

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

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

RIK KOWALL

2850 Porter Rd., White Lake, MI 48383

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

ANTHONY NOBLE

3423 N. Quarry Creek, White Lake, MI 48383

1 Candidate for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

MIKE ROMAN

7350 Cedar Creek Dr., White Lake, MI 48383

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP (Continued)

5 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</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>Democrat</i> SARAH MAY-SEWARD 1250 Dolane Blvd. White Lake, MI 48383</p>	<p>As one of 3 Democratic Precinct Delegates for the entire township, and a bartender in one of our small-town bars, I've spent hours listening to and being a part of long and sometimes difficult conversations about the needs and ideals of our community members. Every single one of them has taught me something: we all care about our community. I believe in always leaving things better than you found them, and that includes people's lives. Acts of kindness and service have always been the way I show I care, and I've found that these acts are what connects all of us, regardless of things we disagree on. While attending and watching township board meetings I've often been frustrated that there is no one currently sitting that represents my family and me, or many people I've met. A vast majority in White Lake Township are not registered republicans. Meaning all of us, Democrats, Independents, and those that are unsure are represented by a board composed entirely of just one party. That doesn't feel like "a government of the people, for the people, by the people" to me. I can't just hope for someone to do the hard work of representing the rest of us if I'm not willing to do it myself.</p>	<p>Ensuring that information and the ability to participate is easily accessible. Our tech infrastructure is outdated. As we've seen in the past few months, many of the township services have been shut down completely leading to confusion and frustration, most of which could have been easily alleviated with prompt social media updates, a modern website that could be easily accessed with a phone or tablet with the ability to complete tasks such as dog licenses, request information, or provide public comment and outreach to those that do not have internet access. We have multiple families living in apartments and rental homes run by irresponsible landlords. These buildings are plagued with black mold and ignored maintenance requests while rents just keep rising, making it impossible for tenants to save enough to move. We have ordinances for this, they need to be enforced. We have a major problem with accessibility for people with disabilities. Whether your mobility is affected temporarily while recovering from an injury/surgery, long-term or you have small children in strollers, you've probably noticed that adherence/enforcement of the ADA and actual accessibility is severely lacking.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> MICHAEL C. POWELL 4700 Cornerstone Dr. White Lake, MI 48383</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Republican</i> SCOTT RUGGLES 6385 White Lk. Rd. White Lake, MI 48383</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p><i>Republican</i> LIZ FESSLER SMITH 71 Blackberry Dr. White Lake, MI 48386</p>	<p>We have such great momentum! Every vote I take is for the citizens I have the privilege of serving. I am a really hard worker, honest, and trustworthy. You can count on me! I always am prepared to best represent you at our BOT meetings. I am a strong, vibrant, confident, skilled, advocate for our residents, yet I achieve this with kindness and grace. As an accomplished leader, with the experience we need right now, I understand municipal government-competent, principled, and transparent. I will stand up and speak out for the right reasons. I am an effective problem solver. And I really value good communication. You have bestowed upon me a great honor to represent you. I take my job very seriously, and maintain 100% attendance at all 'Regular Monthly Board Meetings.' You elected me to be there, and I am. I am a conservative, common sense Republican. I am fiscally responsible and I don't overreach. I am active in the GOP, however, I am so honored to serve and represent ALL residents in our Township, with dignity and respect. Local level government is the closest resource for citizens, and provides for the closest relationship with our residents. I love that about being a Trustee!</p>	<p>I want to accomplish the people's work! Providing a safe, enjoyable, friendly place to live, raise and family and work. Maintaining quality public safety will always be my number one priority-making sure our public safety departments have what they need to best serve our residents. Create a user friendly community, that means work on a community "hub," to provide family recreation, move needed water projects forward, create pathways, environmental stewardship, be business friendly, and truly represent our residents' wishes. In order to accomplish this, fiscal responsibility is needed- lower taxes, conservative spending, enhancing revenue. I take action on behalf of our residents'. With thoughtful planning to preserve our past, I am so excited to plan for our future!</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> ANDREA VOORHEIS 3120 Ridge Rd. White Lake, MI 48383</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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