

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
TOWNSHIP OF ADDISON

Tuesday, August 4, 2020
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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You may VOTE in ONLY ONE PARTY'S PRIMARY - either Democratic or Republican – for ALL partisan offices on ballot.
Note: Candidates are ordered within each office by party with Democrats preceding Republicans.

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR for ONE 4-year term

BRUCE PEARSON 1075 Noble Rd., Leonard, MI 48367

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

PAULINE BENNETT 3681 Drahner Rd., Oxford, MI 48370

2 Candidates for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for <u>TREASURER</u> ONE 4-year term <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?
<p><i>Republican</i> LORI FISHER 2051 E. Oakwood Rd. Oxford, MI 48370</p>	<p>I have lived in Addison Township since 2004, sharing my home with my husband, who serves the Township on our Fire Department, and three sons. It has been a wonderful place to see our children grow. I graduated from Walsh College with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and worked in several industries including IT, insurance, and real estate. I was first elected Treasurer in 2012 and have served since. The Treasurer position is part time so I continue to gain experience by working for other municipalities in finance related positions and am able to bring back that knowledge and utilize best practices in Addison. I also actively serve in leadership positions with the Republican party, am a precinct delegate, and have been a Treasurer for a State Representative and County Treasurer campaign. Experience matters and I will continue to serve our community with integrity and provide the best level of customer service possible. I believe that I represent the community that elected me and will continue to act with that interest in mind, ensuring fairness, consistency, and transparency.</p>	<p>I think Addison Township is a wonderful place to live and some of the obvious challenges like the roads and lack of internet access are not likely areas that can be completely tackled but perhaps improved. The three priorities I feel the Township needs to address are lack of community input, transparency, and a lack of vision. I would like to see more engagement from all areas of the community and often that means actively seeking input, listening to, and acting on those ideas. For transparency, I would like to see more open discussion of ideas during board meetings where all seven board members input is valued and shared. Lastly, from my years in private industry I know that planning is key to the success of a business. The same idea goes for our Township and if we don't continually look to set goals and improve, we become stagnant and reactive. I love the rural community we live in and don't want the look and feel of it to change, but the world is changing around us and we need to stay proactive. As your Treasurer, I will continue to represent the best interest of our residents.</p>

ADDISON TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

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<p>Republican JACOB NEWBY 1362 Rochester Rd. Leonard, MI 48367</p>	<p>For 20 Years, I have loved living in Lakeville, Michigan, Addison Twp.</p> <p>I am conservative in my values and in all things financial.</p> <p>I was elected Trustee of Addison Township four years ago and work very hard to earn the trust of our residents. I am trained in accounting technology with classes from the Michigan Townships Association and advanced municipal computer software.</p> <p>I am very active in Michigan living and sharing conservative values to our youth and citizens.</p> <p>Majoring in Political Science and Business: Oakland University</p> <p>Current Positions: Business Owner (Partner) of Juliet Chocolates in Washington Michigan Oakland County Republican Youth Chair Precinct Delegate for Addison Twp. Executive Committee member for the Oakland County Republican Party. NO HAZ Representative for Addison Twp. 3 years: I work one Saturday a month talking with and helping citizens recycle their items. Treasurer of the Oxford Addison Community Cable Commission Representing Addison Twp. Parade coordinator for the annual Leonard Strawberry Festival. Youth Leader at Harvest Church in Romeo</p>	<p>A balanced budget is priority. My job as Trustee is to make sure our township is fiscally responsible. As treasurer, I'll work to ensure our township stays on track and works together to streamline services and maximize benefits for residents. I will continually study our budget and be smart about where our money goes. Just because we have the money doesn't mean we need to spend it. Low taxes are good.</p> <p>Public Safety is crucial in today's world. I want to build stronger relationships between the Citizens, Business owners, the Sheriff's, the Firefighter's, the Senior Center, the Library, and our Township Officials, in our community. It is important to know who they are in times of crisis. When a community is connected, it can be what helps us to succeed in the future.</p> <p>Reliability, Transparency and Effective Communication are what's needed for the office of Treasurer. Addison must be ready for the future to ensure that the safety and beauty of our township character is preserved and the rights of our residents defended. As Treasurer, I will work hard to be ACCOUNTABLE, TRANSPARENT and ACCESSIBLE to the township board and residents as I have done as Trustee.</p>

ADDISON TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

7 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

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<i>Republican</i> NICK BARNHART 3352 Lake George Leonard, MI 48367	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
<i>Republican</i> ED BRAKEFIELD 3303 Curtis Rd. Leonard, MI 48367	<p>I have lived in Addison Township since 1976</p> <p>I Joined the Navy just out of high school as a Cryptologic Technician. I was on the recovery team of Apollo 16 and 17. After the Navy I went to work as a conveyor buyer. During that time I received a degree from Oakland Community College.</p> <p>5 Term Trustee: I ran for Trustee in 1996 and won. Then again in 2000 through 2012. I choose not to run for the 2016 election.</p> <p>Planning Commissioner 6 terms: Chairman of Polly Ann Trail Management Committee Co-author of Ordinances 200 and 300 and had input with the codification all of our ordinances Co-author of two Master Plans. Offered input on the Addison Township Fire Code Key contact in bringing natural gas to the township.</p>	<p>First, One of my goals is to "Keep Addison Township Rural". At the same time, I want to insure we maintain our parks for our children. It has been discussed establishing a small water park for our youngsters, and if elected, I will ask to join a committee researching this wonderful idea.</p> <p>Secondly, When an individual or family present a request to the board, it may be one of the most important issues in their lives at that time. It is imperative that I, as a board member listen to their request with an open mind. Fairness is all anyone expects.</p> <p>Third, last but surely not least. Infrastructure is a key issue. Our roads still need work. We have worked closely with Detroit Edison but more work needs to be done. Garbage pick-up should be put out for bid annually.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> KAREN R. GEIBEL 632 Donna Mae Addison, MI 48367</p>	<p>I am an 11 year resident of Addison Township where I reside with my husband and four children. What I love most about living in Addison Township is being in a rural area but not too distant from amazing communities like Oxford, Lake Orion, and Romeo. I am a leader, volunteer, advocate and mentor quoted in a local newspaper as being "earnest, hard-working, and personable." As an 18 year attorney, I maintain the necessary analytical, critical thinking, and negotiating skills that would assist in all aspects of township business. As a long-standing volunteer in various organizations over the years I understand the importance of community involvement and giving back. I have dedicated my career to public service and would be honored to serve my local community.</p>	<p>I think the top three priorities facing the township are fiscal oversight, improving leadership, and maintaining our rural area. If elected, I would ensure that budgets are discussed and passed with justification and that funds on-hand are spent appropriately. Positions held within the township should be filled with qualified people and job candidates properly vetted so that residents have confidence in the services and resources. With development and growth in surrounding areas, the possibility is imminent in Addison Township. I will work to maintain the current landscape of our community.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> LINDA GIERAK 5200 Secord Lk. Rd. Leonard, MI 48367</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Republican</i> JOEL KING 391 Ridgemont Rd. Oxford, MI 48370</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p><i>Republican</i> CHARLES SARGENT 552 Deerpointe Leonard, MI 48367</p>	<p>Charles Sargent is a corporate executive, life coach, business turnaround success. He is a Vietnam era veteran, USMC, recognized with meritorious and honorable service. He is a 25 years resident Addison Township. He is a skilled negotiator and professional manager experienced in both public and private business enterprise. He managed a FEMA mobilization unit. He worked with HUD providing home energy audits and Section 8 housing rehabilitation. He was honored by the Governor of Kentucky and commissioned an Honorable Kentucky Colonel. He offers a resume of success including 14 individual business turnarounds, responsibility for thousands employees, 12 subsidiaries and divisions operating in 7 states. He offers unique skills, leadership and solutions to organization challenges. He served as General Manager, Vice President, President and Chief Operating Officer for a diversified, mid-size industrial conglomerate. He is a retired Chief Executive Officer. He seeks responsibility as Trustee Addison Township. Why? Short answer is he believes we can do a better job than is now being done.</p>	<p>The top 3 priority opportunities (issues) result from personal long term observation and participation. Purposely attending 12+ consecutive board trustee meetings, several ZBA meetings and participating in PC meetings recognizes observed opportunities.</p> <p>Observation is opportunity to improve professionalism at the local government. Action: Work to improve the competence or skill of employees and appointees. The key to quality and efficiency is professionalism. Post and advertise openings to attract qualified applicants.</p> <p>Observation is opportunity to improve fiscal oversight. Action: Work to refine fiscal budget process. Provide justification for department budget cost and expense. Ensure compliance with proper financial systems and controls. Regularly evaluate financial health.</p> <p>Observation is opportunity to improve general administration. Action: Work to improve cross functional support department-to-department and ensure the efficient performance of all departments in the organization.</p> <p>Greater participation. More results. Better living. Please visit charlessargentfortrustee.weebly.com</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> ERICH SENFT 1720 Townsend Rd. Leonard, MI 48367</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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