

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
TOWNSHIP OF ADDISON

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR for ONE 4-year term

BRUCE PEARSON 1075 Noble Rd., Leonard, MI 48367

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

PAULINE BENNETT 3681 Drahner Rd., Oxford, MI 48370

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

LORI FISHER 2051 E. Oakwood Rd., Oxford, MI 48370

4 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

<p>CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE</p> <p>FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p>Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> ED BRAKEFIELD 3303 Curtis Rd. Leonard, MI 48367</p>	<p>I have lived in Addison Township since 1976</p> <p>I Joined the Navy just out of high school as a Cryptologic Technician. I was on the recovery team of Apollo 16 and 17. After the Navy I went to work as a conveyor buyer. During that time I received a degree from Oakland Community College.</p> <p>5 Term Trustee: I ran for Trustee in 1996 and won. Then again in 2000 through 2012. I choose not to run for the 2016 election.</p> <p>Planning Commissioner 6 terms: Chairman of Polly Ann Trail Management Committee Co-author of Ordinances 200 and 300 and had input with the codification all of our ordinances Co-author of two Master Plans. Offered input on the Addison Township Fire Code Key contact in bringing natural gas to the township.</p>	<p>First, One of my goals is to "Keep Addison Township Rural". At the same time, I want to insure we maintain our parks for our children. It has been discussed establishing a small water park for our youngsters, and if elected, I will ask to join a committee researching this wonderful idea.</p> <p>Secondly, When an individual or family present a request to the board, it may be one of the most important issues in their lives at that time. It is imperative that I, as a board member listen to their request with an open mind. Fairness is all anyone expects.</p> <p>Third, last but surely not least. Infrastructure is a key issue. Our roads still need work. We have worked closely with Detroit Edison but more work needs to be done. Garbage pick-up should be put out for bid annually.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> KAREN R. GEIBEL 632 Donna Mae Addison, MI 48367</p>	<p>I am an 11 year resident of Addison Township where I reside with my husband and four children. What I love most about living in Addison Township is being in a rural area but not too distant from amazing communities like Oxford, Lake Orion, and Romeo. I am a leader, volunteer, advocate and mentor quoted in a local newspaper as being "earnest, hard-working, and personable." As an 18 year attorney, I maintain the necessary analytical, critical thinking, and negotiating skills that would assist in all aspects of township business. As a long-standing volunteer in various organizations over the years I understand the importance of community involvement and giving back. I have dedicated my career to public service and would be honored to serve my local community.</p>	<p>I think the top three priorities facing the township are fiscal oversight, improving leadership, and maintaining our rural area. If elected, I would ensure that budgets are discussed and passed with justification and that funds on-hand are spent appropriately. Positions held within the township should be filled with qualified people and job candidates properly vetted so that residents have confidence in the services and resources. With development and growth in surrounding areas, the possibility is imminent in Addison Township. I will work to maintain the current landscape of our community.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> LINDA GIERAK 5200 Secord Lk. Rd. Leonard, MI 48367</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p><i>Republican</i> CHARLES SARGENT 552 Deerpointe Leonard, MI 48367</p>	<p>Charles Sargent is a corporate executive, life coach, business turnaround success. He is a Vietnam era veteran, USMC, recognized with meritorious and honorable service. He is a 25 years resident Addison Township. He is a skilled negotiator and professional manager experienced in both public and private business enterprise. He managed a FEMA mobilization unit. He worked with HUD providing home energy audits and Section 8 housing rehabilitation. He was honored by the Governor of Kentucky and commissioned an Honorable Kentucky Colonel. He offers a resume of success including 14 individual business turnarounds, responsibility for thousands employees, 12 subsidiaries and divisions operating in 7 states. He offers unique skills, leadership and solutions to organization challenges. He served as General Manager, Vice President, President and Chief Operating Officer for a diversified, mid-size industrial conglomerate. He is a retired Chief Executive Officer. He seeks responsibility as Trustee Addison Township. Why? Short answer is he believes we can do a better job than is now being done.</p>	<p>The top 3 priority opportunities (issues) result from personal long term observation and participation. Purposely attending 12+ consecutive board trustee meetings, several ZBA meetings and participating in PC meetings recognizes observed opportunities.</p> <p>Observation is opportunity to improve professionalism at the local government. Action: Work to improve the competence or skill of employees and appointees. The key to quality and efficiency is professionalism. Post and advertise openings to attract qualified applicants.</p> <p>Observation is opportunity to improve fiscal oversight. Action: Work to refine fiscal budget process. Provide justification for department budget cost and expense. Ensure compliance with proper financial systems and controls. Regularly evaluate financial health.</p> <p>Observation is opportunity to improve general administration. Action: Work to improve cross functional support department-to-department and ensure the efficient performance of all departments in the organization.</p> <p>Greater participation. More results. Better living. Please visit charlessargentfortrustee.weebly.com</p>

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