

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRANDON

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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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

JAYSON W. RUMBALL 4699 Seymour Lk. Rd., Oxford, MI 48371

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

ROSELYN BLAIR 1820 N. Hurd, Ortonville, MI 48462

1 Candidate for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

SCOTT BROUGHTON 2420 Granger Rd., Ortonville, MI 48462

7 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

CANDIDATES for <u>TRUSTEE</u>	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?
FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i>		
<i>Democrat</i> CARRIE MIDDLETON 641 N. Hurd Rd. Ortonville, MI 48462	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
<i>Republican</i> DALE M. CREAMER 2557 S. Ortonville Rd. Ortonville, MI 48462	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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<p><i>Republican</i> DANA M. DEPALMA 1805 Oakwood Rd. Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	<p>I have lived in Brandon Township since 2003. Brad and I have been married for 16 years. We have two children, Kayla (14) and Ryan (12). I am a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). I graduated from Walsh College with a Bachelor of Accountancy. I currently work for Rochester Radiology as their practice manager.</p> <p>I have served on the Brandon Township Board of Trustees for 10 years. I was appointed on the Board in 2011 and then I was voted into office for a 4-year term in 2012 and in 2016.</p> <p>I am running for Trustee to continue to utilize my financial skills and knowledge to help Brandon be the best it can be. My professional experience allows me to understand how to look outside the box when making those important board decisions. As a current Trustee, I am familiar with the operations and would continue to help the Board be fiscally responsible and make the right decisions for the residents and businesses of Brandon Township. With having over 25 years of Governmental and Business Accounting experience, I have been able to help the board cut costs and understand finances. I am hardworking, honest, open minded and I value our community and feel I can make a difference for Brandon Township.</p>	<p>1.Budget: The revenues are vital & will be even more critical with the impact of COVID-19 on the economy. Every line item will need to be analyzed. A solid 5-year balanced budget needs to be in place to help the fund balances & savings be maintained. Spending needs to be controlled & expenses verified to ensure the necessity. Current & future liabilities need to be accounted for correctly & payment schedules need to be followed.</p> <p>2.Ordinances: I would work towards making sure the ordinances are consistent with the needs & wants of the residents & businesses.</p> <p>3.Community & services: I would continue to help support Brandon Township to be a desirable & friendly rural community to live in that offers small town places to shop & eat at and that provides services, activities & programs for residents of all ages. I support the recreation department, the senior center & police & fire services. I feel Brandon can be the best in the class if all aspects of operations & services are looked at to see where improvements can be made. We need to work together with the Village, DDA, Chamber, BGYA, Library & Schools to help achieve this. I will continue to work hard for the residents & businesses.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> BRIAN J. LENKER 479 Oakwood Rd. Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p><i>Republican</i> ROBERT S. MARSHALL 3368 Breezewood Ct. Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	<p>I have served in law enforcement/public safety for 32 years. I continue to teach college level Criminal Justice courses. I take great pride in having served my community with integrity. Through my class instruction, I continue to educate future law enforcement professionals to provide high quality, high integrity service to the public. I am seeking re-election to the position of Brandon Township Trustee, as I feel that I represent the best interests of the township community. I am a "no-nonsense" type of person. I weigh the facts about a decision, and will arrive at a position that I believe is logical. You will never see or hear me playing "politician". Some people will hold back until they can evaluate, which side of the fence the majority falls, and then take that as their own position. Since serving on the Board of Trustees, one of the comments made about me, that I take great pride in, was made by David Fleet, Editor of the Citizen Newspaper. "I don't always agree with your position, but I ALWAYS know where you stand on an issue." I have a clear set of priorities for the community that plays an important part in my decision making process.</p>	<p>I was raised that it is important to take care of those who are unable to care for themselves. In our community that means giving law enforcement, the fire service and our senior center the tools that they need to advance this higher calling and mission. With the community just beginning to see how the economic impact of Covid-19 may negatively effect the Township, it is important that we do not lose sight of what is truly important. Aligning causes/projects into two columns, "Essential" and "It Would Be Nice" is a clear cut way to differentiate between the two. I have seen Township projects that failed because the emotion of the moment and the argument of "But wouldn't it be nice", won out over the logic of facts, that dictated another avenue. Now, more then ever, clear cut decisive thinking is going to be essential. For those who may not see my name on political signs and advertisements, there is a reason for that. I have dedicated to spending "not a single dime" in my re-election campaign. I hope people ask me questions, study what I have done in the past, and ask their neighbors about me to make a decision on voting for me based upon who I am and not on what I have spent.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> KATHY THURMAN 437 N. Hadley Rd. Ortonville, MI 48462</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Republican</i> STEVEN UNRUH 5933 Seymour Lk. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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