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## OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Salary: \$4800 (Mayor \$5400)

Term: 4 years

Members: 7, Elect 3

Responsibilities: to enact legislation for the city, to employ a City Manager to administer and enforce Legislation, to employ a Finance Director and a Law Director, to procure revenue through tax levies and bond issues, to authorize public expenditures and to select from its members a Mayor to serve a term two years. For a complete listing see the Charter of the City of Oxford on the city website.

### Questions:

1. *What do you think are the highest priorities for City Council and city staff to address?*
2. *As a college town, Oxford faces a number of housing challenges. What aspects of residential housing need to be improved and how would you do it?*
3. *What do you think of our town-gown relations? What suggestions do you have for any areas of strength or needing improvement?*
4. *What do you see as the city's role in dealing with climate change issues? What do you think the city can do?*
5. *Oxford's citizens have raised a number of questions regarding roadways, pathways, bike paths, public transportation both within the City and connecting to the region. What transportation priorities should be considered for the City of Oxford?*

### Jason Bracken



#### Biographical Information:

**Education:** Ph.D. (candidate) Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology, Miami University. M.En.

Environmental Science, Miami University. M.A. Geoscience, West Chester University. B.A. Philosophy, Penn State University.

**Qualification/Experience:** Scientist, educator, resident advisor for Evans Scholars Foundation, volunteer for Three Valley Conservation Trust, working experience with a number of government agencies and non-profits: NPS, USFWS, USGS, Save the Redwoods League.

**Question 1:** I believe our priorities should be organized by concern for our most vulnerable community members.

That starts with trying to help those who are food and housing insecure and trying to address associated issues such as addiction, healthcare, and housing costs. This will have community wide benefits.

**Question 2:** Housing is a complex issue with lots of competing interests and no single cure-all. We should try to explore all options and make the most of any win-win opportunities available to us, but I think the highest priority should be affordable housing for low-income, fixed-income, and young professionals

**Question 3:** Oxford received high praise for its town-gown relations from the International Town and Gown Association, but there's still room for improvement. We should continue to build on our cooperation with Miami in addressing destructive drinking behavior, climate goals, and community-bridging events.

**Question 4:** I think the city of Oxford should be doing everything we can to play our part in addressing climate change. We need to ask of ourselves what we would ask of others so that we can all benefit in our shared future. We can start by signing on to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

**Question 5:** I support our Complete Streets Policy and continued integration of multiple transportation networks like the Oxford Area Trails. The health of our transportation systems and policies should continue to be evaluated, especially around recent projects, new technologies, and metropolitan connectivity.

### Glenn Ellerbe, Jr.



#### Biographical Information:

**Education:** BS Finance/MIS Miami university

#### Qualification/ Experience:

City Council Student Community Relations Commission Housing Advisory Commission Community Improvement Commission

**Question 1:** I believe the City of

Oxford should strive to maintain its status as a destination location in the state of Ohio. The biggest challenges I see to accomplish this are performing commercial properties, town and gown relations, land use equity and enhanced communication.

**Question 2:** I would say the most pressing housing issue in Oxford is that of available inventory of all kinds. Incentives to developers to produce diverse housing, additional programs to help prospective buyers in Oxford and revising zoning ordinances to facilitate these initiatives is how I will do it.

**Question 3:** I believe the relations are good, but could be great. Alignment of strategic goals as well as mutual support of those goals would be my main focus in bridging that gap. Information sharing, as well as resource sharing will be key to the success of said bridging.

**Question 4:** Maintaining the status of destination city in Ohio also includes being an example of innovative policies and practices. I think the city can improve its sustainability practices and encourage alternative transport, which we are doing, and should continue.

**Question 5:** I believe the maintenance of our existing infrastructure is the highest priority, ensuring safety and aesthetics for our city. Then, the city should focus on multi-modal opportunities such as public transport and rail services. These are in process and I'd like to see them completed.

### Hueston D. Kyger



#### Biographical Information:

**Facebook:**  
<http://www.fb.me/HDK4OCC>

**Education:** Talawanda HS '99. Miami Univ.

'03 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

#### Qualification/Experience:

Lifetime of living and working in Oxford. 15 years in business operations.

**Question 1:** I believe that Oxford is currently in a very good place, and I don't think there are major issues that need an immediate, full scale, response.

Creating an environment that draws young families to move to Oxford should be our main goal while running City operations at a balanced or surplus budget.

**Question 2:** Oxford is in need of more housing stock. I would like some new developments to include some mixed density units (townhomes, duplexes, etc) that would be offered on the market at lower costs. We need strong developers and strong support from Community Development and Planning Commission to do this.

**Question 3:** I believe relations between full-time Oxford population and the student population is pretty good. I think continued dialogue with the student population through the Student/Community Relations Board can help resolve issues surrounding pedestrian/traffic concerns and littering/trash issues.

**Question 4:** Oxford should continue to make strides towards 'greener' ways of doing things, including finding more efficient options when replacing vehicles and equipment, looking towards using solar panels to power city buildings, and developing Oxford's walking, cycling and public transportation options.

**Question 5:** New neighborhoods should be built so that they connect and new sidewalks, bike paths, roads and green-spaces to help connect parts of Oxford to each other. The BCRTA expansion of the bus service has been a good start and build the train station when Amtrak's future can be better presumed.

### Christopher Skoglund



#### Biographical Information:

**Facebook:** <http://Facebook.com/ChrisOxford2019>

**Education:** MBA-Finance, Long

Island University. BBA - Management, Hofstra University. Executive Program, Northwestern University Kellogg School of Business. Professional Designations - Certified Risk Mgt., Certified Insurance Counselor, Associate in Underwriting, Associate in Technology.

#### Qualification/Experience:

20+ years serving on the Shrewbury PA Borough Council, Chairman of the Street & Road, Buildings, Land & Finance and Employee Pension committees. Currently vice chair of the Oxford HAPC. 4+ years serving as Secretary of the Youghioghney HomeOwners Association.

**Question 1:** Maintain the City's strong financial position via a balanced budget. Continue to support the needs of our Police and Fire Departments equipment and training needs. Support the efforts of the Public Works Department at maintaining our streets, buildings, parks, and water & sewer services.

**Question 2:** I would focus on the availability of adaptive/affordable housing encouraging rental property owners and new construction developers to consider re-marketing their property to tenants other than students and/or by providing flexible floor plans or cluster development to meet a wider demographic.

**Question 3:** I would encourage more engagement between the City and Miami when considering a major project or initiative. Miami should have representation at City Council meetings. Perhaps even a standing agenda item. Continue efforts to encourage more students to be involved in committees/committees.

**Question 4:** Consider alternative fuel/hybrid vehicle replacements are needed for both City and BCRTA vehicles. Continue efforts at securing a vehicle charging facility within Oxford. Encouraging rental property owners to rent units furnished reducing the amount of household goods going to landfills each year.

**Question 5:** Continue to complete the trail that would surround Oxford providing residents with the opportunity to walk, run or bike. Seek to expand public transportation services in and around Oxford. Encourage Cross Walk usage/awareness and monitor Bike Lane effectiveness and utilization.

### William Snavely



#### Biographical Information:

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/billsnavelyforoxford/>

**Education:** B.S. Illinois State University,

Communication, 1973. M.A. West Virginia University, Communication, 1974. PhD University of Nebraska, Communication, 1977.

#### Qualification/Experience:

Oxford City Council (1987-95; 1997-2001); Mayor (1991-93; 1997-2001); Planning Commission (Chair, 2018-Present); Board of Zoning Appeals; Oxford Historic & Architectural Preservation Commission; Environmental Commission; Community Improvement Corp; Charter Review Committee; Others

**Question 1:** Sensible planning consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; Ensure implementation of Climate Change policy; Meet civic goals within our current revenue stream; Ensure transportation options are available to all citizens; Support the OATS Trail system; Actively encourage affordable housing in Oxford.

**Question 2:** We need more affordable housing options for moderate and lower income residents. We should actively seek out developers who specialize in such housing options. We should consider legislation (currently being explored by the Housing Advisory Commission) to encourage such development.

**Question 3:** Oxford generally works well with Miami. I support regular communication among planning departments & between the leaders (Mayor, City Manager & President). Oxford needs to know when Miami anticipates changes in enrollment and each needs to know when the other plans significant changes.

**Question 4:** This is a key role. The Mayor should sign the Covenant of Mayors on Climate Action. Integrate climate policy into the Comprehensive Plan. Establish decision

criteria to ensure we take climate into consideration in planning new development, equipment purchases & building improvements.

**Question 5:** I support the OATS trail system & the Complete Streets Policy recently adopted by Council. I recommend seeking a grant to help us someday build an underpass under the rails that cut through the middle of the city. We should be actively working with BCRTA, OKI, and area townships.

## HANOVER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

**Salary: \$13,612**

**Term: 4 years**

**Members: 3, Elect 1**

Responsibilities: General administration of the township including maintaining township roads and cemeteries. Other responsibilities may include mowing and snow removal, police and fire protection, maintaining recreation facilities.

#### Questions:

1. How would you try to meet the needs of the township while maintaining a balanced budget?
2. How do the Oxford, Hanover, Milford and Reily Townships differ, and how can they work together?
3. What do you see as the township's role in dealing with climate change issues? What do you think the township can do?
4. Would you favor the development of a "green belt" in Butler County in or around your township? Why or why not?

### Larry Miller

#### Biographical Information:

**Question 1 thru 4:** - no response -

not provided

## MILFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

**Salary: \$12,478**

**Term: 4 years beginning 1-1-20**

**Members: 3, Elect 1**

Responsibilities: General administration of the township including maintaining township roads and cemeteries. Other responsibilities may include mowing and snow removal, police and fire protection, maintaining recreation facilities.

### Questions:

1. How would you try to meet the needs of the township while maintaining a balanced budget?
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**Amy Butterfield**



### Biographical Information:

**Education:** Bachelors, Miami University; Graduate work, Wright State University

### Qualification/Experience:

Currently serve as Milford Township Trustee - Butler County Farm Bureau Board member - Member of Three Valley Conservation Trust, former Board member

**Question 1:** Last year, residents passed a tax levy for much needed road repairs. Trustees are always looking for grant opportunities. For special projects, we reach out to community partners for additional funding. These are a few of

the things we do to maintain a balanced budget while making safety a priority.

**Question 2:** As trustees, we attend bi-monthly meetings where we receive communications from county offices, keeping us current on issues impacting our townships. Township fire departments have a mutual aid agreement to support one another and train together. Communication across the four townships is excellent.

**Question 3:** Milford Township follows environmentally sound practices. We provide community recycling centers at several locations in the township. Trustees recently voted to change all halogen street lights to safer, more energy efficient LED. We continually look for ways to save energy, recycle and reuse.

**Question 4:** I do not support a "green belt" in or around my township. Establishment of a green belt would involve zoning changes that arbitrarily place restrictions on tracts of land. This overreach would be unfair to landowners in the designated land zone. I do support voluntary land conservation programs.

## OXFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

**Salary: \$12,478**

**Term: 4 years beginning 1-1-20**

**Members: 3, Elect 1**

Responsibilities: General administration of the township including maintaining township roads and cemeteries. Other responsibilities may include mowing and snow removal, police and fire protection, maintaining recreation facilities.

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**Kate Rousmaniere**



### Biographical Information:

**Education:** BA, (Classics) Oberlin College; MA, (Education) University of Toronto, Ph.D.

(Education), Teachers College, Columbia University.

### Qualification/Experience:

Oxford City Council, 2011-2019, Mayor, 2015-2019, Vice Mayor, 2013-15 Member, Planning Commission, 2011-15; Environmental Commission, 2011-18; Housing Advisory Commission, 2011-2013; Board member, Family Resource Center, Oxford (2003-2007), Supports to Encourage Low Income Families, Butler County

**Question 1:** With on-going state cuts to local township and municipal funding, local government agencies have to be very careful in their financial management. Having experienced these state cuts in my work with the City of Oxford, I look forward to working on a balanced budget in Oxford Township.

**Question 2:** Oxford Township is the home of the City of Oxford and Miami University. I plan to leverage my connections with those organizations and others that bridge cities and townships, such as the Family Resource Center, Oxford Seniors, Talawanda

School District, and the Coalition for a Healthy Community.

**Question 3:** Oxford Township's 2008 Comprehensive Land Use Plan emphasizes the preservation of the rural landscape, the conservation of sensitive environmental and historical resources and the development of innovative and renewable energy options that can be developed through partnerships with local agencies.

**Question 4:** Although not defined as a Green Belt, the 12-mile multi-use Oxford Area Trails system can effectively function as a green belt that can adjoin the city and the township. I support the development of outer spokes to the unincorporated township to further healthy living and environmental stewardship.

## REILY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

**Salary: \$11,342**

**Term: 4 years beginning 1-1-20**

**Members: 3, Elect 1**

Responsibilities: General administration of the township including maintaining township roads and cemeteries. Other responsibilities may include mowing and snow removal, police and fire protection, maintaining recreation facilities.

### Questions:

1. How would you try to meet the needs of the township while maintaining a balanced budget?
2. How do the Oxford, Hanover, Milford and Reily Townships differ, and how can they work together?
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## Mandy Hinkley



### Biographical Information:

**Education:** BA of Psychology

### Qualification/ Experience:

I have been employed by Procter and Gamble to problem solve for the logistic organization. I was the lead point of contact for the re-design of the distribution/demand system with in the company. I assist two local companies with accounting. I am an EMT-B for Reily Township Fire and Life.

**Question 1:** I would look at the budget of the township similarly as I look at a household budget. I will make sure all the bills are paid and work to have a "rainy day" fund to pay for unexpected expenses.

**Question 2:** Even though the townships are different, they are more similar than not. We all face the same challenges of balancing a budget and meeting the needs of the community. We can work together by having mutual respect and an open channel of communication between all townships.

**Question 3:** I believe continuing to monitor the amount of fuel being used monthly is a start to evaluate if less emissions can be sent into the air. I also believe the Township needs to continue the recycling program and promote it more so there is more awareness in the township.

**Question 4:** Preserving an area around or through a county or town could limit the possibilities for said area. I do believe there should be some preservation in every town, but spread it out so it is not concentrated in one area.

## C. Nicholas Schwab



### Biographical Information:

**Web page:** <http://sites.google.com/view/nickschwabtrustee>

**Education:** I have a Bachelor of Science

in Agriculture from The Ohio State University, studied post-graduate classes at Miami University, and a graduate of the Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy.

### Qualification/Experience:

President of the Reily Township Trustees. Active in the Ohio Township Association and member of the Butler County Trustee and Fiscal Officer Association. One of four township officials elected statewide to the OTARMA Board. A past member of the Butler County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

**Question 1:** As Trustee, I have an established track record of balanced budgets by not borrowing funds for capital expenses; applying for & receiving multiple Federal, State, County and private grants; and sharing equipment & services with Oxford, Hanover & Morgan Townships, reducing expenses for all.

**Question 2:** We are the most rural township with the lowest tax base. We provide services to our citizens without charging fees for fire and life squad, as the others do. We work with the others via shared services and equipment to repair and clear the roads and provide mutual aid for fire and life squad.

**Question 3:** Our zoning resolutions protect the environment today by discouraging high density housing, landfills, and manufacturing, which may be harmful to the environment. Optimized snow plow routes with Oxford and Hanover and using beet juice for snow melting are other ways we are protecting the environment.

**Question 4:** I am in favor of non-government mandated green belts in and around Reily Township. We continue to successfully grow our green space through the efforts of the Three Valley Conservation Trust and private land donations to the Butler County Metro Park system. I applaud these private donations.

## TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICERS

*Term: 4 years beginning 1-1-2020  
Elect 1 per Township*

**Responsibilities:** The Fiscal Officer is responsible for receiving revenue and paying the township bills and payrolls. He or she records the trustees minutes and is the liaison between the county fiscal officer, the state of Ohio, the auditors office and the board of elections.

### Questions for all Fiscal Officer Candidates:

1. What skills do you bring to the township in which you would serve?
2. In what ways should the fiscal officer assist the Township Trustees in prioritizing and dealing with the township funding needs?

## HANOVER TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

*Salary: \$23,360*

## Gregory Sullivan

not provided

### Biographical Information:

**Education:** Talawanda High School 1975  
Miami University 1979

### Qualification/

### Experience:

4 years Hanover Township Fiscal Officer. 20 years governmental accounting technology. 20 years Director Technology Butler County Ohio

**Question 1:** Fiscal conservative with governmental accounts payable, accounts receivable, budgeting, payroll, management and information technology experience.

**Question 2:** Currently work with

Trustees and township administrator on budgeting and funding requirements for road, cemetery, fire/ems and administrative departments. Review current budget and work with township administrator in forecasting funding requirements and updating Township Trustees.

## MILFORD TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

*Salary: \$23,360*

## Mollie Hansel

### Biographical Information:

**Question 1 & 2:**  
- no response -

## OXFORD TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

*Salary: \$21,836*

## Shaunna Tafelski



### Biographical Information:

**Education:** Purdue University- Bachelor of Science with a degree in Management; Miami University- School

Law; University of Cincinnati- School Finance

### Qualification/Experience:

I am the Assistant Treasurer with the Talawanda School District and currently have and maintain a Treasurer's License with the Ohio Department of Education. I have also held the position of Fiscal Officer with the Township for the past three years.

**Question 1:** I have spent thirteen years working in government finance, budgeting and analyzing data looking for ways to cut unnecessary costs while preserving the educational, safety and

security of our community members. I will continue to bring this strategic thinking to Oxford Township.

**Question 2:** Presenting a structurally balanced budget for approval by the Township Trustees is important; looking at the history, current trends and forecasting future expenditures. Consistently providing Trustees with timely reports can assist them in making the crucial decisions that our community warrants.

## REILY TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

Salary: \$18,717

### Dianne Halcomb



**Biographical Information:**

**Education:** Attended Miami University

**Qualification/ Experience:**  
Reily Township Fiscal Officer since 2013

**Question 1:** Having more than six years' experience as the Reily Township Fiscal Officer, I am very knowledgeable in local government accountancy. I am efficient, accurate, responsible, respectful and trustworthy, and I enjoy working with our three Trustees.

**Question 2:** The Fiscal Officer oversees and maintains the financial records, issues checks, and prepares payrolls and all associated functions like tax reporting and deposits. The Fiscal Officer also prepares regular reports for the Trustees to keep them updated on the financial status of the Township.

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## TALAWANDA CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Salary: \$125 per meeting

Term: 4 years beginning 1-1-20

Members: 5, Elect 3

**Responsibilities:** Make regulations necessary for the management and control of all school, employees, and pupils. Provide sites, buildings, repairs and furnishing for schools and playgrounds. Employ teachers, administrators and other personnel. Prescribe courses for study, subject to approval of the State Board of Education, grant diplomas, suspend or expel students, make health regulations. May establish special schools, provide vacation and recreation activities and open school buildings for community use.

**Questions:**

1. What motivates you to want to become a board member?
2. Do you favor recording or live streaming the Talawanda City School Board meetings? Why or why not?
3. What do you see as the most important future budget concerns for the Talawanda School System?

### Kathleen Knight-Abowitz



**Biographical Information:**

**Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/VoteOn11.5.19/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](http://www.facebook.com/VoteOn11.5.19/?modal=admin_todo_tour)

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Virginia M.Ed., University of Vermont B.A., Randolph-Macon College

**Qualification/Experience:**

Founder/administrator, Talawanda Community Advocacy for Public Education. Member, League of Women Voters. Member, Talawanda

Community Advisory Committee, 2015-2018. Parent in the Talawanda district from 2005-2019. Graduate of K-12 public schools.

**Question 1:** I am an advocate for strong, inclusive public education, with greater local voice in policy-making. I'm running to make a good school district stronger. I also will advocate for more local control over schools because in recent years we've had too much top-down federal and state policymaking.

**Question 2:** Yes, I favor recording or live streaming the Board meetings. Citizen engagement in the school district will be fostered by more people being able to access the presentations and information that is shared at meetings.

**Question 3:** Capital projects, such as Marshall Elementary at present, and later, Talawanda Middle School, are big upcoming expenses. The largest budget items for a district, besides buildings, are people. Great teachers & staff are always the most important, and necessary expense of a district.

### Rebecca Howard



**Biographical Information:**

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/HowardforTalawandaBOE>

**Education:** PhD Educational Leadership. MA Theatre. BPh Interdisciplinary Studies

**Qualification/Experience:**

Lived/worked in TSD communities for 41 years, resident Reily Township since 1991. Educator, began the Oxford Early Childhood Center in 1986, closed in 2014. Instructor at Miami in Teacher Education. President of the Oxford Literacy Team. Daughter is 2014 THS grad, and Miami 2018.

**Question 1:** Having a career in education & a variety of experiences, including private schools, public schools, pre-K, college, & as a consultant with teachers, caregivers, & administrators, I believe that I can bring an ethic of integrity, responsibility, &

respect to the business of the district.

**Question 2:** I absolutely support both recording and live-streaming the public portions of TSD meetings. I feel strongly that transparency is essential in making decisions that impact our families and communities, and that participation should be available to all residents through multiple channels.

**Question 3:** The TSD has a comfortable surplus, but that will not be sustainable unless we address the deficit spending that is partly a result of unpredictable state funding formulas. We need to demonstrate that we are fiscally responsible and accountable, and consider any new taxes only as a last resort.

### Chris Otto



**Biographical Information:**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science

**Qualification/ Experience:**

I have lived and worked in Oxford for over 30 years. My position at Miami University has provided me years of experience working with financial information. I have a treasurers license and serving on the board, has given an understanding of the school district.

**Question 1:** Serving on the school board gives me an opportunity to give back to the community and to make sure that our school district provides the best educational opportunity to our children.

**Question 2:** I do favor recording the School Board meetings. Many people in the community have other commitments that do not allow them to attend all of the meetings. Recording the meetings allows community members to see the presentations given and to hear the discussions made at the meetings.

**Question 3:** The most important immediate budget concern is the building of a new Marshall Grade School and making sure that the building is well constructed and under budget. The long term budget concern is the continued funding for the district.

Andrea L. Prather

**Biographical Information:**

not provided

**Question 1 thru 3:**  
- no response -

Bryan Price

**Biographical Information:**

not provided

**Question 1 thru 3:**  
- no response -

Lois Vollmer



**Biographical Information:**

**Education:** Graduate of Reily High School

**Qualification/ Experience:**  
Served 12 years

on the Talawanda School Board. On the board I was the liaison and representative for the Talawanda Board for Butler Technology-D. Russel Lee Career Center. Served on the Reily Zoning Commission.

**Question 1:** I have been involved in the Talawanda School System for the past 30 years. Watching my children and grandchildren go through the system, I've seen it become one of the finest in the County.

**Question 2:** I don't now see a need since the district has Board docs.

**Question 3:** 1) The Board must be fiscally responsible. 2) Must address low scores on a report card. 3) Cost per pupil must be addressed.

# BALLOT CHECKLIST

## Oxford City Council

*Vote for 3*

- Jason Bracken
- Glenn Ellerbe, Jr.
- Hueston D. Kyger
- Christopher Skoglund
- William Snavelly

## Hanover Township

**Trustee**

*Vote for 1*

- Larry Miller

## Milford Township Trustee

*Vote for 1*

- Amy Butterfield

## Oxford Township Trustee

*Vote for 1*

- Kate Rousmaniere

## Reily Township

**Trustee**

*Vote for 1*

- Mandy Hinkley
- C. Nicholas Schwab

## Hanover Township Fiscal Officer

*Vote for 1*

- Gregory Sullivan

## Milford Township Fiscal Officer

*Vote for 1*

- Mollie Hansel

## Oxford Township Fiscal Officer

*Vote for 1*

- Shaunna Tafelski

## Reily Township

**Fiscal Officer**

*Vote for 1*

- Dianne Halcomb

## Talawanda City School Board of Education

*Vote for 3*

- Kathleen Knight-Abowitz
- Rebecca Howard
- Chris Otto
- Andrea L. Prather
- Bryan Price
- Lois Vollmer

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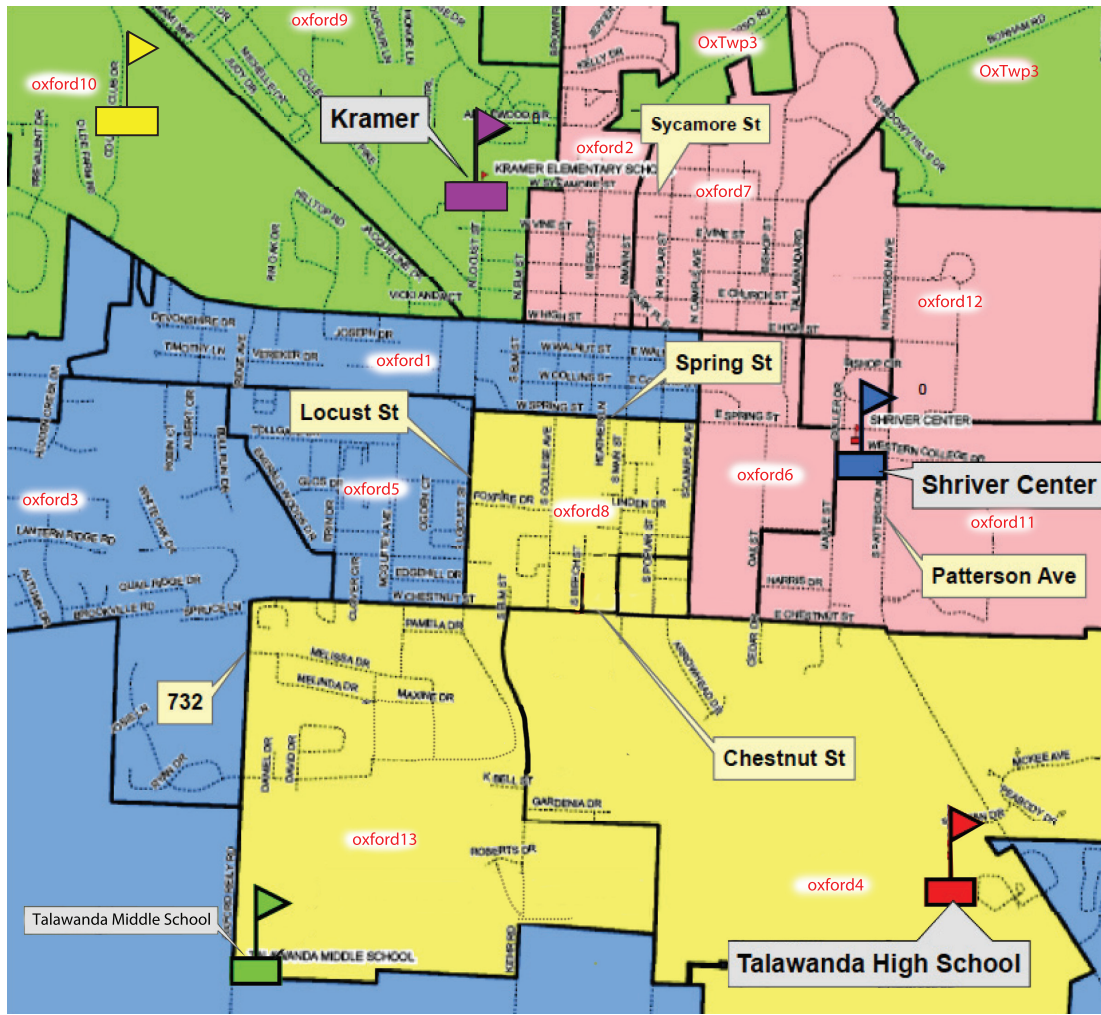
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ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED



**Talawanda Middle School  
(Door 15 Gym)  
4030 Oxford Reily Road**  
Precinct Oxford 1  
Precinct Oxford 3  
Precinct Oxford 5  
Precinct OxTwp 1

**Talawanda High School  
5301 University Park Blvd.**  
Precinct Oxford 4  
Precinct Oxford 8  
Precinct Oxford 13

**Miami University  
Shriver Center**  
Precinct Oxford 2  
Precinct Oxford 6  
Precinct Oxford 7  
Precinct Oxford 11  
Precinct Oxford 12

**Kramer Elementary School  
400 W. Sycamore**  
Precinct Oxford 9  
Precinct Oxford 10  
Precinct Ox Twp 2  
Precinct Ox TWP 3 CCS  
Precinct Ox TWP 3TCS

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