sustainability?

Ferry park is a hub for 5 west Michigan bike paths. This is a prime area to promote the "Hike it, Bike it, Like it" program. Bring in businesses that promote that program.

How do you plan to support local businesses and economic development in Ferrysburg?

Reestablish the Economic Development Committee to develop our core commercial district.

What are your thoughts on regional collaboration with neighboring municipalities like Grand Haven and Spring Lake?

We have a great relationship with our neighbors. We must also remember we are our own unique city.

How would you define success at the end of your mayoral term?

If Ferrysburg is better than when we started. Our goal "leave it better then you found it" will show success.

Is there anything else you'd like voters to know about you or your candidacy?

I always make informed decisions. Based on fact not emotion. My "Special Interest Group" IS YOU!