

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

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

CANDIDATES for SUPERVISOR ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	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.	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><i>Republican</i> LAURA MOREAU 9654 Westwood Cir. Clarkston, MI 48348</p>	<p>My family moved to Springfield in 2004 and I quickly became an active member of the community. I served as president of my Homeowners Association and volunteered with a land conservancy, our church and other community groups. After representing my neighborhood in requests to the Township Board, I was appointed to the Planning Commission.</p> <p>In 2008 I was elected Township Clerk. Over the past 12 years, I've proven my hard work and commitment and delivered on the goals and priorities that earned the support of our community. I've been committed to improving safety, protecting financial health, planning for high quality development, and preserving natural resources in Springfield Township. I'm running for Supervisor to continue this focus and commitment to the residents of Springfield.</p> <p>Prior to serving as Clerk, I worked in marketing and as a college communication instructor. I earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Walsh College and an Master of Arts in Communication from Wayne State University.</p>	<p>Commercial Development-- I have been instrumental in planning projects to improve the aesthetics and investment environment on Dixie Highway. I'll continue promoting redevelopment of our primary commercial corridor by streamlining the site plan review process to offer incentives for high quality development that incorporates the natural beauty and character of Springfield.</p> <p>Budget-- Due to the economic impacts of the recent shut down, Springfield will face budget constraints as a result of decreased State Shared Revenue. Springfield has been committed to conservative fiscal policies. We maintain a healthy fund balance and have established an Emergency Reserve Fund. Although Springfield is in a sound financial position, I'll continue to look for efficiencies, opportunities to cut expenses, and maintain the Township's focus on fiscal responsibility.</p> <p>Public Safety-- Springfield recently made significant improvements to our Fire Department. While excellent fire/rescue services and police protection will remain a priority, in the coming years I will focus on improving road safety and installing pathways for safe non-motorized transportation.</p>

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP (Continued)

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

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<p><i>Republican</i> SEAN R. MILLER 13151 Andersonville Rd. Davisburg, MI 48350</p>	<p>I received a Bachelor’s Degree from Lake Superior State University and went on to graduate from Western Michigan University Law School. I have been active in the community for many years, volunteering with various organizations from charities, to community groups, and even national organizations. I currently serve as the Attorney Advisor and Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Deaf Community Advocacy Network and I also serve on the Board of Directors for Samaritan Counseling Centers. I am running for Township Clerk so that I can continue helping my neighbors and make a difference in the community that my wife and I love and call home. As Clerk, I would serve in a legislative role by proposing and voting on ordinance legislation as a member of the Township Board. I would also serve in an administrative role as custodian of Township records, minutes, and ordinances; administering elections; budget management; and other administrative responsibilities. As a licensed Attorney who has run a successful law practice, I possess the skills necessary to effectively serve my neighbors in this role.</p>	<p>We are very fortunate in Springfield Township that our leaders have been so diligent in taking care of our Township and setting our Township up for a very bright future. We do not have a tremendous amount of issues facing our Township at this time. However, that being said, I have a passion for and deep love of this community, its people, and its natural assets. As a lover of the outdoors, I pledge to preserve and protect our history and heritage, parks, nature trails, lakes, rivers, and streams - including the historic Mill Pond Dam on the Shiawassee River. Additionally, I would like to spearhead the creation of a Downtown Development Authority to revitalize Downtown Davisburg - the heart of Springfield Township - and attract new businesses to the area while still maintaining its historic charm. I will also continue the legacy of our out-going Clerk to make sure that our elections are fair, accessible, and convenient for all registered voters in Springfield Township.</p>

1 Candidate for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

JAMIE L. DUBRE 6680 Ridgewood Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP (Continued)

5 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

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<p><i>Democrat</i> DONNA M. LOPEZ 6654 College Park Clarkston, MI 48346</p>	<p>I have been living in Michigan all my life. Born in Alpena in northern Michigan I attended school in that city until my graduation. Eventually I decided on a career in teaching attending Eastern Michigan University. I taught in Livonia for 9 years, managed a medical office, attended law school and ultimately, returned to teaching for Flint Community Schools for 17 years. I decided to obtain a real estate license during my teaching career which is still active.</p> <p>I feel the Trustee position should have bi partisan representation which would reflect both Democratic and Republican points of view. I believe the qualities and skills I bring to the Trustee position is a value for the opinion and interaction of all members of both the Township Board and the Community at large. My years of teaching has prepared me to understand Township policies, resolutions that will affect the Springfield residents, presentation of the yearly budget and levying of taxes. It is important as your Trustee to be accessible, transparent to the residents and strive to keep open communication either through email or personal contact to address concerns. As your Trustee I will be your bi partisan voice!</p>	<p>First, one issue I would address is the condition of roads and streets in our Township. I have noticed that several roadways are in need of attention. I would follow up with the transportation department to inquire about the determination of which streets and roads receive attention and review the budget timeline for repair. I would encourage residents who view public roads or streets in disrepair to report that to me for a follow up.</p> <p>Second, I am concerned of the posted speed limit of the roads. For example Dixie Highway, Big Lake Road, the Davisburg community to mention some areas. With the addition of more commercial and residential locations, it seems that drivers are increasing their speed, even well above the posted signs. I suggest having a traffic count to determine road usage and followed by working with the local law enforcement about how best to address the results.</p> <p>Third, I would like an update on the status of the Mill Pond Dam and the recommendation given by legal counsel. A motion was filed in January. As a Trustee representing the residents of Davisburg, I would request an current update and recommendations that would be shared with the local community.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> MARC COOPER 10050 Andersonville Rd. Clarkston, MI 48346</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Republican</i> DAVE HOPPER 9865 Kingston Ridge Clarkston, MI 48348</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p><i>Republican</i> JASON PLISKA 10725 Clark Rd. Davisburg, MI 48350</p>	<p>I am a 1989 Graduate of Pinconning High School, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northwood University in 1993 with a dual major BBA in Marketing and Management. Upon graduation, I worked in the automotive and IT industries for 9 years. Eventually, after realizing that my calling in life was to help others, I attended graduate School at Wayne State University, and graduated in 2004 with a MA in Counseling. I have been a practicing high school counselor since that time.</p> <p>I began serving our community several years ago as a coach in the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation youth baseball leagues. In 2015, I was appointed to the Springfield Township Planning Commission. I am currently serving my second term as a Planning Commissioner.</p> <p>I am running for Trustee because I have a strong desire to serve the residents of this special community we call home. I believe my experience as a Planning Commissioner has allowed me to become familiar with many aspects of our township. My experience as a counselor has given me a strong ability to listen, respect the opinions of others, and the importance of working together towards a common goal.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encouraging beneficial development with our community while preserving our natural resources and rural character. I believe that the Dixie Highway corridor is ripe for commercial development. While it is important to promote growth that enhances our tax base, and provides services to our residents, every measure must be taken to ensure it is done in a manner that enhances the community. The Dixie Design Standards are a big part of accomplishing this, and I'd like to see expansion of these standards north of Davisburg Road to the township border. 2. Community enhancement through connectedness and enhanced recreation opportunities. I believe that our community needs "bridges" that provide opportunities to connect with our community, and each other. I served on the township Pathways Committee responsible for planning pathways within the township. I'd like to see that through as Trustee, and also look for further ways to provide trail systems, and other means to immerse ourselves in our community. 3. Maintaining our fiscal responsibility. In these uncertain times, I will work hard to ensure that the township remains fiscally responsible without sacrificing services.
<p><i>Republican</i> DENNY VALLAD 8684 Sunset Cove Dr. Clarkston, MI 48348</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP (Continued)

7 Candidates for TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSIONER for SEVEN 4-year terms

E. ROGER BOWER	10925 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350
ANNE A. LONCAR	6026 Long Point, Davisburg, MI 48350
DIANE BAKER	5395 Taylor Ln., Clarkston, MI 48346
DENNIS G. OMELL	12596 Scott Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350
RICHARD W. PARKE	6161 Wertz, Davisburg, MI 48350
ANGELA SPICER	5620 Hillsboro Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350
JEAN A. VALLAD	8684 Sunset Cove Dr., Clarkston, MI 48348

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