

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND**

**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**

**RICK A. HAMILL** 1000 Tall Pines Dr., Highland, MI 48356

**1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term**

**TAMI FLOWERS** 4520 Bretton Ln., Highland, MI 48356

**1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP TREASURER for ONE 4-year term**

**JENNIFER FREDERICK** 1517 W. Highland, Highland, MI 48357

## HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP (Continued)

### 4 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

<b>CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE</b>  <b>FOUR 4-year terms</b> <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</b>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>JUDY COOPER</b>                      2794 Obie Ln.                      Highland, MI 48357</p>	<p>I've served 8 years as elected treasurer and 20 years as deputy treasurer between Highland and White Lake Townships. I have a bank management and customer service background including investments, loans and employee oversight at the local branch level. Serving on several boards has brought additional experience in fiscally responsible decision making as well as collaboration skills vital for efficient board work.</p> <p>Highland Township has been my home for 50 years. I graduated from Milford High School and came home from Hope College to marry my high school sweetheart. We raised our children here. Highland is my home. It has been my privilege to be entrusted as Treasurer. I would like to continue making decisions that make Highland the best it can be in a Trustee role. I humbly ask for your vote for Highland Township Trustee.</p>	<p>The first priority is ongoing communication and collaboration. Networking across all segments of the community helps understand community needs. The Community Round Table, Neighborhood Network, Interfaith Prayer Breakfast and a Community Dinner are platforms I've helped create. These groups make a difference and I would like to see them move forward. The Detroit Civility Project with Nolan Finley and Steven Henderson explaining how they maintain their friendship despite their differences is our next project. This is a virtual experience including public participation on July 30th.</p> <p>Second priority is capital improvement projects that have been put on hold for years including a renovation and upgrade to Highland's township hall, park repairs and two new fire halls. The Township hall and park repairs will be financed with monies saved over time. The fire halls are financed with voted millage.</p> <p>Third priority is to be part of continuing that movement toward a better Highland. It has been my privilege and passion to be part of such a great community. To be part of the conversation and decision making process is a great honor. I would like to continue in that role as trustee.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>BRIAN HOWE</b>                      2135 Woodridge Ct.                      Highland, MI 48357</p>	<p>I am a proud 1982 graduate from Milford High School and returned to the Huron Valley School District in January of 1995 to teach at Lakeland High School. I have been a teacher for over 33 years and the last 25 years at Lakeland High School. In my 25 years at Huron Valley, I have coached at both high schools and all four middle schools (Highland, Oak Valley, Muir and White Lake). I also taught many of the Huron Valley students how to drive, teaching driver education for many years in the school district and for Accurate Driving School. We moved to Highland in 1999 and raised our three children here. All three attended Highland Middle School and Milford High School.</p> <p>I am seeking reelection to my third term as YOUR Trustee because I really enjoy helping and serving the residents of Highland Township. I am very proud of what we have done the past eight years and I look forward to continuing my role as the link to the township government and to help in any way possible. I really enjoy assisting the people of Highland Township when they have questions and I can find the answer to their question. I am an Ombudsman to the residents of Highland Township.</p>	<p>The first priority for me personally for Highland Township is to build a bike/pedestrian path from Highland to Milford. There are many people in our township that walk and ride bikes and it would be great if they could get to Milford from Highland without using the roads. There is a great bike/pedestrian path that begins in Milford and it would be nice to be able to get there from Highland. My goal is to reach out to the right people and see if we can get something built in the near future to make that link.</p> <p>The second priority will be to make sure the township gets back to business after the Covid-19 situation. We are going to need to make sure that we have the resources necessary to provide the services that our residents expect from their township government. We are also going to have to make sure that our employees have a safe environment to work in so the people of our township will have access to the services that they expect on a daily basis.</p> <p>The third priority will be to make sure that our local businesses stay here in Highland. My job is to do what I can to make Highland Township a pro business community that people want to operate their businesses in.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>BETH LEWIS</b>                      3227 Giddings Blvd.                      Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p>My husband and I have been Highland residents for 31 years and I want to work to preserve Highland's uniqueness and rural character. We do not want to be a "clone" of the communities around us and we need to remain an oasis in the midst of urban sprawl. I feel now more than ever, our residents and small businesses will need our help and support to face unique challenges during uncertain economic times. I strongly believe in communication, collaboration and teamwork between the township and residents. I have over 30 years of experience on Highland Township boards and committees. I'm a current member of the Highland Township Planning Commission Board, and was previously elected to the Huron Valley Schools board where i served a four year term. I also was a member of the Highland Downtown Development Authority Board and the Highland Equestrian Conservancy Board. I'm a "people person" and chose my current profession as a hospital patient advocate since I love working with people to solve problems with creative solutions. My priorities in life are faith, family and friends and I love giving back to my community by helping those in need..</p>	<p>I feel that our top priorities have changed drastically during the past several months due to COVID-19. Every township resident has faced uncertainty regarding what the future holds and many have been dealing with economic hardship from the loss of jobs and businesses. Life as we know it has changed in many ways and everyone is dealing with our new normal. I feel our top priority should be supporting the residents and small business owners in our community who are struggling financially. The township could host community garage sales with items donated that residents are in need of. Fund raisers could be implemented for our small business owners. Township trustees could be responsible for checking with business owners on a regular basis to determine needs. Our second priority would be to continue to maintain Highland's rural atmosphere and open spaces by conservative zoning decisions. Our third priority should be to continue working on communication, collaboration and teamwork between the township and residents. All our residents are important and need to feel that their opinions are heard. Highland should always be a place we want to come home to.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>JOSEPH M. SALVIA</b>                      P. O. Box 622                      Highland, MI 48357</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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