



## **VOTERS' GUIDE – CANDIDATES & ISSUES**

**For Portage County, Ohio**

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## Portage County Municipal Court Judge

Vote for no more than 1



Melissa Roubic

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Education: BBA – Kent State University, J.D. – University of Akron

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## Aurora City Council at Large

Vote for no more than 2



John Kudley Jr.

Retired Educator

Age: 73

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Website/Facebook/Twitter:

Education: MA American History MA Secondary Administration

Training & Experience: Ward 3 Councilman (1998-2005) Councilman-at-Large (2008-2019) Council President (3 terms) Chairman of the Committee of the Whole Landmark Commission Library Trust

Finance Committee Parks & Recreation Committee Chamber of Commerce Liaison Eagle Scout

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: Controlled residential and commercial development that is in keeping with the "small town" atmosphere allowing for those amenities that improve the quality of life for the Aurora community.

Continue to maintain the City's 'AAA' Bond Rating, maintain the "rainy day fund" and continue to attract industrial and commercial development that helps to maintain the needed tax base to provide for the city's infrastructure and safety forces. Continue to work with and collaborate with the Aurora City Schools, the Chamber of Commerce, and other public entities to make Aurora the community a showcase in Northeast Ohio.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: Council and the Administration must continue to provide financial stability and to grow the community's tax base. Council has purchased over 1200 acres of parkland to enable the city to control residential growth and must continue to control growth through such purchases and by also making sure the city's building regulations and zoning codes allow for that controlled growth. Council must be responsive to all parts of the community and recognize the diverse nature of the city.

### **Aurora City Council at Large**

Vote for no more than 2

Scott Wolf

156 Eldridge Rd. Aurora, OH 44202

### **Aurora City Council Ward 2**

Vote for no more than 1

Denny Kovach

1020 Winchell Rd. Aurora, OH 44202

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: Priorities for city- To continue the excellent police and fire service. New housing development will affect efficiency and the need to enhance services will be required. I think everyone assumes that our current forces can cover everything. You do not know how many people will be in any one household and age.

-the infra structure. More houses will increase water and waste treatment plants needs. Old systems do not last forever and need to be replaced at a cost to taxpayer. With increased traffic our roads take a beating and often times need to be replaced.

What about the schools? -Keep taxes reasonable and affordable which we are currently doing and successfully.

-Expanding corporate business opportunities should be another priority. The city has plenty of room for that type of growth. Let's bring more world headquarters here! It's a great place for business opportunities.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: Let's keep Aurora breathable! What is wrong with green space? Keep housing to reasonable size lots !

### **Aurora City Council Ward 4**

Vote for no more than 1

George C. Horvat

127 Chelmsford Dr. Aurora, OH 44202

### **Aurora City Council Ward 6**

Vote for no more than 1

Harold Hatridge

195 Devorah Dr. Aurora, OH 44202

## Kent City Council Ward 1

Vote for no more than 1



Garret Ferrara

Rep

Financial Advisor

Age: 52

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Education: Kent State University Bachelors of General Studies, Masters of Business Administration

Training & Experience: For 20 years I've served on Council. I've been a part of the leadership team that has diligently worked on the vision, planning and execution of Kent's revitalization projects. During that time period I have collaborated with 27 council members and 3 city managers.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: Continue to expand the economic growth and revitalization of Kent's historic downtown to adjacent areas like N. Water, the Plaza, and N. Mantua. Proper zoning, smart development and forward thinking leadership will ensure further sustainable growth and keep Kent a destination city. Maintain the culture of neighborhoods by protecting them and single family homes from rental creep. We need incentives to return rental units into single family homes and prevent single family homes from becoming rentals. Affordable, attractive, and diverse housing are key components to this goal. Improve Infrastructure. The quality and safety of streets and sidewalks is a priority for residents and often a visitor's first impression of a city. The infrastructure we don't see like water and sewer lines is just as, if not more important to the well being of a city. Maximizing grants, joint projects with KSU, and increased tax revenue from economic development will help increase how many projects get done

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: Kent's success is rooted in economic development. For this to continue, we have to work with the business community and our strategic partners to promote a "business friendly" mindset that makes it easy to retain and attract businesses in and to Kent. Development is restricted in Kent by limited undeveloped land. We need to evaluate the best possible long-term use of that land to support the existing infrastructure and future growth. Relationships, trust, and a unified vision are key elements to successful development. Elected officials must maintain and build new relationships that are focused on working together towards our goals. They should support the city manager form of government and our city manager as well. Our businesses and residents need to trust and have confidence that the leadership of the city is unified. All of this is critical to successful development and will ensure that the City of Kent continues to be a great place to live, work, play and do business.

## Kent City Council Ward 1

Vote for no more than 1

Melissa M. Long

Dem

978 Cottage Gate Kent, OH 44240

Training & Experience: Cortland, OH mayor 4 yr., City council 12 yr., Kent Council 4 yr., Planning 8 yr.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: See that the updating of Kent's zoning ordinances are all brought up to date professionally by the firm the city hired. And research the feasibility of a Kent Senior Center.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: That we as a city do more constructive planning of the downtown areas and pay more attention to the neighborhoods and start a professional progressive plan for street paving.

## Kent City Council Ward 2

Vote for no more than 1



Jack E. Amrhein

Dem

Retired Teacher, Kent City Schools

Age: 63

346 Majors Lane Kent, OH 44240

Education: BS Ed, Kent State University-Social Studies Education; Master's, Marygrove College-Educational Instruction

Training & Experience: 12 years City Councilman Ward 2; Board of Health Council appointment (12 years); History and Government teacher (32 years); President, Vice President, Treasurer and Trustee--Kent Historical Society (21 years).

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1. Financial stability of the City- We must maintain a balanced budget. We need to continue to have a diversified revenue base and an adequate reserve fund. I would address this through continued smart development and responsible spending and budgeting. 2. Continued economic growth and development- City Council has focused redevelopment on the city center over the past 10 years. It is now time to move into areas that have unmet needs where the city can work to develop through improved infrastructure. State Rt. 59 will be repaved sometime in 2020. This improvement will help the western corridor of the city draw redevelopment through public and private investments. 3. Improvements in neighborhoods-I believe that this is being addressed through inspection and licensing of rentals by bringing them up to par with homeowner occupied properties. I would also focus on working with developers to bring more senior housing into the city.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: My vision for development in the city is to focus on the Mill District and the Western Corridor. We need to preserve as much historical integrity in these areas as possible. The Mill District can be a vibrant Mecca for artists and family community activities. I have a vision that the Western Corridor can be developed and renewed through freshening up existing businesses (already happening) and bringing in more family friendly businesses. The City can help this process by helping owners find funds and seeking investors to develop in the area. State Rt. 59 will be repaved next year making the area more attractive for development. Improved sidewalks allowing for better walkability in the area would also be a priority.

## **Kent City Council Ward 2**

Vote for no more than 1

Timothy Novak

Rep

Retired

Age: 62

331 Silver Meadows Blvd. Kent, OH 44240

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://Timothy Novak>

Education: 1975 graduate Hudson High School, Akron University, Food sanitation & safety, Systems Personnel management, UPS CDL training

Training & Experience: Worked as apprentice cook, certified working chef with American Culinary Federation, Project Manager, Managed full kitchens and personnel, planning, time constraints both with UPS and in kitchens, customer interaction

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1). Safety 2). Involvement 3). Progress 1). Safety of children, playing outside, bus stops on and off, crossing streets, of luring people. Parents educating children of existing dangers. Elderly, their well being, winter concerns. Available literature to help. The lower speed limits enforced. A safer environment for all. The heroin/opioid problem, use of and trafficking within our city....which brings... 2). Involvement, participation in education, understanding, communication, better alliance with our police department, they are here to help us. Finding ways to bring people together to help with their concerns. Possibility of neighborhood meetings. 3). Progress, The above aforementioned, bringing peoples ideas and issues to the table and addressing them is the beginning step to progress for a better and safer community. I welcome every ones concerns and ideas and look forward to serving, hopefully making our ward 2 and the city of Kent a safer and better community, to be proud of.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: I see basically two parts to Kent, college and family. I would like to see prevalent development of family aspects in neighborhoods not just Kent State. I would like to see a lot more input from the citizens to better our existing neighborhoods making Kent very well kempt. Streets and sidewalks are always an issue. This is our city and we all should be involved to generate how we want it. No involvement, nothing is generated.

## **Kent City Council Ward 3**

Vote for no more than 1

Robin G. Turner

Dem

327 Dodge St. Kent, OH 44240



## Kent City Council Ward 4

Vote for no more than 1

John M. Kuhar

Rep

Self- Real Estate & Sales & Marketing ( homes & house hold products)eting

5751 Glad Blvd. Kent, OH 44240

Education: High School and over 500 hrs. specialized training classes.

Training & Experience: Real Estate, law,ethics,appraisal, home inspection, h.v.a.c., solar energy, electrical cont.,radar and infrared tech., Designed and built residential housing, some commercial.

Operated rental housing. Realtor, Own and operate marketing co.O.E.M. Leadership Management TM

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: Stream line city government . Strive for cost effective projects, Improve customer service, be able to reach a live person every time you make a phone call to a city office, make Kent more self reliant and financially productive . Bring in funds from more outside sources reducing the living cost to residents. Trim the fat. I would like to see more light commercial and light industrial in the South End. And would offer incentives and recruitment. I would push to make sure that we are not creating laws that effect peoples constitutional rights or impose hardship on any of our citizens. Make Kent a City of MORE HANDSHAKES rather than more laws.This can be documented by following the council minutes to see how and where I stand.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: I would like to see our city as a place where people can find good paying jobs or start up jobs. A place where we can live, work, shop , and play all within our borders. A place where our children can expect the best education . A place where you feel safe and the local government is your friend and there to help you when you need it. A place to call home. Other wise just like the town I grew up in Kent, Ohio completed.

## Kent City Council Ward 5

Vote for no more than 1



Heidi L. Shaffer

Dem

Senior Grant Writer

Age: 58

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Website/Facebook/Twitter:

Education: State College, PA High School '79 University of CA Santa Cruz, BA Sociology '86 Kent State University, MA Journalism '98

Training & Experience: Started 2 businesses in Kent. In serving on Kent City Council for almost 12 years, I have helped develop the vision & implementation plans for downtown development and the Summit St. redesign. Also started the community Heart & Soul program to bring Kent together

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1. Economic Development - continued efforts on downtown including Mill District, Rt. 59 Corridor, S. Water St. such as Ace Hardware. Create a Food Hub for Kent with opportunities for small businesses to form. Family-friendly activities including Rec Center with outdoor pool. 2. Environmental & Social Development - Support Sustainability Commissions efforts and other groups efforts to develop more sustainable energy sources for city and individuals, continue to support efforts like "Heart & Soul" and festivals. Develop more usable green space within city. Solar panels and other sustainability features for new city hall. 3. Neighborhood Development - Put Rt. 261 on a "road diet" increasing walkability, bikeability, and opportunities for housing. Continue efforts at rental housing inspection to improve appearance and safety of existing housing. Work to bring more homeowner-occupied housing back to the center city neighborhoods including Ward 5. Create more decent and affordable housing.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: See above.

## Kent City Council Ward 6

Vote for no more than 1

Tracy Wallach

Dem

Math Instructor at Kent State University

231 Starr Ave. Kent, OH 44240

**Ravenna City Mayor**  
Vote for no more than 1



**Greg Francis**

Police Officer - Detective 31 years

Age: 63

558 Coolman Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://focusonravenna.com>

Education: Ravenna H.S. graduate 1974

Training & Experience: Serving our community for the past 31 years as a police officer

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: Image- Ravenna is the county seat. We should be the crown jewel of the county. This means having a solid clean community. I will work with our business partners to renew Ravenna into becoming the proud community it deserves to be.

Growth- I do not see our community capitalizing on the economic boom the United States is experiencing. We have strong safety forces and utilities in place yet many of our store fronts remain empty. I will work with our economic development partners to identify what businesses attract people.

Infrastructure-Our local government has lost it's focus on serving the residents. Neighborhood services are the real testament to show the taxpayer they are getting their money's worth. I pledge to improve services and to reverse the service director position from an administrative position to a "hands on" field supervisor position.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: My vision -To have a city we can be proud to call our home and one that we can invite our friends and family to enjoy with us. Our city will be progressive and an example of what our county seat should be.

## **Ravenna City Mayor**

Vote for no more than 1

Frank Seman

Mayor of the City of Ravenna

357 N. Freedom St. Ravenna, OH 44266

Education: Bachelor Degree in Business Administration with a Major in Economics-KSU; Master's Degree in Educational Administration-KSU

Training & Experience: 25 Years on the Ravenna Board of Zoning Appeals, 14 years as the Ward 2 Councilman, 4 years as Mayor of Ravenna, 14 Years working with Economic Development in the City of Ravenna, 28 years in administration for the Ravenna Schools at Brown Middle School

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: The everyday operation of the city departments. Monthly meetings keep all department heads and the administration current on improvements and needs within each department. We hire the best people we can find that will fit in with our program of competency and kindness for our citizens. We provide in-service training for growth and improved safety. The administration has an open door policy for all citizens and employees.-Health Care Management. The city is in part self-insured. This allows us to save money, but that depends on claims. A firm has been hire to help us negotiate with Medical Mutual. They help us provide preventative health care plans for employees. We intend to expand these offerings. Health care is monitored monthly.-Continued and enhanced partnership with the county and Ravenna TWP. I will continue to meet with both. The TWP and the city are interviewing for an economic development director to serve both. Both worked together to make the theater a reality.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: My vision is fueled by the success we have had for the last 4 years. Our growth is due to retention, expansion and working together with groups who want to see Ravenna grow. The new theater was built with a plan to draw 100,000/yr additional people downtown. That has already encouraged investors to purchase buildings and open new businesses in downtown. New development will continue to involve Portage Co. Development Board, NDS, local developers, local business persons, and the city. We should soon have an economic development director who can help co-ordinate these groups. The city will continue to use revolving loan funds to help fund projects. In the manufacturing areas we have had numerous expansions and I expect more in the near future.(Spring Seal). Chestnut Commerce Center(old GE) has been completely remodeled and there is a transloader site coming in December. University Hospital is continuing to expand services and have spent over \$40 million in expansion.

## **Ravenna City Director of Finance**

Vote for no more than 1

Brian Huff

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

Age: 43

667 Ellen Ct. Ravenna, OH 44266

Education: Kent State University - 1999 - Bachelor Degree in Accounting

Training & Experience: Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) Formerly worked at the State Auditor's office, and was a Director of Finance for the City of Vermilion, and am currently the Controller for the City of Kent

## **Ravenna City Director of Law**

Vote for no more than 1

Frank J. Cimino

Age: 72

250 S.. Chestnut St. Ste. 18 Ravenna, OH 44266

Education: Hiram College, 1969, BA. University of Akron School of Law, 1972, JD.

Training & Experience: Served as Law Director for the City of Ravenna since 1976 on a continuous basis until the present. I believe during the period the training I received adequately qualifies me for the position of Law Director for the City of Ravenna.

## **Ravenna City President of Council**

Vote for no more than 1



Joseph Bica, Jr.

Business Owner

Age: 52

380 Linden St. Ravenna, OH 44266

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Education: Terra State College, Robotics & Industrial Automation, AAS '99 Malone University BBA '03 Kent State University MBA '12

Training & Experience: City Council 12 years, Mayor 6 years. I bring a balance of best business practice and business modeling to practice in government. Extensive experience in domestic & international business. Multi-million-dollar budgeting, long term strategic planning, sales & marketing.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: Financial & economic development, as well as neighborhood deterioration pose the most pressing problems for Ravenna. The City needs to remain vigilant by streamlining its operational areas within each department and following best business practices to optimize expenses. Further consolidations and collaborative efforts will be necessary to ensure the most prudent use of taxpayer money. Focusing on economic development that will create additional jobs, specifically in the areas of business retention, business expansion and strategic partnerships will continue growing this community. Strategic marketing and public relations will also build the reputation of the City to future residents and businesses. Restoring our deteriorated neighborhoods through code enforcement for houses and rental properties needs to be priority. Maintaining clean, safe and appealing neighborhoods is the foundation for a thriving community and promotes further economic development.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: I believe in focusing on long term strategic planning. We must utilize Ravenna's strengths and opportunities, combine that information with the Ravenna Community & Land Usage Plan and develop a road-map for the City's prosperity. We need to leverage Ravenna's business leaders to promote and compliment community development and retention. It is essential to partner with local universities and colleges to encourage collaboration on educational and economic impacts for Ravenna. We must encourage downtown development and revitalization, focusing on small business and entrepreneurship. Finally, promoting Ravenna's quality of life and affordable living by continuing to focus efforts on neighborhood revitalization with single family housing and safe, walkable neighborhoods. Encouraging and supporting the great works of the Ravenna Chamber and Main Street Ravenna, which bring us together as a community.

## Ravenna City President of Council

Vote for no more than 1



Andrew Kluge

Ravenna City Council At-Large, Susan G. Komen Northeast Ohio

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### Education:

Training & Experience: Volunteer: Chair, Parks & Rec Board; EMA Advisory Board; LEPC; Board of Directors, RavenPacks; Marketing Committee, Main Street Ravenna; Member, Art on Main Experience: Campaign Manager, Tim Ryan for Congress; Specialist, Summit County Public Safety; Councilman At-Large

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

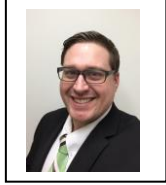
Answer: Infrastructure: We need to continue investing in our infrastructure and utility programs. Since 2016, 23% of all Ravenna roads have been resurfaced. Moving forward, this should continue to be a priority for our residents since passage of the paving levy in 2015. Utilizing state grants to accelerate this process and cut costs to citizens should also be prioritized. Outreach & Communication: Communication is vital to making any level of government work effectively. It is not only fundamental for City Council to work, but it should also be a priority with our residents. As your elected official, I will continue to listen to residents and businesses on how we can work together to continue to promote a positive environment for families to live in, students to learn in, and business to grow in. Public Safety: As Chair of the Public Health & Safety Committee, it is my focus to ensure Ravenna first responders have the resources they need to do their job safely and effectively.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: Finding common ground through public & private partnerships, working with Ravenna Township, & building on the assets we currently have are three examples to focus on to continue to create a better Ravenna. We have seen what happens when people work together: the creation of Main Street Ravenna & the movie theater are a few instances. We can accelerate & identify new projects by prioritizing the hiring of an Economic Development Director. A continued partnership with the Chamber & Main Street Ravenna are also crucial to creating a vibrant downtown. Having a thriving downtown area is important to most residents, but we should also focus on embracing strategies that will help increase home values over the long term. All of this is part of an overall vision. The City of Ravenna needs someone who is committed to building a better environment for growing families, communicates effectively & works with residents, Council, and the Mayor's administration for the betterment of the community.

## Ravenna City Council at Large

Vote for no more than 1



Lance V. Summers

Bank Branch Manager, Ravenna, Ohio  
402 Oakgrove St. Ravenna, OH 44266

Website/Facebook/Twitter:

Education: Ravenna High School Attended Kent State University

Training & Experience: Ten years financial management experience, including participation in various review boards designed to assess company processes and create solutions.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: I will prioritize incentives that would expand current businesses and bring new businesses to the area. A purchase-first ordinance could be used to ensure that, when possible, Ravenna businesses are utilized for city purchases. I would also support the creation of an education network which could help local businesses learn about applying for lending to create or expand their businesses, learn about seeding projects with alternative funding, and learn how to use social media to promote and advertise. I would advocate for the needs and well-being of first responders, and I would promote community-driven collaboration to foster the safety and security of Ravenna's citizens. I support Parks and Rec. and the creation of events, festivals, and programming for people of all ages in order to cultivate the existing rich traditions of our community. I would invite feedback from Ravenna's citizens to assess activity ideas and needs.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: My vision for development in the city is based around family and community-oriented recreation. I envision businesses, restaurants, and activities that will bring more people to downtown and create the opportunity for entrepreneurship and employment for our citizens. I would like to see people going out to dinner, going to the movies, and going shopping in downtown Ravenna instead of heading out to other local towns. I would like to see activities and events for children, held not only by the Parks and Recreation department, the library, and our school system, but also by businesses who are truly invested in the success of our young citizens and our community. As always, I would find ways to seek feedback from the citizens in our community to ensure that we are meeting the expectations, needs, and interests of the citizens.

## **Ravenna City Council at Large**

Vote for no more than 1



**Christina West**

Case Manager

Age: 40

732 Eastland Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://m.facebook.com/ElectChristinaWest>

Education: Undergraduate degree in social work from YSU, Graduate degree from Kent State University in Rehabilitation Counseling

Training & Experience: Provides case management to people throughout Portage County, served on Ravenna's most recent charter review, member of the Ohio Education Association, chairperson of the Ohio Association of Special Needs Professionals, and is a member of the FOPA and Fit Chicks.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: I would like to improve communication throughout our community. Many of our neighbors have concerns but are unsure of the forum to express them or are not comfortable with presenting their concerns to council. Council represents our community and our community needs to be able to provide feedback. Utilizing our website and social media platforms as well as venues such as quarterly forums may be beneficial in bringing our community together and sharing concerns in a comfortable fashion. I would like to explore city ordinances and eliminate those that may no longer be applicable and to explore ways to enforce current ordinances that keep our city safe and clean. This would help make those that enforce them more available to meet our city's needs. Finally, I want to ensure our first responders/safety forces have what they need to keep our community and those protecting it safe. Exploring grants and resources that can support our community with meeting this need will be integral.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: In order to develop our city we need to have a 5 or 10 year plan so we can make informed choices regarding what is best to meet our community's needs. I would like to see our community continue to grow both downtown and throughout the city with businesses that bring people into the city of Ravenna. As we explore development, we also have to look at how to maintain and/or replace existing entities such the buildings that house our fire, police, and EMS departments.

## **Ravenna City Council Ward 3**

Vote for no more than 1

**Matt Harper**

1059 W. Riddle Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266



## Ravenna City Council Ward 4

Vote for no more than 1



Tim Calfee

Elementary School Principal

Age: 68

910 Murray Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266

Education: B.S. Elementary Ed., M.S. Counseling, M.S. Administration, Ph.D - Curriculum, All from the University of Akron.

Training & Experience: Educator for over 40 years; working as a teacher, school counselor, principal, college professor, and superintendent. Served as the superintendent of the Ravenna School District for 10 years. Currently working as an elementary school principal in Alliance.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

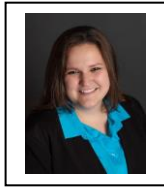
Answer: Three top priorities for the city- 1. Streets and Sidewalks – work to repair, improve or replace streets and sidewalks throughout the city. 2. City Services – continue to maintain high quality city services and work to make them even better. 3. Parks and Recreation- improve and expand the city parks and recreational opportunities. I would address all of these by working together with city council and the administration to get them accomplished.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: My vision is that the city will continue to build on the development that we have seen in the last couple of years. Aldi's, Mongoose Motorsports, the new movie theater, the coming Chipotle are all positive developments. We also have have several new stores and restaurants in town. The redevelopment of the GE plant appears to be very promising. We as a city just need to continue to build on what has been happening the past couple of years.

## Ravenna City Council Ward 4

Vote for no more than 1



Deena Tannert

Adult Probation Officer

Age: 30

784 E. Main St. Ravenna, OH 44266

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://facebook.com/tannert4council>

Education: BA, Psychology from Hiram College

Training & Experience: 7 years as an Adult Probation Officer; 1 year as a Detention Officer; 7 years in restaurant management; 15+ years as a volunteer for various non-profits

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

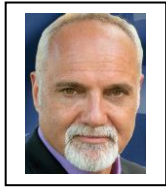
Answer: Communication is something I will strive to ensure is executed in a way that meets our residents' needs and expectations, by utilizing various platforms including a new website, social media, email and phone calls and ensuring any inquires are responded to. Streets & sidewalks: I would like to make an easily accessible spreadsheet on the City's website that outlines the last date of resurfacing/repair for roads and any upcoming roadwork projects in a 5 year plan. This could allow residents to see what the City has in the works with the click of a button. Community: I would love to establish a program that empowers adults to succeed by showing them how to navigate the amazing tools Ravenna and Ravenna's businesses have to offer. Working as a public servant in my day-to-day job has allowed me to see where this need can be filled, and how that collaboration can benefit the community as a whole.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: My vision for development in the City starts with collaboration, communication, and budget management. In no way do I believe that if elected to Council I will have everything figured out. I am a resident committed to serving other residents, and by doing so, I am dedicated to remaining open, teachable, and collaborative. Communication will be key, listening to the veterans on Council, coming up with new ideas, and keeping in mind that WE are Ravenna and Ravenna is on the Rise.

## Streetsboro City Mayor

Vote for no more than 1



Jeffrey M. Allen

Business Man Retired

Age: 56

8221 State Route 14 Streetsboro, OH 44241

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://jeffallenmayor.com> <http://Elect Jeff Allen Streetsboro Mayor>

Training & Experience: 37 years owning Businesses

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: WE WILL Partner with Streetsboro City Schools to Obtain Aggressive Economic Growth for our Community. WE WILL Create a Cohesive and Transparent Relationship Between the City Schools, City Council, and the City Administration. WE WILL Create a Buzzing Downtown District that Will Include Sit Down Restaurants, Entertainment Facilities and a Dynamic Medical Corridor for Sustainability WE WILL Beautify Our Parks System by Partnering with Portage County and Creating Programs for our Special Needs Citizens, Our Seniors, and Our Youth Alike! And I can get this done!

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: WE have a great vision for our city as has been defined by the residents in our master plan for years and we must start following it. WE WILL will aggressively pursue economic growth opportunities, which means being proactive in bringing new business to our community, while simultaneously retaining our current business relationships. This will not only increase our city's revenue, but our schools, which will ultimately relieve the tax burdens on our citizens. WE WILL partner with our schools to make the best use of our old middle school. We will utilize the Annex Building to create a community building for all to use, young and old alike. Our seniors can gather and be active in their community there. We will offer vocational opportunities and extended learning for our adult residents there. We will work with our parks and junior sports programs there as well. It's potential is limitless, as is the city of Streetsboro's when we follow our master plan!

## Streetsboro City Mayor

Vote for no more than 1



Glenn M. Broska

Mayor, the City of Streetsboro

Age: 61

8334 St. Rt. 14 Streetsboro, OH 44241

Education: High School Graduate, USMC NCO School, Ohio Fire Executive Graduate, Some College

Training & Experience: USMC, Captain, Twinsburg Fire Department, Captain Streetsboro Fire Department, Area Sales Manager, Chairman AMATS Policy Committee, Vice Chair PDB, Odom's Tennessee Pride Sausage Company, Ohio Fire Instructor, Ohio Fire Officer 1 and 2, Ohio Fire Executive

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: My priorities are Economic Development, Critical Infrastructure and making the City a better place to live. On the Economic development front, the trends in Manufacturing and Industry have evolved. Companies wishing to locate or relocate are not investing in new buildings, instead they are looking for facilities they can move into quickly. To that end, we have to push forward on the construction of "spec" buildings of various sizes and to remain competitive in the offering of Economic Incentives. We must continue, as we have, to actively pursue any type of grant funding that is available to continue to improve our roads and infrastructure. We have been very successful in this, garnering in excess of \$30,000,000. We have resurfaced over 42 miles of roads in the last 7 years. To make the City "better" we must continue to expand the offerings the city has. We must continue to improve our parks, our services to our seniors, affordable housing, appropriate retail and commercial offerings.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: We must have balanced development, Industrial, Residential and Commercial, in the city, with the scale tipping in the direction of attracting more Manufacturing and Industry. Better paying jobs are the lifeblood of the community. The more jobs we attract, the more income tax we receive, thus we have more funding available to improve the services we offer, the amenities we offer and to expand our safety and service forces. My vision has always included providing a safe community, it includes to always continue to improve the safety on our roads by relentlessly pursuing Grants and Awards to constantly improve the flow of traffic through and in the city. To ensure that every resident of the city has the services needed to make their life better. The ability for our residents to live, work, play, dine out and shop in a convenient manner. It also includes, and very importantly, working with our school system to provide them with the support they need to improve the education of our children

## **Streetsboro City Council Ward 1**

Vote for no more than 1



**Michael L. Lampa**

Age: 53

1189 Apache Pass Streetsboro, OH 44241

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://www.facebook.com/mike.lampa>

Education: High School Graduate Certified Tester Foundation Level

Training & Experience: I attend all city council meetings and currently am going through the outdated Codes and Ordinances in our city.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1) Beautification - We must clean up our city and enforce the codes we have in place to make the city attractive. This in turn, promotes businesses to want to come here. My family has adopted all of the welcome to Streetsboro signs and built boxes around them, planted flowers and will maintain them in the future. I spearheaded the idea of a beautification committee and it was implemented in our Parks and Rec committee. My husband is chairperson of that program. 2) Liaison for the seniors - Was a member of the Community Cares program which helped seniors in our city. Yard cleanup, weeds, mowing etc. This program was dissolved and I plan to start it back up. We need to offer more programs and events for our seniors. 3) Codes and Ordinances - Our zoning codes are very outdated and several of them from the 1980's. In an effort to bring Streetsboro into the 21st century, I am reviewing these that are outdated and will bring them to council to revise.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: My vision for development in the city is to first, clean up the city. This will show potential residents and commercial interest that we mean business. Our city has let this fall by the wayside and now we have to move aggressively to be up to par. I firmly believe we need to have a downtown district like our surrounding communities. With all of our hotels off of the turnpike, we would be the more desirable place people want to live, shop and eat. We have to be the leader and stop following. The critical piece of the puzzle, is to identify the downtown area. We need to have walkable parks, music, dining, games and more. The demographics of our city is constantly changing. We should no longer be known as the pass through to better areas that surround us. We should be known as the first stop.

## **Streetsboro City Council Ward 1**

Vote for no more than 1

**Joseph W. Yonish**

873 Fronek Dr. Streetsboro, OH 44241

Candidate did not respond.

## Streetsboro City Council Ward 2

Vote for no more than 1



Danney A. Nukta

Law Enforcement/Detective

Age: 29

10100 Fox Run Ct. Streetsboro, OH 44241

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://www.facebook.com/danney.nukta>

Education: Graduated Miami University, Bachelor of Arts (Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs). Graduated from Cleveland Heights Police Academy

Training & Experience: Currently serving my 5th year as a Deputy Sheriff/Detective. Resident of Streetsboro for 4 years. Experience working with government agencies, judicial/legal entities and the overall public.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

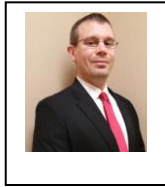
Answer: As a city, we need to welcome the expansion we have encountered over the years. Streetsboro has long been known as the "Gateway to Progress", and we need to continue to be that 'gateway'. 1) We need to expand our growth through further ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT with companies in conjunction with expanding our infrastructure to support such growth to include updating our roads and water supply. Streetsboro's location is paramount in its success and growth with access to two major interstate systems (I-480 and I-80) to support industry. 2) Furthermore, we need to support our COMMUNITY. A solid and reliable school system will bring new and expanding families to the area and further support our growth. We need to support our senior citizens, expand our parks systems, and keep Streetsboro rooted in family. 3) The city must act financially responsible and make efforts to REDUCE its overall DEBT using economic growth to sustain its development so it does not fall on our taxpayers.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: The City of Streetsboro must continue its economic development moving forward. There needs to be an expansion in commercial, industrial and residential growth. Simply, the more jobs in Streetsboro means more usable funding to support our economic development. The more businesses we can bring to Streetsboro and ultimately maintain means less financial responsibility and burden on our citizens. We need to support our public safety services to continue to be able to provide quick and effective responses to our citizens and continue to maintain a safe community. This includes providing for adequate staffing and equipment to ensure each of the public safety services is able to conduct themselves in a safe environment leading to a much safer and secure Streetsboro. The City of Streetsboro must maintain its "Gateway to Progress" and continue to support itself and its citizens into the future. Together, we can do this!

## Streetsboro City Council Ward 2

Vote for no more than 1



John Ruediger

Business Owner

Age: 40

1175 Tinkers Green Dr. Streetsboro, OH 44241

Education: Streetsboro High School Grad. Attended Kent State University.

Training & Experience: Currently the Ward 2 Streetsboro City Councilman 7 1/2 years). Service Committee Chairman. Past City Council President. Lifelong resident. Business owner.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1) Roads - During my time on City Council, I have fought hard to keep our road improvement program going forward. I have fought against cuts in our budget that would prohibit us from taking care of more city roads. 2) Financial Responsibility - I take the city's finances very seriously. I refuse to condone or vote for wasteful spending. I have fought very hard for taxpayers dollars to be used responsibly. 3) Checks and Balances - The thing that I am most proud of, is my ability to act as a check and balance for ideas brought forward to City Council. Most ideas that we receive are great ideas, but some need a 2nd look, or need a strong voice to say, "No, this isn't best for Streetsboro." I'm never afraid to be that voice.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: Right now the city very focused on our new City Center Program, which is scheduled to include our brand new Fire Station and City Hall, along with private partnership that could bring a new medical office building, an assisted living facility and possibly a Wellness Center to the center of Streetsboro. I have been keeping strong tabs on this development and questioning its progress along the way. I believe in addition to moving forward with the progress already made on our roads, and trying to get the right people in the city for more business, the City Center project is a huge priority for us. In addition, as I have fought for before and will continue to fight for, I am always working towards trying to build the relationship between our schools and our city. Throughout my tenure I've made multiple contacts with the schools for joint meetings. Now that the lawsuit between the schools and the city has been settled, I'm hoping a new school board will make this collaboration come true.

### **Streetsboro City Council Ward 3**

Vote for no more than 1

Jennifer Wagner

911 Police/Fire/EMS Dispatcher

Age: 46

1978 Autumn Ridge Dr. Streetsboro, OH 44241

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: Strong schools is a necessary priority I would like to be a part of helping build a strong relationship with our schools and our school board by working together to solve problems and set goals. Economic growth is a priority making our community desirable for business, and companies call Streetsboro their home. I would like to make our community a spot for businesses geared toward entertainment not just for our youth but our adults and seniors as well. I believe in doing this we will create more jobs and a better atmosphere for all. My third priority I would be a positive voice for the community members and hold our community leaders accountable keeping them honest and making decisions with integrity. Raising the standards not settling for mediocrity making our community a proud place that others will want to visit and reside in.

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: I would like to see less empty buildings and store fronts. I would like to see a downtown area where people can visit, shop, and hang out. A place for families to gather for local entertainment and to showcase our local entertainment as well. I would like to see more walking, hiking and bike trails and perhaps an outdoor amphitheater. I feel this will bring a connection to our community where we have a disconnect now. I would like to beautify our existing areas and get the community and our youth involved in becoming apart of this. I would like to be apart of building stronger relationships with local businesses and companies.

### **Streetsboro City Council Ward 3**

Vote for no more than 1

Marvin Woods

9747 Creekside Way Streetsboro, OH 44241

Candidate did not respond.



### **Streetsboro City Council Ward 4**

Vote for no more than 1



**Julie Field**

264 Sapphire Ln. Streetsboro, OH 44241

Website/Facebook/Twitter:

Education: B.A. from Houghton College in Elementary Education, concentration in Communications

Training & Experience: Has served for nearly 8 years on Ward 4 council including serving as President of Council and Finance Chair as well as Vice President of Council

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the City and how would you address them?*

Answer: How can we best serve our residents that will impact their quality of life and leave a positive impact for future generations? When considering the answer to this and our expenditures and budget, the following items are top priorities: 1) Recreation. This includes our various sports organizations, providing ample opportunities for residents of all ages, always looking to improve our parks, supporting the tree planting program and beautification of our city. In addition, I would like to see basketball courts at City Park, walking trails and a field house for all to use. 2) We have just completed a water study that will help us determine what we need to do to improve our water supply. This will include new piping in parts of the city, looping water lines and continuing to work with our service department to flush water lines on a consistent basis. I am not satisfied with the bare minimum requirement. We need to do better. 3) Road paving: I'll continue to support our road paving program

*Question 2: What is your vision for development in the City?*

Answer: We have some exciting projects in the works including a new city hall as Streetsboro continues to move forward in a lot of wonderful ways. I would love to see empty spaces filled with nice restaurants, retail and other mixed uses to promote a vibrant downtown area that includes farmers markets and art shows. We need more sidewalks in our community. With that, I would love to beautify the developed areas by adding trees, hanging flower baskets, etc. At the same time that we develop some areas in our community, it is very important to maintain the beautiful, rural parts of town.

### **Streetsboro City Council Ward 4**

Vote for no more than 1

**Justin Ring**

1456 Crescent Dr. Streetsboro, OH 44241

Candidate did not respond.

### **Tallmadge City Mayor**

Vote for no more than 1

**David D. Kline**

Dem

1178 Grovewood Dr. Tallmadge, OH 44278

### **Tallmadge City Director of Finance**

Vote for no more than 1

Mollie Gilbride

City of Tallmadge, Director of Finance, 2016 to Present

(Dem)

756 Craig Dr. Tallmadge, OH 44278

Education: Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration, The Ohio State University 2000 Masters of Science in Accountancy, University of Akron 2003

Work Experience: State of Ohio Auditor's Office, Assistant Auditor 2000-2003, Audit Manager 2003-2005

White Hat Management, Government Services Business Manager 2005-2007 City of Tallmadge,

Assistant Finance Director 2007-2015 Certifications: Certified Public Finance Officer, 2015-Present

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ElectMollieGilbride/>

*Q1: What are the greatest challenges of the office and how will you meet those challenges?*

Answer: I believe the greatest challenges that my office faces is the current environment at the State level and the State legislatures constant attack on local revenue streams and pre-emption of our local control. From the reductions in the local government distributions to the State's attempt to take over the of the City's ability to collect its own income tax, the State legislature seems to have an interest in controlling how local governments operate. It is imperative that as a local leader, we stay on top of the goings on in Columbus and advocate for our local tax dollars to stay in our City's for the betterment and benefit of our citizens

### **Tallmadge Director of Law**

Vote for no more than 1

Megan E. Raber

Attorney

(Dem)

449 Victoria Park Dr. Tallmadge, OH 44278

Education/Training/Experience JD, MPA, BA, 8 years as Law Director and 8 years as Assistant Law

Director

*Q1: What are the greatest challenges of the office and how will you meet those challenges?*

There are always new legal issues and challenges. I educate myself on the issue, research the state of the law and form my approach to addressing the challenges accordingly.

## **Tallmadge City Council Ward 2**

Vote for no more than 1

Jeffrey S. Rettberg

Building and Plumbing Inspector

207 Indian Hills Dr. Tallmadge, OH 44278

Training/Experience: City of Massillon Building Inspector and Plumbing Inspector Lake County Building Inspector Treasurer of Ohio Building Officials Association (OBOA) Past President Five County Building Officials Association (FBOA)

Education: Malone University BA Organizational Management

*Q1: What are the top priorities you seek to address once in office?*

Firstly, Tallmadge needs to address the added traffic to East Avenue due to the increase of development and sale of the golf course. Additionally, residents still face problems with stormwater run-off, and ditches along the roads are too difficult to maintain. Lastly, while Tallmadge preserves it's history, there is a need for us to decide how to address future development in our city and surrounding areas.

*Q2: What strategies will you support to accomplish these priorities?*

I would like to review the recent traffic study to see how council can help residents along East Avenue and connecting streets. This will allow us on council to be proactive, before it is too late to address this situation with all the development currently happening. There is always an opportunity to correct traffic problems within the city by increasing the volume of traffic the road can handle. Furthermore, within the cities public works budget, council should address the widening of main roads where needed, stormwater run-off, adding storm sewers and providing sidewalks for students walking home from school.

## **Tallmadge City Council Ward 2**

Vote for no more than 1

Rebecca Stalnaker Allman

91 Whittlesey Dr. Tallmadge, OH 44278

Candidate did not respond.

### **Tallmadge City Council Ward 3**

Vote for no more than 1

Jonathon D. Bollas

I.T. Project Manager

(Rep)

Education/Training/Experience: BBA, Business Management - Kent State University. MBA, Business Management - Malone University.

*Q1: What are the top priorities you seek to address once in office?*

Answer: As I go door-to-door and speak to residents on concerns they have, there are common themes. The first priority is to raise more transparency and improve inclusiveness regarding the creation of the cities three to five-year plan. What is our future roadmap? Residents no longer want to open the newspaper and be surprised by upcoming projects or levies without first understanding why they are needed far in advance and having a say in the matter. I want to use my Project Management experience to provide residents with a clear, transparent three to five-year plan, and then provide them with quarterly updates on how we are tracking to that plan through proactive communication. Residents should be able to see the root cause vision of all investments the city makes and understand how those investment benefits the city long-term. Another theme that presented itself as I met residents is the delicate balance of residential and commercial property zoning. All projects, whether residential or commercial, need to be clearly explained to the people with justification on how those plans play into the five-year plan of the city and beyond. We need to empower residents with knowledge so they can then use their voice to make an informed decision to either support a topic or not. Overall, we need to clearly identify ways to make it easier for residents to know the cities plan and what the benefits of that plan are, ensuring the peoples voice is heard. The future of Tallmadge begins today!

*Q2: What strategies will you support to accomplish these priorities?*

Answer: As an I.T. Project Manager, I am held accountable to deliver the successful completion of priority projects through what is referred to as the triple constraint. I am responsible for the successful management of scope, cost, schedule, and quality, as well as communicating consistent status updates on progress from kickoff to completion. I think there is opportunity to combine my skills and experience in this area with the demands of having the privilege of sitting on city council. When the people decide to move forward with a project, they should be kept in the loop on progress status, through clear, consistent messaging. If there is a need to pivot on a project, the people will have the opportunity to have a voice in that shift. Overall, the strategy and methodology utilized to accomplish priorities needs to align to the long-term plan. The strategies utilized to accomplish priorities is not a one size fits all approach. Each strategy should be examined prior to implementation to ensure alignment with the future vision and road map. In order to be successful, we must work together as a team and build trust amongst everyone. I look forward to bringing a fresh perspective to this platform, as well as strong family values to the leadership of this great town. I am committed to quality and look forward to productive, inclusive collaboration.

### **Tallmadge City Council Ward 3**

Vote for no more than 1

Mary E. Tricaso

Director of Sales

(Dem)

Education/Training/Experience: TALLMADGE High School graduate and The University of Akron graduate in Sales and Marketing. 19 years with the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau. Previous Public Office TALLMADGE Ward 3 Council since January 2014. Elected 8 years as TALLMADGE Democratic Central Committee person.

*Q1: What are the top priorities you seek to address once in office?*

Answer: It is important to me to strengthen our neighborhoods by seeing they are kept safe, our streets maintained, emergency response times from our safety forces remain within minutes, and housing values are not threatened by blighted vacant properties

*Q2: What strategies will you support to accomplish these priorities?*

Answer: Provide first class services for our residence support additional growth in the JEDD to bring additional revenue encourage businesses to locate here that might bring people to Talmage instead of our residents having to go to Other communities to shop for entertainment and fine dining.

**Garrettsville Village Mayor**

Vote for no more than 1

Rick Patrick  
8174 South Park Garrettsville, OH 44231

**Garrettsville Village Board of Public Affairs**

Vote for no more than 2

Edward Maresh  
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE  
8451 Garfield Dr. Garrettsville, OH 44231

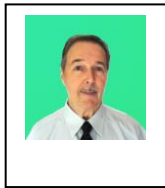
**Garrettsville Village Board of Public Affairs**

Vote for no more than 2

Fran Teresi  
7979 State St. Garrettsville, OH 44231

**Garrettsville Village Council**

Vote for no more than 2



Larry J. Beatty  
retired

Age: 71

10740 Liberty St. Garrettsville, OH 44231

Education: graduate 12 years james a garfield / two years kent state university

Training & Experience: union carpenter/cabinet maker, construction superintendent, cleveland carpenters local 21 president for 18 years

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Village and how would you address them?*

Answer: I am a lifetime resident of Garrettsville. My wife and i have lived in our Liberty St. home for 32 years.

My vision and goal for the village of Garrettsville is to continue moving forward with growth while maintaining the same small-town feel that I have grown up with. To be environmentally friendly with both clean water and air and continue to maintain a safe and healthy family atmosphere.

As a council person I will base all my decisions on the well being of garrettsville and its residents.

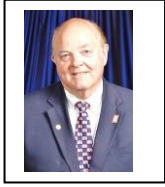
**Garrettsville Village Council**

Vote for no more than 2

Jeffrey S. Kaiser  
8549 River View Dr. Garrettsville, OH 44231

### **Hiram Village Mayor**

Vote for no more than 1



**Lou Bertrand**

Hiram Mayor and lawyer

PO Box 65 Hiram, OH 44234

Website/Facebook/Twitter:

Education: Graduate: Mercersburg Academy | B.A. University of Buffalo. | J.D. University of Toledo, College of Law

Training & Experience: 4 yrs. Assist. Prosecuting Attorney | 28 yrs. Council, Hiram Village | 12 yrs. Mayor, Hiram Village

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Village and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1. Hiram like many municipalities is faced with aging infrastructure, example, streets, water lines, sewer lines, urban forestry and blighted and abandon properties. Hiram Mayor along with council members are charged with setting forth priorities in maintaining and improving these important assets.

2. Diversify Hiram's economy - Hiram Village with Hiram College, State and County should seek industries that utilizes the training and experience of Hiram College students and graduates.

3. The Hiram water and sewer should be regionalized in a District pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

### **Hiram Village Council**

Vote for no more than 2

**Frank Hemphill**

PO Box 181 Hiram, OH 44234

### **Hiram Village Council**

Vote for no more than 2

**Paul Spencer**

6655 State Route 82 Hiram, OH 44234

### **Mantua Village Mayor**

Vote for no more than 1

**Linda S. Clark**

10928 Main St. Mantua, OH 44255

### **Mantua Village Clerk-Treasurer**

Vote for no more than 1

Jenny August

Mantua Village Clerk-Treasurer

4934 Canada Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

Website/Facebook/Twitter:

Education: Associates Degree in Business Management- University of Akron.

Training & Experience: 12 years as Clerk-Treasurer of Mantua Village. Account Clerk for WKSU radio and other departments during my 20 years at Kent State University. I attend Auditor of State required annual training to stay compliant with the Fiscal Integrity Act.

*Question 1: What do you consider to be the most important responsibility of the Clerk-Treasurer?*

Answer: In Mantua Village the Clerk-Treasurer is the Clerk of Council. Thoroughly recording Council meetings is significant. I try to portray the Council meeting so that a person would know as much about the meeting as if they had actually attended. The Treasurer aspect is more involved. Balancing the books is extremely important. This is the village residents' checkbook that they entrust the Clerk-Treasurer to keep in order. The Auditor of State's office and the Portage County Budget Commission insist on financial compliance, therefore, correctly recording expenditures and revenues in the appropriate funds is critical. Council needs to be apprised of available funds as they make spending decisions to meet the needs of the community while remaining provident. Accuracy and accountability is the most important responsibility of the Clerk-Treasurer.

### **Mantua Village Council**

Vote for no more than 2

Robert Gaglione

10828 Park St. Mantua, OH 44255

### **Mantua Village Council**

Vote for no more than 2

Paula Tubalkain

4710 Canada Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

### **Mogadore Village Mayor**

Vote for no more than 1

Michael A. Rick

3745 Prospect St. Mogadore, OH 44260

**Mogadore Village Council**

Vote for no more than 4

Bobby McDowall

Paralegal

3502 Curtis St. Mogadore, OH 44260

Education/Training/Experience: B.A. Political Science from The University of Akron Member of Mogadore Council 2013-present

Website: <http://BobbyMcDowall.com> Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/Bobby4Ohio>

Twitter @BobbyMcDowall\_

*Q1: What are the greatest challenges of this office and how will you meet those challenges?*

The greatest challenge of this office is balancing the budget of the village. Over the last 10 years, the State Legislature has cut funding to local governments. These cuts have made it difficult to maintain services for Mogadore residents. In the face of continuing budget cuts, the Mayor and members of council have worked together to retain our programs and employees. I hope to collaborate over the next four years to work with the money we have, find new sources of funds, and keep our village vibrant and strong.

**Mogadore Village Council**

Vote for no more than 4

Bob Schrock

3836 Orchard St. Mogadore, OH 44260

Candidate did not respond.

**Mogadore Village Council**

Vote for no more than 4

John R. Tonsic

Retired - OMNOVA Solutions

3367 ½ Mogadore Rd. Mogadore, OH 44260

Education/Training/Experience: Mogadore High School graduate Akron University - Sales & Marketing

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JohnTonsicforCouncil>

*Q1: What are the greatest challenges of this office and how will you meet those challenges?*

The greatest challenge will be to keep our residents informed of pending issues and legislation. Voter feedback and opinion is important to establish priorities for future growth and development of our village.

**Mogadore Village Council**

Vote for no more than 4

Barb Van Dike

3489 Curtis St. Mogadore, OH 44260

Candidate did not respond.

**Mogadore Village Council**

Vote for no more than 4

Chris Yoho

3713 Dick St. Mogadore, OH 44260

Candidate did not respond.



**Sugar Bush Knolls Mayor**

Vote for no more than 1

John Michael Guidubaldi  
1327 Sheppard Dr. Kent, OH 44240

**Sugar Bush Knolls Clerk-Treasurer**

Vote for no more than 1

William Elder  
1381 Ridgecrest Dr. Kent, OH 44240

**Sugar Bush Knolls Council**

Vote for no more than 2

No candidate filed

**Windham Village Mayor**

Vote for no more than 1



Scott Garrett

Educator/Teacher

Age: 59

9519 Bauer Ave. Windham, OH 44288

Education: 1978 Windham High School 1982 B.A Mount Union 1992 M.A. Kent State

Training & Experience: 34 years Southeast Middle School 25 years Windham Village Council Council President under 4 different Mayors Mayor Village of Windham 12/2018 to present

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Village and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1. Safety ; Our police force offers 24 hour coverage 7 days a week with a 6 minute response time. We have partnered with Windham High School to have an officer in the schools to keep our kids safe. We have put together a package to replace the SUV's so our police have reliable vehicles to better service our citizens. 2. We have aggressively gone after grants to upgrade our infrastructure. This year we are repaving Belden, Bright, Bauer and Blanton. We have also refitted both water towers and made improvements to the well fields. In the past year we have made improvements to both the water and sewer plants. On route 303 new curb boxes have installed that are handicap accessible. We are also in the process of replacing the old traffic lights work LED lights. 3. We must revitalize our village. We have partnered with NDS to build a new 7 million dollar project to bring 30 new apartments to Windham. We need to build up our population so we can get a grocery store to invest in Windham.

**Windham Village Mayor**

Vote for no more than 1

Ryan S. Wagner  
9230 N. Main St. Windham, OH 44288  
Candidate did not respond.

**Windham Village Council**

Vote for no more than 2

Lawrence Cunningham Jr.  
9871 Green Dr. Windham, OH 44288  
Candidate did not respond.

**Windham Village Council**

Vote for no more than 2

Sandy Cale Patti  
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE  
9794 E. Center St. Windham, OH 44288  
Candidate did not respond.

**Windham Village Council**

Vote for no more than 2

Sherri Pennington  
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE  
9318 N. Main St. Windham, OH 44288  
Candidate did not respond.

**Atwater Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Linda Allen  
5894 Waterloo Rd. Atwater, OH 44201

**Atwater Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

Philip T. Cox  
Retired  
Age: 68  
1325 Wilson Ave. Atwater, OH 44201  
Education: Associates civil Engineering Forbes Trail Tech- Monroeville, Pa. Akron U. Business Management  
Training & Experience: 26 yrs lab tech Omnova Sol. over 20yrs. Sec. Treasurer Local 419 Nego. Contracts  
*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*  
Answer: 1) Fiscal responsibility 2) to make the township accountable to all the residence. 3) To improve services to the community and to see growth.

### **Atwater Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

John B. Kovacich

Township Trustee/Retired Union Laborer (32 years)

Age: 59

5818 Laubert Rd. Atwater, OH 44201

Education: High school graduate

Training & Experience: 46 Laborer related certifications. (2) terms as Township Trustee. Serving on multiple boards in the county.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1. Funding, with local Government funds being cut by the state, we have been searching for grant monies to help shore up some of the short fall in revenues. 2. Park, actively seeking a grant for the walking trail, will know something in October 2019. 3. Roads, maintaining program to ensure safe travel (sign grant) (O.P.W.C. grant) (Speed limit studies)

### **Brimfield Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

John Dalziel

4502 Pleasant Lakes Dr. Kent, OH 44240

### **Brimfield Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1



Sue Fields

Township Trustee

Age: 74

3547 Elmhurst Ct. Kent, OH 44240

Education: Portage County Leadership Academy. Ohio Township Association Leadership Program. Attended Stark Technical College.

Training & Experience: 25 years in Human Resources and 24 years as a Township Trustee

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: My first priority has been to manage the increased and future growth of the Township. To accomplish this we have placed on board an Economic Director/Zoning Inspector with in-depth experience consistent with our present and future issues. My oath of office as an elected official requires that I protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents. This priority over the years has always been my goal. Currently, I am president of the Brimfield Community Cupboard. This all-volunteer, non-profit group has been successful only because Brimfield residents and businesses have been supportive for those less fortunate in our community. Currently, our Cemetery Sexton and I have undertaken the task of updating the Pioneer Section located in Restland Cemetery. This is the original portion of Restland Cemetery and dates back to the late 1700's. Replacement stones will be secured partly through individual donations and available grants.



### **Brimfield Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

Ronn Franczkowski

Finance and Insurance

4100 Hunters Ridge Dr. Ravenna, OH 44266

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://www.facebook.com/RonnFranczkowskiBrimfieldTownshipTrustee/>

Education: MBA - KSU; Education Specialist in Higher Ed Admin - KSU; BS Computer Science – YSU

Training & Experience: 17 Years in Education - College and High School; 15 Years in Business, Finance, and Insurance

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: Seniors, Family, and Veterans As our community continues to grow we need see that our senior population is not forgotten in the expansion of the township. I plan on having monthly senior events for our seniors to attend to help them feel welcome in their community. Families are important too. Trustees do not have any direct say so when it comes to the operations of the schools in the community. However, It is important we have good schools for our children so they have a solid education which will enrich them for the rest of their lives. I plan on having regular social and educational family events. Our veterans, I plan on being a liaison for them to see what resources are available to them. Being a Son of a Legion and a Life member of the VFW Auxiliary I have a tender soft spot in my heart for our veterans. Some of veterans are gone, but they will never be forgotten. Let us never forget our veterans.

### **Brimfield Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

James Harper

3868 Lor Ron Ave. Kent, OH 44240

Candidate did not respond.

### **Charlestown Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Susan M. Forgacs

7352 Newton Falls Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

### **Charlestown Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1 Term commencing 1/1/2020

Bruce A. Lange

8060 Newton Falls Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

### **Charlestown Township Trustee unexpired term**

Vote for no more than 1 Term to end 12/31/2021

James R. Eskridge

7506 Newton Falls Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

### **Deerfield Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Kristy Elliott

PO Box 204 Deerfield, OH 44411

**Deerfield Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

Mark Bann  
1573 Bonner Rd. Deerfield, OH 44411

**Edinburg Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

William McCluskey  
4227 Rock Spring Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

**Edinburg Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

Jeffrey Bixler  
Manager General Motors Retired  
4075 Porter Rd. Rootstown, OH 44272  
Education: Attended Southeast High School  
Training & Experience: Served on fire dept retired chief 33 yrs Served as zoning inspector 4 yrs Served on zoning board of appeals.  
*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*  
Answer: Continue to move township forward by updating equipment while keeping within budget. There continues to be more demand for EMS services for our residents, plan to continue higher quality responses. Work with department heads to achieve grants for building and equipment replacement

**Edinburg Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

Thomas M. Repcik  
PO Box 336 Rootstown, OH 44272  
Education: Graduated Cuyahoga Falls High School. Professional management courses, Penn State. Ohio Manufacturing Classes. Business Owner.  
Training & Experience: Completed UAN training--State of Ohio Auditors office for Fiscal Officer. Township Trustees classes at winter conference for Trustees in Columbus. 2 years Fiscal Officer--Edinburg Twp. 12 years Trustee--Edinburg Twp. Administrative Asst. to Fiscal Off. & Trustees.  
*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*  
Answer: 1. Assure that there are enough funds to cover all the Township needs for yearly operations. 2. Assure that the Township receives and or applies for available grants to meet the needs of the departments within the Township Organization. 3. Comply with all state and local rules for proper operation of the Township, ie. Balanced Budget, enough carryovers for starting the next year, provide necessary training for all employees so they can carry out their duties in each of their departments. Provide the best services for the residents of Edinburg Township.

### **Franklin Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Lise S. Russell

Fiscal Officer

7077 Diagonal Rd. Kent, OH 44240

Education: high school graduate, two years college

Training & Experience: Currently seeking my third term as fiscal officer plus 15 hours per year professional development and training by the state auditor's office.

*Question 1: What do you consider to be the most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer?*

Answer: The most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer is to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars, maintain transparency in all accounting and record keeping, and keep the voting board apprised of the financial stability of the township at all times in order to keep residents satisfied with the services provided by their elected leaders.

### **Franklin Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

Scott E. Swan

6171 Third Ave. Kent, OH 44240

### **Freedom Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Jennifer Derthick

Administrative Secretary

Age: 44

6470 Streeter Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

Education: 1993 Graduate of James A. Garfield and Maplewood Career Center; attended Kent State University

Training & Experience: Administrative Secretary at Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities; 2017 Graduate Leadership Portage County; holds offices of President and Secretary/Treasurer of two different non-profits; member of International Association of Administrative Professionals

*Question 1: What do you consider to be the most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer?*

Answer: The most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer is to be accountable to the residents of the township for where funding comes from; where it goes; maintaining accurate records; responding to records requests and keeping the residents informed of township business. The residents need to rely on their Fiscal Officer to make sure that required reporting and questions they have can be answered accordingly and in a timely manner.

### **Freedom Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1



**Karen S. Martin**

Freedom Twp, Fiscal Officer

5934 Streeter Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

Education: HS, Business College, 1yr, Univ of Phoenix

Training & Experience: 14 yrs Fiscal Officer, Freedom Twp., Hospital & Dr. office experience

*Question 1: What do you consider to be the most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer?*

Answer: It is necessary to keep up with the changes in State laws affecting Local Government.

Managing all funds coming in or expected to be received by the Township. Keeping the governing body (Trustees) aware of the monies that are available to be spent and control the unnecessary expenditures of the Township. Maintain and distribute important information received by the Township and from the State Departments, i.e. Auditor of State, ODOT, County Depts, all vendors.

### **Freedom Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

**David Bultinck**

PO Box 84 Mantua, OH 44255

Candidate did not respond.

### **Freedom Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

**Jeffrey Derthick**

Service Worker/Township Trustee

Age: 46

6470 Streeter Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

Education: 1992 Graduate of Crestwood Local School District and Maplewood Career Center; attended Hocking Technical College

Training & Experience: Currently a township trustee; knowledge of laws; experience in working with the State of Ohio, cities and other townships; knowledge of roads and repair work; past zoning inspector, firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician; working with community members.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1. Roads – I have applied for and received two grants from the Ohio Public Works Commission for road improvements. I will continue to work with the Portage County Engineer's office and the Ohio Public Works Commission to prioritize and improve our township roads and develop a regular maintenance program. 2. Equipment – I will continue to do research and obtain proposals to improve the current outdated equipment that is in need of repair. 3. Township buildings – I will apply for grants and continue to work with community volunteers to figure out ways to maintain and improve our facilities for our community and so that all of our equipment can be stored inside.

### **Hiram Township Fiscal Officer**

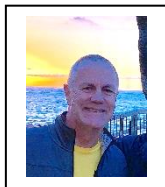
Vote for no more than 1

**Diane Rodhe**

11260 Wheeler Rd. Garrettsville, OH 44231

### **Hiram Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1



Jack Groselle

Farmer

Age:

6471 Pioneer Trail Hiram, OH 44234

Education: Graduated Hiram College 1976 Graduate of Ohio State Leadership 2 year program Graduate or Portage Co. leadership program

Training & Experience: Past Portage Co. Commissioner Hiram Township Trustee for 12 years Past member of Hiram Fire Department for 25 years

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: 1. Finishing up moving all departments and Township Hall to our park

2. Continuing to work to keep the rural values we have in Hiram Township

3. I am so proud of Hiram Township Roads, the Township employees do a great job of maintaining and upkeep of our road, working with our citizens both new ones and ones that have lived here all their lives. We have a super great community

### **Mantua Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Susan J. Skrovan

Fiscal Officer

Age: 57

4770-B Wayne Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

Education: High School Graduate, Continuing Education Classes

Training & Experience: Six and one-half years as an assistant Fiscal Officer, almost seven years as a Fiscal Officer, 20 years attending meetings.

*Question 1: What do you consider to be the most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer?*

Answer: Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability! I believe these are the two most important fundamental responsibilities of any Fiscal Officer. You are entrusted by the voters of your community to manage their tax dollars to the best of your ability and spend those dollars responsibly. You are a public servant for all your residents.



## **Mantua Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

**Betsy M. Woolf**

Fiscal Officer

11070 State Route 44 Mantua, OH 44255

Education: Graduate of Crestwood High School, Attended Kent State University, Fortis Business College/Associates Degree

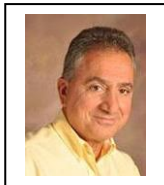
Training & Experience: 14 years in Government Accounting State of Ohio Fiscal Officer Training OTARMA Conference UAN Training 15 year Notary Public State of Ohio Treasurers Training Bureau of Workers Comp Compliance

*Question 1: What do you consider to be the most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer?*

Answer: To keep the Township books and records accurate and up to date and to keep the Township financially responsible. I was unanimously appointed as Fiscal Officer in October 2018 by the Mantua Township Trustees to fill out the term.

## **Mantua Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1



**John Festa**

Mantua Township Trustee

11915 Chamberlain Rd. Aurora, OH 44202

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://johnfesta.com> <http://www.facebook.com/VoteFesta/>  
[twitter.com/MantuaTownship](https://twitter.com/MantuaTownship)

Education: Bedford High School Graduate, Cuyahoga Community College 6 quarters, "Deans List" 2 quarters.

Training & Experience: Mantua Township Trustee Chairman, Portage Co. Airport Authority, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Portage Co. Combined Health Dist., Portage Co. Twp. Assoc., Ohio Twp Assoc./Graduate Leadership Academy, Local Chamber of Commerce. Mantua Shalersville Fire Dist. Chairman

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: Roads: Heavy-duty construction equipment is purchased to repair and improve many miles of township roads every year; crack sealing added in 2019 helps supports our 5-year road rotation repair program. Keeping township roads and culverts maintained, open, mowed and secure is vital, it saves lives. Structures: Historic and notable structures require constant upkeep; township restoration initiatives remain vibrant, and community volunteer workshops assist trustees on preservation projects. Maintaining historic cemeteries, memorials & buildings and safeguarding our heritage is central and ongoing. Open Government: Mantua Township is well managed, responsible, accessible, fiscally accountable and strong. A website provides links to officials, township funds are safe earning higher rates, meetings are open and tough policies remain in place protecting the people's money. Tackling township priorities with positive results is my main objective, making promises and excuses is not an option.

## **Mantua Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

**Peter V. Tosi**

4671 Wayne Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

Candidate did not respond.

**Nelson Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Kevin Cihan

11489 Bloom Rd. Garrettsville, OH 44231

**Nelson Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

Mike Kortan

PO Box 511 Garrettsville, OH 44231

**Palmyra Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Kathleen S. Cofojohn

10100 Williams Rd. Diamond, OH 44412

**Palmyra Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1



Robert C. Dunn

School Superintendent

Age: 51

8108 Fisher Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

Website/Facebook/Twitter: [twitter.com/PalmyraTownship](https://twitter.com/PalmyraTownship)

Education: Rootstown High School, Bachelor's Degree from Hiram College, and Master's Degree from Kent State

Training & Experience: I have had the opportunity to serve the residents of Palmyra as a Palmyra Township Trustee for the past 6 years. I have been blessed to work at Southeast Schools for 28 years as a teacher, principal, and superintendent.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: If I'm re-elected my top three priorities will continue to be safety, continuous improvement, and fiscal responsibility. Safety will be a main focus. Thanks to our residents' support we have purchased a new emergency squad. Updating safety equipment and providing ongoing safety training for our staff is a priority. Secondly, continuous improvement will drive our decisions. We have put an emphasis on improving and maintaining our roads, updating road crew equipment, and offering an annual township cleanup to benefit our residents. We have outstanding employees working for the road and fire departments which has allowed us to provide quality services for our community. The third priority will be fiscal responsibility. We have added a new playground at the park, hosted two annual community events, and the cemetery Chapel project will begin soon. These upgrades have been largely funded by grants and private donations. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the residents of Palmyra.

**Palmyra Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

Thomas Grund

3596 Jones Rd. Diamond, OH 44412

Candidate did not respond.

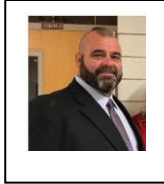
**Paris Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Linda L. Shaulis  
9174 Newton Falls Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

**Paris Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1 For term commencing 1/1/2020



Ed Samec Jr.  
Retired Chief of Police

Age: 50

9229 Newton Falls Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://paris-township.com>

Education: Graduated from Crestwood High School University of Akron Criminal Justice Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy

Training & Experience: I have been a Paris Township Trustee for 4 years. I have a vast exposure to governmental entity operations and procedures through my law enforcement career.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: Accountability to the community and transparency is vital to harmony and community togetherness. I strive to be frugal with our tax dollars while not sacrificing improvements to our Townships infrastructure. I have a passion for Paris Township residents and Paris Township Fire Department. With my background in Safety Services I strive to empower our Fire Department with the needed equipment that's vital in providing the highest level of services to Paris Township. Our Township residents are the main priority and the current Paris Township Trustee Board focuses on that.

**Paris Township Trustee (unexpired term)**

Vote for no more than 1 For term to end 12/31/2021

David A. Kemble  
5610 State Route 225 Ravenna, OH 44266

**Randolph Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Mary A. Rodenbucher  
1314 Matti Rd. Atwater, OH 44201

**Randolph Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

John K. Lampe  
2975 Waterloo Rd. Mogadore, OH 44260

### **Ravenna Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1



**Gail Pittman**

Accountant

3085 Summit Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Business, Master's Degree in Accountancy, Enrolled Agent with Dept. of Treasury, Fiscal Officer for 6 yrs

Training & Experience: Over 35 years in the accounting field holding positions as Staff Accountant, Manager, and Controller. Owner of Lighthouse Tax & Bookkeeping providing individual and business tax and advisory services for the past 17 years. Fiscal Officer for 6 years for Rav. Twp.

*Question 1: What do you consider to be the most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer?*

Answer: Budgeting and financial forecasting are the most important responsibilities of the Fiscal Officer.

A township must know what the financial requirements are for the next 1, 2, 10, or 15 years in order to best determine how to meet those needs to best serve the residents of the community. Plans to pay for road repairs, buy and maintain equipment such as plow trucks, ambulances, and fire trucks; pay employees, etc. are critical areas where the Fiscal Officer must work with department heads and trustees to determine the needs, prioritize, and budget for meeting those needs. Township governments have limited resources and the needs are many. Funds are not available to complete all the projects in the time frame we want them to be done and that's when the financial planning skills of the Fiscal Officer are most valuable.

### **Ravenna Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

**Hank T. Gibson**

PO Box 16 Ravenna, OH 44266

### **Rootstown Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

**JoAnn Townend**

4268 Sandy Lake Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

**Rootstown Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

Joe Paulus

Senior Computer Technician

Age: 55

3983 Marsh Creek Ln. Rootstown, OH 44272

Education: Bachelors of Information Technology

Training & Experience: Born and reared in Rootstown. Air Force veteran. Government IT contractor. Former Rootstown business owner. 2-time President of Rootstown Area Chamber of Commerce. 2-time President of Rootstown Lions Club. Youth sports coach. Two-term and current Township Trustee.

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY PARK. Once the property is leveled out according to plans, walk paths are the next priority. Water and electric are preparing to come into the park and the pavilions. Then restrooms. The budget is very small for this so the development is slow. BUILD A COMMUNITY CENTER. For a township our size, it is a shame that we do not have an affordable place to hold community-sponsored events and private parties. I would like to have a ballroom, various sized meeting rooms, a senior center room, and a teen room. CREATE A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. A JEDD is a way for our growing town to aid in economic development the way we want it to grow. NEOMED is the largest employer in Rootstown and pays nothing in taxes. A JEDD partnership with them and other businesses would be huge. Despite misinformation, a JEDD only taxes businesses within the JEDD and its employees. Not residents. Not retirees. The money from a JEDD could help with my first two priorities.

**Shalersville Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1

Jill Corbett

8679 State Route 44 Ravenna, OH 44266

**Shalersville Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

John R. Kline

4155 Webb Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

**Suffield Township Fiscal Officer**

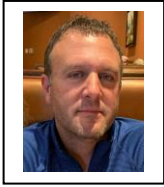
Vote for no more than 1

Lori Calcei

2150 May Rd. Mogadore, OH 44260

### **Suffield Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1



**Jeff Eldreth**

Farm hand

Age: 49

820 Congress Lake Rd. Mogadore, OH 44260

Education: Rootstown High School

Training & Experience: 20 years township road work and 4 years of being a trustee

*Question 1: What are your top three priorities for the Township and how would you address them?*

Answer: The top priority in our township would be our lack of salt storage for our road department. In addressing that problem, we are currently pricing and looking for a location to build a storage shed for the salt, hopefully in the upcoming year of 2020. Our second issue in the township would be dealing with capital expenditures. Our issues are mostly with purchasing new vehicles and equipment. To address that, we are trying to capitalize on every possible year we can with our vehicles. Our employees work throughout the year keeping up the maintenance on each and every vehicle both in our road department and fire department to utilize every vehicle we have to its fullest extent. Lastly, another priority in our Township would be to have community involvement. We have a group here in our Township, The Suffield league, who does a great job sponsoring events, that brings our community together. I would like to see our local govt., including the road dept. and fire dept. get involved

### **Windham Township Fiscal Officer**

Vote for no more than 1



**Casey M. Timmons**

Tax Preparer

Age: 42

8877 State Route 82 Garrettsville, OH 44231

Education: I am a Windham High School graduate. In 2003, I earned my Bachelors of Arts from Hiram College.

Training & Experience: I managed a law office for 17 years. In 2016, I started Timmons Tax & Accounting, LLC. I prepare taxes, bookkeeping and payroll. I am also the administrative assistant for the Garrettsville Police Department and I assist the chief in overseeing the budget.

*Question 1: What do you consider to be the most important responsibility of the Fiscal Officer?*

Answer: The most important responsibility of a Township Fiscal Officer is to oversee and protect township money while working with the trustees to see that money is spent in the best interest of the resident and help facilitate wise spending.

### **Windham Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

**Harold Clark**

8974 State Route 303 Windham, OH 44288

Candidate did not respond.

### **Windham Township Trustee**

Vote for no more than 1

**Brian Keith Miller**

Owner Miller's Sand & Gravel, Miller Service & Supply Co.

Age: 50

10228 State Route 82 Windham, OH 44288

Education: 1987 graduate Windham High, 1993 Graduate Kent State University, Special student Hiram College, graduate Ohio Leadership Academy.

Training & Experience: I have 20 years of being your Windham Twp. Trustee, 12 yrs Regional Planning, Ravenna Arsenal Board Rep., Road Supervisor for Township, fire Board Rep. Solved 100's of problems for township.

### **Mahoning County Educational Service Center**

Vote for no more than 2

**Marie Dockry**

1870 Mary Place Austintown, OH 44515

Age: 61

Occupation: School Counselor, Austintown Local Schools

Education: Bachelor of Science in Education, Youngstown State University, Master of Science in School and Community Counseling, Youngstown State University

Qualifications for Office: Experienced as a teacher, school counselor, and governing board member.

*Question 1: What is your motivation for seeking this office?*

*Question 2: What are your priorities for the school district?*

Answer:

Honored to have served as a board member since the fall of 1995. Proud to have been able to collaborate with my fellow board members to be able to provide quality educational services to our students and staff throughout our valley's school districts for over the past 20 years.

My priorities for our office is to continue working with my fellow board members, our superintendent, and other educational professionals to deliver quality services and professional development opportunities to students and other educators in districts at an affordable rate. Also, remaining knowledgeable about all current educational issues in order to help develop and/or implement programs and policies to meet the challenges of these educational issues.

### **Mahoning County Educational Service Center**

Vote for no more than 2

**Craig Brown (Write-in)**

29918 Hartley Salem, OH 44406

Age: 42

Occupation: Community Development Specialist, BHJMPH, Adjunct Lecturer, KSU

Education: University of Akron, M.A.P.; Ohio Dominion University, B.A.

Qualifications for Office: Former county recorder (2 terms), 15 years higher education teaching experience, Presidential Electoral College Member (2004)

*Question 1: What is your motivation for seeking this office?*

*Question 2: What are your priorities for the school district?*

Answer: MCESC must continue to provide professional support for its partners. We need to commit ourselves to creating a strong foundation for learning and job preparation to prepare our students for a new regional economy embracing both technical and vocational opportunities. School safety must be a countywide priority. We must help all districts take the necessary steps to assure the physical safety and emotional health of our children.

## **Mahoning County Educational Service Center**

Vote for no more than 2

A Ross Douglas (Write-In)

3655 Villa Rosa Dr. Canfield, OH 44406

Age: 45

Occupation: Attorney

Education: Youngstown State University, B.A., 1997, Duquesne University Law School, J.D. 2000.

Qualifications for Office: I was honored to serve on the Board of the Youngstown Community School for several years under Sister Jerome Corcoran which provided me with insight into the nuances of the operation of the Mahoning County Educational Service Center.

*Question 1: What is your motivation for seeking this office?*

*Question 2: What are your priorities for the school district?*

Answer: Our children are our greatest accomplishment, and I believe that it is my duty to serve them. I will strive to provide each child high quality educational services by employing innovative and cost effective strategies to ensure their future success in our ever evolving global economy. The importance of early child education along with student achievement must be emphasized since it serves as the foundation for our children's success. Steadfast commitment to leadership through the Mahoning County Educational Service Center will increase graduation rates and ensure that our children are prepared at the highest level to enter the workforce.

## **Stark County Educational Service Center**

Vote for no more than 2

Jacqueline DeGarmo

5303 S Island Dr NW, Canton OH 44718

Social media: LinkedIn

Age: 67

Education: BA Walsh University; MA University of Akron; Post Grad NSF studies at Ohio University and Bowling Green State University, and the Harvard School of Design Symposium for School Leaders

Occupation: President of Hilliard Jeane LLC; former teacher, principal, superintendent (Plain Local Schools)

Qualifications: 31 years in public education with expertise in curriculum, finance and community; 12 years in consulting business with expertise in design, innovation and global trends; community volunteer and activist

*Question 1: With increased awareness of student mental health and social issues, what should be the role of the educational service center?*

Answer: The parents, teachers and administrators in our individual districts best know their kids and are most able to address their distinct challenges on a personal and compassionate level. Our role is to use our combined resources to equip them with proven tools and training, to assist with education and communications, to help with on-site mental health professionals, and to convene other community stakeholders in the creation of optimal strategies for healthier continuums of care.



### **Stark County Educational Service Center**

Vote for no more than 2

Jeffery R. Evans

14757 Liberty Church St, Minerva OH 44657

Age: 58

Education: Minerva High School graduate 1979; Bowling Green State University graduate 1983, Bachelor of Arts & Communication

Occupation: Sales Manager, Top Advantage Surfaces, Hartville OH, division of HRM Enterprises

Qualifications: Minerva Local School Board, 2006-2018, 3 terms; Founder & President, Minerva Mission in 2016, non-profit focusing on the needs of children and their families in the Minerva Area.

*Question 1: With increased awareness of student mental health and social issues, what should be the role of the educational service center?*

Answer: The Stark County ESC can continue to play a vital role, by coordinating and investing to expand the Care Teams in each district. Expanding support for more volunteer programs to engage local residents with their respective schools. I have worked alongside individuals who are interested in helping in their schools, they just need to be invited and empowered to get involved. Children benefit when the ESC, local service organizations and churches/religious communities work together.

### **Stark County Educational Service Center**

Vote for no more than 2

Mary J. Olson

3064 Townsend St NW, Uniontown OH 44685

Age: 76

Education: Bachelor's/Master's in Education, University of Akron

Occupation: 35 years as Akron Public Schools teacher as an elementary school teacher. Also taught early childhood education at University of Akron for 10 years

Qualifications: Higher education, a Certified National Board teacher, Board member at Lake Schools, sitting member of Stark Co Educational Service Center.

*Question 1: With increased awareness of student mental health and social issues, what should be the role of the educational service center?*

Answer: The SCESC has dealt with, during my term as a board member currently serving as vice president, and should continue to work on ways and means to empower Stark County school districts to tap into resources (federal and state) in dealing with the very difficult mental health and social issues being experienced by our students. As an educator, I am committed to providing quality academic, mental health and social issue resources for Stark County teachers.

### **Summit County Educational Service Center**

Vote for no more than 2

Christina Barry

2021 Forest Edge Dr., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Candidate did not respond

## **Summit County Educational Service Center**

Vote for no more than 2

H. Sean Fremon

President/CEO

3667 Ace Dr. Akron, OH 44319

Training/Experience: President/CEO, Logo.me Promotional Products. President/CEO, PLX Industries, Inc. Board member, Financial Planning and Supervision Commission, Coventry Local Schools (appointed by Gov. Kasich.) Former board member of Habitat for Humanity of Summit County, the Autism Society of Greater Akron, the Akron-Summit County Continuum of Care and Project Homeless Connect. Have served on committees of the Akron Community Foundation, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and several other non-profit organizations in Summit County. Race director, Run to the Beach 5k, benefitting the Portage Lakes Advisory Council. Race director, Chase Your Tail 5k, One of a Kind Pets. Education B.A Communication, 1991, California State University San Bernardino Defense Information School, U.S. Air Force, 1986, 1988

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*Q1: What are the current challenges facing the Board and how will you meet those challenges?*

Answer: The Summit County Educational Service Center is currently run extremely well, currently in growth mode, and having just received an award from the Auditor of State for being among the top fiscally sound educational organizations in the state. Many aren't familiar with what the ESC actually does. The Summit ESC affiliates directly with dozens of school districts throughout Northeast and north-central Ohio, providing contract-based services those schools many may not have staff or expertise in. It includes operating an K-12 autism school; providing specialized support to students including audiology, speech therapy, behavior therapy, psychologists and physical therapy; specialized training for teachers such as deescalation; and facilitating relations between schools and social service agencies. As school needs evolve, so do the programs of the Summit ESC and that fulfilling needs those needs with programs that haven't existed before is the biggest challenge. Aside from ongoing programs, ESC staff members will find unique untapped needs in school districts and the ESC will create programs to fulfill those needs. This particularly impacts students with special needs and autism, which have seen significant growth in recent years. We are looking to expand our autism school to a 2nd location. Continuing to help grow the ESC and identify those educational gaps, along with helping make the most vulnerable students have the best educational experience they can, are my top priorities.

## **Summit County Educational Service Center**

Vote for no more than 2

Tina Young

2037 Greensburg Rd. North Canton, OH 44720

Candidate did not respond.

## **Aurora City School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Miriam Conner

536 E. Acadia Pt. Aurora, OH 44202

## Crestwood Local School Board

Vote for no more than 3



Tim Herron

Accounting Technician

6188 State Route 82 Hiram, OH 44234

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://www.facebook.com/herronforcrestwood/>

Education: Attended Rootstown schools and Maplewood for Machine Trades, graduating in 1983.

Training & Experience: I am a 20 year veteran of the US Navy. I have worked in the accounting field for 15 years, which includes 13 as an Accounting Technician (accounts payable and obligations) and 2 as a Billing Analyst. I have extensive experience working with government contracts.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: We have an older Middle and High school that create challenges with “keeping up” in today’s world. With State and Federal funding cuts as well as declining enrollment we have less funding to accomplish what we need. We need to find more efficient ways to use the funds we have and still provide the best education possible for our children. We need to focus on what we can do to educate our children and the best way to prepare them to succeed in today’s technological world.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: The best way to engage the community is through communication. The Crestwood community is unique because it covers a very large area with 3 different communities, Hiram, Mantua and Shalersville. These communities have always been very supportive when there is a need. We need to get the information to these communities to keep them informed of what the schools are doing and what we need their help with for our children to succeed, whether it is financial, donations or volunteers.

## Crestwood Local School Board

Vote for no more than 3



Bonnie Lovejoy

Business Owner

Age: 43

12337 State Route 44 Mantua, OH 44255

Education: Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, Chamberlin High School, Advanced business classes

Training & Experience: Member of Crestwood Board of Education, Member of Maplewood Career Center Board of Education. Owner of 3 businesses. Hire, train and manage staff. Bookkeeping, payroll, and marketing for businesses. Involved in the day to day operations of all 3 businesses.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: The current challenges are the district finances and having a balanced budget. Our board has already instituted cost cutting measures. The board needs to continue looking for ways to save money without impacting the educational programs. I will continue to work with the voting public to make sure our elected officials at local, state, and federal levels are accountable for making sure we are properly funding the education of our children at all levels.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: The best way to engage the community is through communication. Encourage community members to share their stories and experiences. Invite the community to participate at events and board meetings.

## Crestwood Local School Board

Vote for no more than 3



Karen Schulz

retired-27 years public service

Age: 67

4819 Goodell Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

Website/Facebook/Twitter: [http://Karen Schulz](http://KarenSchulz)

Education: Crestwood Highschool, Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences Kent State, Master of Public Administration Kent State

Training & Experience: Currently in 4th. year of term on Crestwood Board of Education numerous seminars, classes, and conferences in management, budgeting, negotiations, human resources, policy creation and review, ethics, and program evaluation

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: Like many school districts, Crestwood faces not only in-school issues, but challenges originating in our society. We must be prepared to address and deal with poverty, drug use, broken homes, and violence all while creating an environment in our schools where students feel safe and ready to learn. Quick breakfasts; programs for low-cost lunches and school supplies; and thoughtful, discrete donations all help. These along with innovative counseling and teaching methods and proactive district security make each school day a good one for as many students as possible. These programs, facilities, and practices can be expensive and although money isn't the solution to all of these problems, it does go a long way towards helping to solve them. So I would say that our number one challenge is fiscal. Demonstrating good financial judgement, careful budgeting, and being diligent and cautious in requesting funding from the community is necessary to continue to face and overcome these issues.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: The Crestwood community is widely varied in demographic makeup so a variety of means of truthful, transparent, and positive communication is required to effectively reach everyone. I would continue to use electronic, print media, and public forums to highlight and celebrate our students' academic, fine arts, and athletic achievements. I would also show how our district-wide programs encourage and support student success. Continued upgrades and additions to curriculum and facilities will further prepare our students for life after Crestwood. Ongoing prudent use of district monies and resources promises additional evidence to trust in our district. Finally, providing answers to Community members' questions and concerns should inspire confidence and encourage engagement with our District.

## **Crestwood Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3



**Shawn D. Semety**

Registered Nurse, Case Manager

Age: 48

11125 Peck Rd. Mantua, OH 44255

Education: Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Training & Experience: Emergency Room Registered Nurse 2003-2018 Registered Nurse Case Manager - March 2017- Present Youth Baseball Coach- 2018- Present. Board of Education Member- Crestwood Local Schools January 2018 to Present.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: There are many challenges currently facing our school district. I feel that one of the most important is declining enrollment. Parents face many alternatives when considering their child's education. On top of the fact that people aren't having as many children as they used to, there are charter schools, private schools, and neighboring districts vying to educate our children. We need to offer the best education possible to all of our students and find reasons for them to stay as opposed to making other choices. Fiscal management is also a concern. I will continue to work hard to ensure that we maximize our district spending and resources and that we make careful decisions for all stakeholders. All opinions and perspectives are important and should be considered to come up with creative, workable solutions to face the district's challenges.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: I would like to encourage community support for the Crestwood Schools by welcoming in the community to more activities at the schools. Not everyone in the community has a child in the school, but they all have a stake in the Crestwood Community. There are generations of families in our district. We should offer as many opportunities as possible to engage all our community members. My wife and I have made a real effort to take our sons to as many activities as we can. As parents it is important to us that we instill a sense of community and school pride in our children.

## **Field Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

**Ethan Miller**

3959 Mogadore Rd. Kent, OH 44240

## **Field Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

**Larry Stewart**

4633 King Meadow Trail Kent, OH 44240

**James A. Garfield Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3

Gary Foy

7998 Wolff Dr. Garrettsville, OH 44231

Candidate did not respond.

**James A. Garfield Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3

Colleen Khairallah

10729 Forest St. Garrettsville, OH 44231

Candidate did not respond.

**James A. Garfield Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3

David Vincent

7995 Zupancic Dr. Garrettsville, OH 44231

Candidate did not respond.

**James A. Garfield Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3

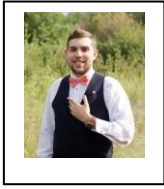
Deral White

8635 Freedom Rd. Windham, OH 44288

Candidate did not respond.

## Kent City School Board

Vote for no more than 2



Christopher Clevenger-Morris

Community Outreach Coordinator | Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Age: 28

648 Woodside Dr. Kent, OH 44240

Website/Facebook/Twitter: <http://www.chrisforkent.com> <http://www.facebook.com/ChrisForKent>  
[twitter.com/ChrisForKent](https://twitter.com/ChrisForKent)

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Kent State University, May 2014

Training & Experience: I've spent the last ten years working as an advocate for at-risk youth to local, state and federal elected officials and organizations. I hope to use my experience in government relations to better advocate for the needs of our students and the school district.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: We live in an age in which the risk of violence in our schools is at an all-time high. In order to protect our students, we must ensure that our policies and procedures are actively evolving to respond to changing circumstances. To do this we must ensure that our schools have updated safety plans, and safety training for our students, teachers, staff, and administrators. Students face a number of challenges both in our own classrooms and at home, all of which can have a drastic effect on their mental health and overall performance. Again, we must ensure that our guidance counselors and staff have the necessary training to identify those students to connect them to the resources they need. Finally, our district is ranked poorly when it comes to the value added to the education of students with disabilities, in preparing our students for success, and in our K-3 reading standards, and has been for years. We must re-evaluate our curriculum and practices to improve in these areas.

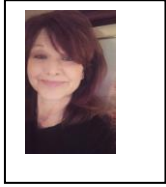
*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: One of the first things we can do is to make meetings of our school board more open and readily accessible to the public, and to ensure that the decisions our school board members are making are fully transparent. While meeting agendas and board briefs are made available to the public online, those documents do very little to explain the issues our district and students face, how are board members discuss those issues, and how our board members actually voted in response to those issues. Further, when considering the actual financial status of our district, the formal 'Updates on District Finances' currently available online do very little to outline actual expenses, revenues, and expenditures. This can be seen in the most recent updates from June and February. If we want to actively engage the community we have to be willing to have honest, open, and transparent conversations. Making our meetings available online would be a great first step.



## Kent City School Board

Vote for no more than 2



Pamela A. Ferguson

Research Director, Kent State University  
1485 North Blvd. Kent, OH 44240

Education: B.A. Psychology/Sociology Kent State Univ. M.A. Sociology University of Houston Ph.D.  
Candidate Higher Educ Admin Kent State Univ.

Training & Experience: \*5 1/2 yrs current experience on Kent Board of Education, including President and VP \*35 year career in social and education research, including various leadership and administrative roles \*Extensive community involvement, including volunteer committees and boards

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: Current challenges facing the Kent City School District include the changing and challenging financial environment for Ohio public school districts, in addition to our district's aging school buildings and facilities. I have been working alongside my Board colleagues to address these challenges by identifying innovative funding opportunities for the district, including those that will facilitate capital improvements and safety enhancements throughout the district. Additionally, promoting and sustaining high academic standards continues to be a challenge for all public school districts, as districts strive to effectively maximize resources to meet the needs of all students. One of the best ways to accomplish this is to create sustainable community networks that leverage resources. In this regard, I interact on many levels to promote and develop district, community, and university partnerships that identify and secure resources to promote learning and healthy communities.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: I have learned from many years of experience that creating connections and networks composed of diverse people is one of the best ways to support our public schools. I have an established record of effectively linking school, community, industry, and university resources in ways that benefit our community and our Kent City School students. In addition, providing opportunities for the community to share differing opinions and experiences relative to the school district, whether through community forums, discussions at district events, or by other means, helps the district move forward in exciting and sustainable ways. Consistently seeking community feedback and opinions, then using this information to inform the district's focus and priorities is an important part of my role as a Board member. Furthermore, encouraging public attendance at the district's Board meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month is another way in which I encourage community support for our district.

**Kent City School Board**  
Vote for no more than 2



**Rebekah Wright Kulis**

VP Operations

1673 Overlook Road Kent, OH 44240

Website/Facebook/Twitter: [twitter.com/rwk825](https://twitter.com/rwk825)

Education: B.B.A., M.B.A. Kent State University,

Training & Experience: I have served 12 years on the Board of Education, now in my 3rd term as president. I've attended many training sessions over the years. In addition to my business background, my most important experience is as a parent and taxpayer who has a high standard for education

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: Poverty: Children in low-income situations have lower word acquisition and homework support. They often experience instability and food insecurity. We will continue to provide targeted interventions, as early as kindergarten, to boost academic skills and family support. Clothing closets are in many schools and Kent Schools is lucky to have generous community partners who provide food, supplies and financial donations to those in need. Safety/Security: This is a significant concern among all schools districts. We continue to make enhancements, most recently LED lighting, as well as reinforcements not visible to the public. In addition, we have a pending plan for physical alterations to enhance the security at each school building. Competition: Despite competition from private/charter schools, public education is key to the vibrancy of a community. We've expanded post-secondary partnerships, strong career-tech programs, and promote arts and athletics to enhance pupil experiences.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: People engage and consume information so differently than they used to, so we strive to reach them at various levels and in a host of formats. Traditional means, like daily papers are still viable, and many use the Kent Schools website to gather information. Individual schools, sports/programs use social media and new Kent Schools social media components have been very well received. A record number of responses were gathered as the community was engaged for input on our 5 year goals. Online surveys and focus groups were used. Being in the schools is crucial to learn more about the wonderful programs and success stories, so participation is invited through our calendar, signage, ads and take-home material. Nothing is better than face-to-face interaction and that why I, along with other board members, are visible at many events, engaging with attendees in the life of the district. I would continue to use current and expanded means to welcome community members into their schools.

**Lake Local School Board**  
Vote for no more than 2

**Deborah L. Cain**

12896 Sunset Cir. NW Uniontown, OH

**Lake Local School Board**  
Vote for no more than 2

**David A. Vanderkaay**

1381 Peony St. NW Hartville, OH

### **Mogadore Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

James Popa  
184 Elizabeth St. Mogadore, OH 44260

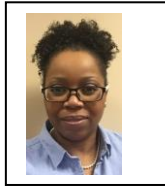
### **Mogadore Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Michelle Yoho  
3713 Dick St. Mogadore, OH 44260

### **Ravenna City School Board**

Vote for no more than 2



Pamela Nation Calhoun  
Executive Director, Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Age: 48  
750 Perry Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266

Education: BA Political Science, Kent State University (1993); Ravenna High School (1989)

Training & Experience: Twenty years of service at the Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority. Member of the Community Action Council of Portage County, Inc. and Portage Learning Centers boards of directors. Former member of the Neighborhood Development Services, Inc. and Townhall II boards.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: Declining enrollment, poverty, and funding are a few challenges facing the district. I believe that family engagement from pre-K through 12 is essential as we attempt to address declining enrollment. We must work to educate families on the many enrollment options that are available to them while marketing all that our district has to offer. District staff must know that they are ambassadors for the district and always conduct themselves accordingly. We must develop a plan that addresses quality and satisfaction issues that may have led to decreased enrollment. This starts with open, honest discussions with the community, parents and district staff. By providing all students with access to the same opportunities, ensuring that a "student first" mentality is present throughout the district and by continuing to educate ourselves, we can minimize the impact of the poverty. We must also work collaboratively with organizations that are working to alleviate poverty-related inequalities.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: It is no secret that community engagement leads to stronger schools; however, before attempting to engage the community, we must take steps to learn about the community. District leadership must be knowledgeable, mindful and respectful of the traditions, goals, values and priorities of the community. We must solicit and encourage input from the community. Feedback gained from the community must always be considered. We must identify district resources that may be useful to the community and ensure that information on the availability of these resources is shared equally and that the resources are distributed equitably. We must facilitate open, honest discussions with the community on the barriers to community support. We must use feedback from the community to develop and continually assess a long-term vision and plan for the district. In order to engage the community to support the schools, we must show the community, through our actions, that their support is essential.

## Ravenna City School Board

Vote for no more than 2



Michael Wisniewski

Criminal investigator Portage County Prosecutor's Office

Age: 39

3417 Hidden Brook Dr. Ravenna, OH 44266

Education: Bachelors degree from the University of Akron.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: The Ravenna school district has its challenges, just like any other district, identifying them is an important step toward achieving a solution. We must come together as a community to encourage and give support to all of our students in the district and find the answers together.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: As a district we must involve local business and organizational leaders and create a school partnership with them. With assistance and support from these influential community leaders and district stakeholders we can organize awareness campaigns that will showcase the positive achievements that the district has made.

### **Rootstown Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Steven Vasbinder  
4150 Siefer Dr. Rootstown, OH 44272

### **Rootstown Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Amanda Waesch

Attorney

Age: 37

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Education: University of Akron School of Law, J.D., summa cum laude; Mount Union College, B.A. Accounting/Political Science, summa cum laude

Training & Experience: Member, Executive Committee Brennan Manna Diamond; Board Member, Rootstown School District (2016-2020) Past Pres (2019) and VP (2018); Adjunct Professor, Univ. of Akron School of Law; Chair Education Committee, Natl Society of Certified Healthcare Business Consultants

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: The biggest challenge that our District currently faces is facilities, which are in dire need of replacement and updates. Our middle school building is over 100 years old and our elementary building is over 60 years old. We have our third facility levy on the ballot this year and we are hoping that it will pass this year. The Board has worked hard with the community to develop a plan that meets the needs of our District and is also affordable for our residents. Our students and faculty deserve safe buildings that foster the best learning environment and enhance our community. I am also a very big proponent of increasing community among the District internally and also with community members externally. I want to continue to promote ongoing communication, which are key to ensuring positive collaboration and ongoing growth. These ultimately benefits our students and the community that our District serves. We need to foster a connection amongst t

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: We need to continue to find creative ways to reach our community members. We have a diverse township - in both the range of age groups and preference of communication. We need to take advantage of the technology available, recognizing families are busy and attending your local school board meeting is often the last item on a community member's schedule. During the last levy campaign, we exhausted all efforts to reach community members and stakeholders through grassroots efforts, which included coffee talks at community members' homes, school open houses + facilities' tours, website + social media postings, newspaper ads, visiting various community groups and local churches, and a radio show. We provide a mailer 3x per year, automated calls to parents throughout the year, handouts & letters to parents, and social media updates and postings. As current Board president and strong proponent of our recent levy efforts, I'm definitely committed to continuing to improve communications.

## **Southeast Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3 For term commencing 1/1/2020



**Mary Kaley**

Retired USPS Post Master

10065 Mottown Rd. Deerfield, OH 44411

Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Kent State University Numerous school workshops and seminars

Training & Experience: Currently serving my 5th term as a board member at Southeast. Through my 34 yrs of employment I have experience with budgets, timekeeping, training, union contracts and employee management. Recipient OSBA's 2013 Master Board Member award. Numerous awards of achievement

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: School safety, families in crisis, and declining enrollment. Our district held community safety meetings which enabled us to form a partnership between the district, community, and first responders. We've added additional cameras, BOLO sticks, safety buckets, along with an School Resource Officer. A prevention case manager was added through a grant who helps connects students and families in need with services that are available. We've brought in outside professionals to help develop behavioral intervention strategies for our students experiencing trauma. Staff members have developed a district-wide positive behavioral intervention and support plan (PBIS) to benefit our students. Additional professional development will focus on mental health and trauma training. Our district has placed a focus on K-12 literacy and conceptual math along with adding and enhancing our curriculum to keep our current enrollment while attracting students who may be looking to enroll elsewhere.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: Southeast schools are the hub of the five townships that make up the district. It is where the people in the community come to meet and talk. We have an open door policy. The board of education host Coffee with the Board giving the community an opportunity to speak with the board in an informal setting. We host a Veterans Day recognition breakfast. There are numerous community clubs such as PTO, SPACE, Athletic, Academic and Music Boosters who serve our students and community members. The public is afforded the opportunity to speak at board meetings. Our district has a close partnership with all of our area churches. We mail an annual Newsletter to our community updating what is going on in our district. We present a Night of the Arts which is open to the community. We have also partnered with our fire and EMS for safety planning.

### **Southeast Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3 For term commencing 1/1/2020



**Jeff McElfresh**

Engineer/Global Program Manager for The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Age: 55

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University

Training & Experience: Certified Project Management Professional, Lean Product Development Black Belt, Certified Executive Coach, Global Engineering Manager

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: School funding is always a challenge for most Ohio schools. The community trusts the board to make the right decisions on how the money is spent. Our investment in the Literacy Collaborative is an example of focusing our limited resources on student success. My business leadership experience helps me, as a school board member, to make decisions and guide our schools to excellence using the resources we are given.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: As a public school district, we need to communicate to the community all the positive things that are happening at Southeast Schools. For example, we implemented a new reading program in the primary school called Literacy Collaborative. Literacy Collaborative is a comprehensive program supported by Ohio State to improve the reading, writing and language skills of our students. Our primary school was recently recognized as an A school on the latest report card and we have had nationally recognized experts come to our school to see how we are implementing this program. There are great things going on at Southeast Schools and I encourage our community to come learn about them.

### **Southeast Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3 For term commencing 1/1/2020

**John Witkosky**

10417 Scotts Corners Rd. Diamond, OH 44412

### **Southeast Local School District unexpired term**

Vote for no more than 1 For term to end 12/31/2021

**John Danes**

9033 Tallmadge Rd. Diamond, OH 44412

**Springfield Local School District unexpired term**

Vote for no more than 1 For term to end 12/31/2021

Neal Hess

1995 Krumroy Rd. Akron, OH 44312

**Springfield Local School District**

Vote for no more than 2 For term commencing 1/1/2020

Mario Grozdanovski

Special Education Teacher

2254 Pickle Rd. Akron, OH 44312

Education: University of Akron, Bachelor of Arts in Education: 7-12 Integrated Social Studies w/ double major in History, 2011 University of Akron, Masters of Arts in Education, Elementary Education Literacy, 2017 University of Akron, Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Program: K-12 Intervention Specialist, 2018

Current Employer: Canton City School District, Title/Position: Special Education Teacher

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Q1: What are the current challenges facing the Board and how will you meet those challenges?

Answer: The Springfield Local School District faces multiple challenges on a local and state level. On a local level, the board must make decisions on upgrading and maintaining current school facilities including a new proposed athletic complex. The board must also maintain and create sensible labor agreements with its employees that are efficient, effective and accounts for future available funding. On a state level, the board must ensure that school district policies are advantageous to teachers and students as new academic performance legislation is adopted and or modified to measure the level of success as a district. I feel my experience and knowledge in the education field will offer common sense and reason.

Q2: What kind of relationship should the Board have with the community, its parents and families?

Answer: The board should continue to have a transparent relationship with the community and its parents and families. As a member of the board of education, I would like to see an increase in announcements so community members have even more opportunities to attend district meetings and express their concerns or ideas to help drive the school district forward in a positive direction.



### **Springfield Local School District**

Vote for no more than 2 For term commencing 1/1/2020

Dave Hofer

Controls Tech. for C & W services @ Amazon

2099 Krumroy Rd. Akron, OH 44312

Previous Public Office: Two terms Springfield School Board

*Q1: What are the current challenges facing the Board and how will you meet those challenges?*

Answer: Cyclical funding not only follows our district but all districts in Ohio. We will soon need new money to keep moving forward. We are proud that we have not had to asks our constituents for new operating money in a little over 20 years. We look for ways to trim budgets and to stretch our funding. We have rented one facility to cover costs and to gain a little in our funding.

Finally upgrading the High School athletic facilities. Not having a track to hold meets for over 20 years has cost us athletes that have left our schools, lost revenue and a place where our stakeholders can walk for healthy lifestyles. We have started the process of having a design concept and plan on moving forward with improvements with fundraising, corporate sponsors, sponsor ships, and possible naming rights for the redone fields. This should help in the attraction of new families moving to the district and reduce student open enrollment out of the district.

*Q2: What kind of relationship should the Board have with the community, its parents and families?*

Answer: One that listens to community concerns but mind full of the requirements that are placed on us by the State and the Ferderal Educational institutions. Most issues are resolved through understanding school policy and using those channels to resolve issues. We have used Constituents to help guide ideas when we where in the planning stages of the Junior/ Senior High School and will most likely seek input for the new athletic facilities upgrades. In the Transportation Depot project the reliance of input from employees using the facility was heavily sought after. Those ideas where included in the design.

### **Springfield Local School District**

Vote for no more than 2 For term commencing 1/1/2020

Larry W. Petry, Jr.

Retired Educator

1360 Catherine Ave. Lakemore, OH 44250

Education/Training/Experience: Graduate of Springfield High School B.S. University of Akron (Family and Child Development) M.A. University of Akron (Secondary Administration)

Current School Board member for Springfield Local Schools.

*Q1: What are the current challenges facing the Board and how will you meet those challenges?*

Answer: Every School Board struggles with how to distribute the limited funds available for operations. We depend on renewal levies to keep our budget in the black. These funding challenges will be met by making decisions that show our voters we are being fiscally responsible with the money they have made available to us. The new Jr. High and High School Building is an example of the Board's effort to share a valuable asset with the community while undertaking energy conscious programs that save thousands of dollars in utility costs. I will support programs and building projects that benefit our entire community.

*Q2: What kind of relationship should the Board have with the community, its parents and families?*

Answer: The Board has a responsibility to make decisions that are best for children. When we do that, it encourages our community to support us. We need to make opportunities for open dialogue with our staff and families. Our best decisions are the ones where all sides of an issue are heard. Our Board Meetings are televised and every agenda has an item asking for stakeholder input. We are elected by the voters in our community so we need to find ways to bring their voices to the table.

### **Stow-Munroe Falls City School District**

Vote for no more than 3

Nancy Brown

Dog Day Care Owner/Operator

3134 Peterboro Dr. Stow, OH 44224

Training/Experience: "Alpha Dog" owner and operator of Double Dog Day Care in Stow since January 2011; Marketing/PR consultant beginning in 1996 (clients included "A Christmas Story" House & Museum, Groundworks Dance Theater and several Cleveland-area restaurants). Sales Support Coordinator with Roadway Express until 1996. Volunteer activities: Board of Directors for Lutheran Campus Ministries at Kent State; Chair of the Endowment Committee at St. Stephen Luther Church in Stow; Executive Board of the Stow-Munroe Falls Band Parents Association for many years. Two sons are K-12 graduates of Stow-MF (2017, 2018)

Education: M.A. Point Park University (Pittsburgh, PA), 1993 - Journalism and Communications with emphasis on PR B.A. Otterbein University (Westerville, OH) 1985, Psychology

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*Q1: What are the current challenges facing the Board and how will you meet those challenges?*

Candidate did not respond.

*Q2: What kind of relationship should the Board have with the community, its parents and families?*

Candidate did not respond.

### **Stow-Munroe Falls City School District**

Vote for no more than 3

Antoinette East-Jenkins

Planning & Development

160 N. River Rd. Munroe Falls, OH 44262

Training/Experience: GRADUATE COURSEWORK & TRAINING - INSTRUCTION: Curriculum & Instruction, C&I – Reading in K-12, Psychology of Instruction, The Professoriate, Student Development, Student Services, Instructional Technology, Elementary & Secondary Licensure, Masters Field Experience w/Licensure. RESEARCH: Techniques of Research, Measurement & Evaluation. SOCIOLOGY/COUNSELING: Cultural Foundations in Education, American Families in Poverty, Middle Childhood & Adolescents, Teen Pregnancy, Clinical Inquiry, Family Stress & Coping. ADMINISTRATION: Educational Foundations, Administration, History of Higher Education, Educational Law, Finance & Higher Education.

Education: Master of Science: Higher Education Administration, The University of Akron - December 2002. Bachelor of Arts: Psychology Minor: Spanish The University of Akron - August 2000. Ohio Teacher Certification - State of Ohio Board of Education - January 2002.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/AEJ4SMF/>

*Q1: What are the current challenges facing the Board and how will you meet those challenges?*

Antoinette East-Jenkins

Answer: The current board face many challenges. Some of the members have an outdated perspective on the issues that face children and parents, and some seemingly don't understand how decisions made at the top actually effect students and teachers. Education is the only arena where non-educators are allowed to be in positions and make decisions that they are not professionally trained to make.

*Q2: What kind of relationship should the Board have with the community, its parents and families?*

Answer: The Board should be an advocate for the parents and children in the communities they serve.

Their goal should be to provide the best education experiences and outcomes for all children.

**Stow-Munroe Falls City School District**

Vote for no more than 3

Lisa Johnson-Bowers

Educational Consultant

1995 Echo Rd. Stow, OH 44224

Training/Experience: Current member of Stow School Board - 4 years. 30+ Years in Education as a Teacher, Coach, University Associate & 4 years as a School Board Member. Ohio School Board Leadership Training, OSBA Board member training (2015-2018)

Education Bachelor's Degree Secondary Education, Comprehensive Science, Kent State University

Master's Degree Education, Kent State University

*Q1: What are the current challenges facing the Board and how will you meet those challenges?*

Answer: The increasing ages of our buildings is a continual challenge. This challenge will be met with complete transparency and a partnership with the community.

*Q2: What kind of relationship should the Board have with the community, its parents and families?*

The Board, the community, its parents and families have one common mission: The welfare and education of our children. With this point in mind, the relationship between the Board and the community, parents, and families should be a transparent partnership.

**Stow-Munroe Falls City School District**

Vote for no more than 3

Eddie W. Norman

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Candidate did not respond.

## Stow-Munroe Falls City School District

Vote for no more than 3

Jessica A. Wright

Judicial Attorney

Training/Experience: Aquatic Manager, City of Cuyahoga Falls; AmeriCorps, American Red Cross of Summit & Portage Counties; Client Services Specialist, American Red Cross of Summit & Portage Counties; Law Clerk, Akron Municipal Court; Judicial Attorney, Akron Municipal Court; Bailiff, Akron Municipal Court; Judicial Attorney

Education: BA, Social Relations, Michigan State University. J.D., The University of Akron School of Law

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Website: <http://VoteJessicaWright.com>

*Q1: What are the current challenges facing the Board and how will you meet those challenges?*

Answer: Infrastructure. Safe, modern learning environments are essential to ensure each child reaches their full potential. Several of our buildings are reaching the end of their lives and the Board will need to make some very important decisions in the near future regarding whether to replace or renovate those buildings. As the Board considers our way forward, it should seek insight from all stakeholders, be receptive to innovative ideas from the community, and remain good stewards of taxpayer money. Busing. Although busing woes occur at the beginning of every school year, our problems this year appeared more from lack of preparedness and poor communication. School transportation should be safe, economical, and efficient. The District should regularly audit all routes and stops and develop a set timeline for communicating with parents before the school year starts.

Parental Engagement. Another challenge is engaging parents/guardians in their child's education. The Board should seek ways to empower teachers and the administration to foster a welcoming environment and develop a flexible approach to building relationships with parents.

Fiscal Responsibility. Finally, an issue that the Board will always face is maintaining its operational costs while continuing to improve student outcomes. I believe that regular external reviews of our operational spending and transparent fiscal reporting and budgeting will allow the District to focus spending and stay on target.

*Q2: What kind of relationship should the Board have with the community, its parents and families?*

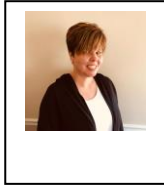
Answer: The Board is the voice of our community and acts as a liaison between the community and the school district. As such, I believe our Board should support open and honest dialogue and always seek insight from those they serve when creating a vision for the District or considering policy changes. When seeking this insight, the Board should be responsive to the values and priorities of our community and encourage civil discourse.

The Board also has a duty to the community to be good stewards of taxpayer money by passing a balanced budget, implement any new initiatives in a financially sustainable way, and seeking grant funding when available. Sound financial management should always be the goal of Board.

Finally, I believe that the Board has a duty of transparency that can only be achieved through effective communication and access to information—basics I do not believe our Board is successfully performing. The Board's vision for the District and the Administration's strategies for achieving that vision should be published on the District's website, and should include specific goals and benchmarks for assessing the District's progress toward meeting those goals.

## Streetsboro City School Board

Vote for no more than 3



Tracy Campbell

Manager, Human Resources & Safety

Age: 46

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Education: 1991 graduate of St Peter Chanel High School; recently attended the OSBA new candidate workshop, OSHA 10 Certification

Training & Experience: I am an HR professional with over 19 years of experience and a small business owner. I served as the Streetsboro Community PTA President for 8 years, support Streetsboro AC4P, Stand for Generosity and The Educational Foundation Board.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: Funding- most of the financial burden is put on the taxpayers/residents in our city. I look forward to learning more about the issues we face as a district. I will explore alternatives to make the most efficient use of our resources by engaging our administrators to find ways to achieve a cost savings without adversely affecting critical educational programming. State report card - our district received a much-improved score over last year, however, there is still much work to be done. Communication - Throughout my tenure with the PTA, I worked tirelessly to improve the quality and quantity of communication between the administration and parents. As a direct result of these and other efforts, administrators were able address concerns more effectively and parents were better informed. Accountability- I will not accept status quo, if an administrator or staff member is not performing up to standard, I will hold them accountable.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: I believe that we need to focus on partnering with our city leaders to promote a strong city-school relationship. We need to look at how many resources can actually be shared. This can only strengthen our district with it's connection to the community. Board of Education members are the link between schools and the community. I will continue to work towards building a better partnership with the community at large. As such, I will be focusing on promoting a positive public relations image of our schools. We need to be committed to hosting informational events like an annual State of our Schools - this would allow us a venue to promote our successes and be an opportunity for our stakeholders to learn about their investment, ask questions and discuss concerns. My intention would be to get the dates/times out well in advance to promote increased attendance.

## Streetsboro City School Board

Vote for no more than 3



Kevin Grimm

Fire Captain - Streetsboro Fire Department

Age: 51

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management; Associate of Science in Fire Science; 1987 graduate of Streetsboro High School.

Training & Experience: I am completing my 4th term on the Board of Education. I have attended numerous school related training sessions around the state, including the annual Ohio School Boards Assoc. Capital Conference in Columbus.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: School funding is our biggest challenge. With no reasonable relief being offered by the state, we must maintain engagement with our residents and show them the value of their school system by showcasing student success in academics, performing arts and sports. Our next challenge is keeping up with the ever-changing state report card. Our new Director of Curriculum brings experience of achieving high performance, along with a new energy and passion for student success. We must ensure our course offerings are preparing our students for college and career. Our administrators are charged with ensuring student success and will always be held to that standard. Last, but certainly not least, is student health and safety. Through on-going safety enhancements and training, we will keep our students safe. I would also like to see a School Resource Officer added for our main campus to provide the needed resource for students in various situations, serve us educationally and bolster safety.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: Our biggest challenge for community engagement will be connecting with families that do not have students in the school district. "I've already paid my share" or "It's not my problem" are not valid statements when it comes to supporting your own school district. Everyone in Streetsboro is affected in some way by the success or failure of our schools. Regularly scheduled community forums emphasizing school achievements need to be held across the district. Highlighting each building and providing guided tours will allow all residents to see their school buildings and ask questions. Residents need to attend to make it successful. Finally, I'd like to see the formation of a district Business Advisory Council consisting of key residents and business people with a genuine interest in Streetsboro Schools. These individuals must be involved in our schools to aid in transparency and potentially discover alternate funding methods and other ways to cut costs.

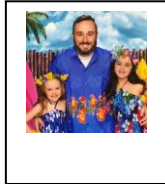
## Streetsboro City School Board

Vote for no more than 3

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Candidate did not respond.

## Streetsboro City School Board

Vote for no more than 3



Nicholas McEnhill  
Business- Technology  
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Education: B.A. Business Administration Wayne State University

Training & Experience: Honors Society, Wayne State Academic Scholarship Earner, Lean Six Sigma Certified, Experienced Process Engineer

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: Performance, Communication, and Efficiency. We have asked a lot of our voters over the past few years. We built or totally remodeled three schools, then followed that up with a 9 mil levy. In return the schools have produced report card score of "C". Our kids deserve better; our community deserves better. The bar need to be set higher, I feel we are an "A" community, and our score card should reflect that. EVERY meeting we need to address struggling areas like "Achievement" where we've only met 9 of 24 markers, and prepared for success where we currently sit as an "F". We need a comprehensive plan to improve, that is shared with the ENTIRE community via periodic bulletin, one that is truthful and highlights both successes and areas needing improvement. Included should be a 10 year funding outlook, complete with levy information. I would also require a monthly cost efficiency project, and make sure it's in the bulletin. We need to be good stewards of Tax dollars, and need to show it.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: This is what I am most excited about. Our community is one community and we need to start thinking of it that way. If you want support from the citizens that don't have a direct link to the schools, you need to engage them. We need to get seniors involved with our schools! There is so much knowledge and life experience that our seniors can share. We need to develop programs that get these folks into our classrooms and sharing that wisdom with our young minds. We need programs such as community reading that engages students, parents and community members to read selected readings together. We need to include parks and rec, city hall, police, fire and service departments into our plans, and see where we can collaborate. This collaboration not only makes us more inclusive, but can help save money. I believe strongly that this is the school board members responsibility to be there and be present at these community events, and I would love the opportunity to help bridge this gap!

## Streetsboro City School Board

Vote for no more than 3



Brian Violi

Regional Sales Manager, Levin Furniture

Age: 57

9464 Cherokee Trail Streetsboro, OH 44241

Education: Graduate of Shaler Area High School, Ohio School Board Association; New Board Member Work Shop, and Board Leadership Institute

Training & Experience: Serving Customers over thirty eight years in retail sales, my 10 years of service as a Member of the Streetsboro Board of Education, and 6 years on the Maplewood Career Center Board.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: One of the most significant concerns for Streetsboro City Schools is the need to improve our state report card. Parents and other stakeholders in the community want to see it get better. Streetsboro did make notable progress on our most recent report card, however, there is still much that must be accomplished. I know we can do better and I support efforts to enhance our curriculum so that students are exposed to the material that will benefit them most. I also endorse and believe in providing professional development to Streetsboro's teachers to help them work with their students more effectively. Additionally, our administrators and leadership team must continue to motivate staff and students to strive for excellence. Streetsboro voters have been very generous in supporting the schools financially and they have a right to expect a return on their investment. I intend to see that they get it.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: I think reaching out to people one on one is the way I prefer to engage community members to support our schools. I'm always happy to share information about the great things happening in our district. When you talk to people one-on-one they can hear and see your sincerity and enthusiasm. I regularly attend the varsity football games and other school sporting events. It's a great way to meet parents and other community members in an informal relaxed setting. I've had many great conversations and also fielded some tough questions from community members at Friday night games. Whenever there is a school related community event, I make it a point to attend. Our high school theater shows draw huge crowds. Through the years, I've enjoyed the performances, but have also found it to be a great opportunity to meet and engage with community members.



### **Tallmadge City School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Christine Cipa

VP Esterle Construction Co., Inc.

478 N. Monroe Rd. Tallmadge, OH 44278

Training/Experience: Member Tallmadge Board of Education for 9 years Degrees in Elementary Education and Secondary Business Education VP Esterle Construction Co., Inc.

Education: MA Elementary Education BS Business Education AA Business Management AA Secretarial Science

*Q1: What are the current challenges facing the Board and how will you meet those challenges?*

We have faced many challenges in the past 5 years. Our focus has been on the passing of two bond issues to build our new middle and elementary schools and also a new athletic facility at the high school. We are seeking private funding to help complete the athletic complex. The middle school opened in August 2019 and we are now working on completing the elementary school within the next 5 months. In addition, we were on the ballot again in May 2019 for an operating levy which passed. The biggest challenge for all school districts is funding. We are constantly looking for ways to make our dollars go further by joining other districts to share resources and personnel.

*Q2: What kind of relationship should the Board have with the community, its parents and families?*

As members of the School Board, we are the liaisons between the community and the schools. We have an obligation to be accessible to the community, parents and students to hear their concerns and help them voice these concerns to achieve a positive outcome. We are also the voice of the schools, and should work with the community to keep them informed regarding school matters.

### **Tallmadge City School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Jennifer Justice-Carter

821 N. Monroe Rd. Tallmadge, OH 44278

### **Waterloo Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3 For term commencing 1/1/2020

Victoria Brock

721 State Route 183 Atwater, OH 44201

### **Waterloo Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3 For term commencing 1/1/2020

Heather Hakin

624 Industry Rd. Atwater, OH 44201

### **Waterloo Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 3 For term commencing 1/1/2020

Katie Walsh

2555 Ranfield Rd. Mogadore, OH 44260

**Waterloo Local School Board unexpired term**

Vote for no more than 1 For term to end 12/31/2021

Amber Wheeler  
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**West Branch Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Bryan R. Hobbins  
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Candidate did not respond.

**West Branch Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Mikki Kanagy  
12450 Malmsberry Rd. Beloit, OH 44609  
Age: 43

Occupation: Physician Assistant at Aultman Alliance Hospital and Director of MAC Wellness Clinic

Education: MS in Physician Assistant Studies at Chatham University. B.S at University of Mount Union.

Qualifications for Office: I have had invaluable experiences as a board of education member for the last 8 years, learning the intricacies of public school education.

*Question 1: What is your motivation for seeking this office?*

*Question 2: What are your priorities for the school district?*

Answer: I am completely invested in my district and community as I have three children attending West Branch Schools. In my eight years I have helped initiate various projects and academic innovations and would like to see them come to fruition. I would also like to keep improving upon our academic success. My main priority is the safety of our children.

**West Branch Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Zach Martin  
15060 Apple Blossom Trail Beloit, Ohio 44609  
Age: 35

Occupation: Plant Manager, Aqua America

Education: Associates of Science, Kent State

Qualifications for Office: I have over a decade of experience creating, implementing and adhering to budgets for expenses and capital improvements. I'm an Army Combat Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom 3. I am a Ruritan and an Eagle Scout.

*Question 1: What is your motivation for seeking this office?*

*Question 2: What are your priorities for the school district?*

Answer: My wife and I have three sons in the district. First, the Board of Education exists to communicate and work for the community. For too long I have watched the current board make motions and vote on items that are covert, never presenting to the public and never discussing items at meetings. This must change! I will work for the community and communicate effectively to facilitate positive change. Second, the financial information presented to the public is lacking key performance indicators. It is manipulated and doesn't adhere to accounting practices. Third, there are performance issues in the top administration that must be dealt with. We need positive solutions! We need GREAT administrators to lead our GREAT teachers! Whether you are for or against the levy, you have questions! I will develop an honest and transparent future for West Branch Local and the West Branch Community. Go Warriors! Vote Zach Martin!

### **West Branch Local School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Aaron Hawk

26723 Georgetown Rd. Homeworth, OH 44634

Candidate did not respond.

### **Windham Exempted Village School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Carol Hoskin

Cook

Age: 48

10128 State Route 82 Windham, OH 44288

Education: Graduate of Windham High School

Training & Experience: I am currently the Secretary for the Windham Athletic Boosters. I have 20 + years of customer service experience, and have great problem solving abilities. I volunteer to assist in various ways with the school.

*Question 1: What are the current challenges facing your school district and how would you address them?*

Answer: The biggest challenge facing our district is the low student enrollment. We need to promote all of the positive qualities that the district has. We also need to address the issue of the loss of students to open enrollment. We must sit down with those that are willing to find out where the problem /problems are and then work to resolve those issues. We have to be willing to listen to everyone so that we can make the necessary changes and move our district forward. We have a lot of outstanding staff, faculty, volunteers, parents, and most of all our students.

*Question 2: How would you engage the community to support public schools in the district?*

Answer: Our staff is doing an outstanding job of promoting community service. I would work with the staff to find out how we could expand on the programs that are already in place and look for new ways to get out in the community to make our schools and our community better.

### **Windham Exempted Village School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Darryl W. McGuire

10664 State Route 82 Windham, OH 44288

Candidate did not respond.

### **Windham Exempted Village School Board**

Vote for no more than 2

Ted St. John

9544 Windham Parkman Rd. Windham, OH 44288

Candidate did not respond.

**Issue 1** Atwater Township Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 2.25 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$115,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money will be used to provide and maintain fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, sites, or sources of water; supplies & material; or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm, telegraph; or the payment of wages.

*Linda Allen Fiscal Officer*

**Issue 2** Brimfield Township Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 0.95 mill Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$235,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for roads & bridges.

*Legal notice & Portage County Auditor*

**Issue 3** Brimfield Township Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 1.9 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$490,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for roads & bridges.

*Legal notice & Portage County Auditor*

**Issue 4** Charlestown Township Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 1.5 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$17,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2019.

Explanation: The money will be used for fire protection and EMS.

*Legal notice & Portage County Auditor*

**Issue 5** Hiram Township Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 3 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$194,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2019.

Explanation: The money will be used for emergency medical services.

*Legal notice & Portage County Auditor*

**Issue 6** Suffield Township Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 1 mill Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$142,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money from the levy will be used for general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, repair and maintenance of roads and for the payment of permanent and part-time road department employees.

*Lori Calcei Fiscal Officer*

**Issue 7** Streetsboro City School District Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 3.5 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$1,506,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money generated from the passage of this levy will be used for District operations and carrying out the District's strategic plan.

*C.J. Scarpino Treasurer*

**Issue 8** Streetsboro City School District Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 3.9 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$1,757,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money generated from the passage of this levy will be used for District operations and carrying out the District's strategic plan.

*C.J. Scarpino Treasurer*

**Issue 9** Crestwood Local School District Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 4.27 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$1,400,000 annually for 4 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The funds will be used to fund the daily operations of the district. The Board of Education and administration closely monitor revenues and expenditures in accordance with the financial forecast. The levy is a renewal of an existing levy that was originally passed in November 2012 and renewed in 2016.

Sarah Palm Treasurer

**Issue 10** Rootstown Local School District Bond Issue & Additional Tax Levy

Amount: 4.95 mills bond issue levy and a 0.5 mill additional tax levy. The principle amount of the bond is \$22,830,000 to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 37 years. The 4.95 mills levy would be used to pay debt charges on the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds. The Additional Tax Levy would generate approximately \$110,000 annually for a continuing period of time.

Explanation: The bond issue will be used to fund a new building for grades K through 8. There will be some enhancements to the high school for ADA compliance. Stadium enhancements will include a track and turf field. The Additional Tax Levy is for general permanent improvements.

Connie Baldwin Treasurer

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**Issue 11** Springfield Local School District Renewal Tax Levy (Summit Co. issue 12)

Amount: 2.41 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$930,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District.

Legal notice.

**Issue 12** Springfield Local School District Renewal Tax Levy (Summit Co. issue 11)

Amount: 4.15 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$1,600,000 annually for 4 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District.

Legal notice.

**Issue 13** Springfield Local School District Renewal Tax Levy (Summit Co. issue 13)

Amount: 7 mills Renewal Tax Levy for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for the purpose of current expenses.

Legal notice.

**Issue 14** Waterloo Local School District Additional Earned Income Tax

Amount: 1.25% Additional Earned Income Tax for 10 years beginning on 1/1/2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for current expenses.

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**Issue 15** West Branch Local School District Additional Earned Income Tax

Amount: 0.50% Additional Earned Income Tax for 3 years beginning on 1/1/2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for school district purposes.

Legal notice.

**Issue 16** Mantua-Shalersville Fire District Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 0.9 mill Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$169,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2019.

Explanation: The money will be used for providing and maintaining fire and EMS apparatus and equipment, along with appliances, buildings and sites.

*Legal notice & Portage County Auditor*

**Issue 17** WVFD Joint Fire District Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 4 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$183,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for fire protection and EMS in Windham Village and Windham Township.

*Legal notice & Portage County Auditor.*

**Issue 18** Portage County Children's Services Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 0.75 mill Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$1,775,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for purposes of providing care, placement and treatment of abused, neglected and dependent children. Provides residential and support services for approximately 240 children each month. Approximately 65% of cases that are open in Portage County have substance abuse issues as one of the primary causal factors.

*Portage County Child Welfare Levy Citizens Committee, legal notice & Portage County Auditor*

**AURORA PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (Issues 19-24)**

As recommended by 2019 Charter Review Commission and Aurora City Council

**Issue 19:** Article VI, Section 6.02: Contracts and Purchasing

Amendment would increase the spending authority of the city and the threshold for formal bidding from \$10,000 to \$20,000, if the expenditure were budgeted by Council. Most cities provide for \$25,000 as the limit/threshold, and Ohio's bid limit is \$50,000.

**Issue 20:** Article X – Parks and Recreation

While Aurora has a Parks and Recreation Department, the Charter does not provide detail regarding its duties. This amendment mirrors other department provisions of the Charter to set forth the Director as head of the Department and the responsibilities of the Department.

**Issue 21:** Article XIV, Section 14.05 – Master Plan Review Commission

Amendment would require the Mayor, along with Planning Commission and Council, to consider Master Plan recommendations in the city's land use planning and regulation.

**Issue 22:** Article XIII, Section 13.01 – Planning Commission

Amendment would provide continuity on an important citywide committee by extending the permissible term limit from two to three consecutive four-year terms.

**Issue 23:** Article III, Section 3.04 – The Council

Amendment would clarify Council's ability to remove a member to be consistent with state law.

**Issue 24:** Article III, Section 3.06 – The Council

Amendment would add flexibility to Council's schedule by removing a specific date for its first January meeting following a municipal election and allowing the meeting to be held in the month of January.

**Issue 25** Ravenna City Charter Amendment

Shall Article IX be repealed and Article VI of the Charter of Ravenna City be amended to add Section 1.1 as follows: There shall be a Finance Director who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of a majority of the members of Council. The Finance Director shall have qualifications as may be fixed by ordinance?

*Ballot language*

**Issue 26** Streetsboro City Charter Amendment

Shall Article IV, Section 4.02 of the Charter of Streetsboro City be amended to revert back to block (group) voting for at-large members of city council, and to establish that all terms shall commence and council members shall be sworn in and take office five (5) days after certification of the official vote for said office by the board of elections?

*Ballot language*

**Issue 27** Streetsboro City Charter Amendment

Shall Article XVII, Section 17.01 of the Charter of Streetsboro City be amended to provide that each ward city council member shall nominate one elector for appointment to the charter review commission and the mayor shall appoint three electors to the commission?

*Ballot language*

**Issue 28** Streetsboro City Charter Amendment

Shall Article XVII, Section 17.02 of the Charter of Streetsboro City be amended to provide that the charter review commission may receive and consider proposed amendments and revisions from the city administration, council and residents?

*Ballot language*

**Issue 29** Tallmadge City Additional Income Tax (Summit Co. issue 45)

Amount: 0.25% Additional Income Tax for a continuing period of time beginning on 1/1/2020.

Explanation: The additional income tax will be used for fire/EMS, police protection and related safety services. The income tax rate would increase from 2.0% to 2.25%.

*Legal notice.*

**Issue 30** Hiram Village Renewal Tax Levy

Amount: 2 mills Renewal Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$17,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2020.

Explanation: The money will be used for emergency medical services.

*Legal notice & Portage County Auditor*

**Issue 31** Sugar Bush Knolls Replacement Tax Levy

Amount: 8 mills Replacement Tax Levy that would generate approximately \$71,000 annually for 5 years beginning in 2019.

Explanation: The money will be used for purposes of providing funds for current expenses.

*Legal notice & Portage County Auditor.*