

VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD

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

JACK L. CURTIS 195 Grampian Dr., Oxford, MI 48371

1 Candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

CURTIS W. WRIGHT 1225 Beemer Ct., Oxford, MI 48371

OXFORD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

2 Candidates for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

CANDIDATES for TREASURER 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> JOSEPH G. FERRARI 947 Gibson Ave. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>I have a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Oakland University as well as a bachelor's degree. I am a Certified Public Finance Administrator (CPFA), Michigan Certified Public Treasurer (MiCPT), Certified Public Funds Investment Manager (CPFIM), Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) and Michigan Township's Association Township (MTA) Governance graduate. I also received the PRIME award from the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association (MMTA) in 2010 and have taught numerous courses on the tax collecting process through the MMTA and the MTA. Being honest, knowledgeable and hard working and taking pride in providing excellent customer service to all of our taxpayers are some of my best qualities.. If there are ever any issues or questions that our residents would like to discuss, I am available through many different communication methods--in person, by phone, through email or social media (such as Facebook). For any questions that may be unfamiliar to me, I always refer people to the proper party. I have been blessed to live in Oxford for the past 30+ years with my wife, Lori, and sons, Augusto and Alexander, who both attend Oxford Community Schools.</p>	<p>The main issues facing Oxford Township currently are making sure we continue to stay fiscally responsible with all of our various township funds, continuing to help our community during these challenging times and always keep trying to improve to make Oxford Township the ideal place to live, work and raise a family. It is expected that local government revenues are going to decrease, so we need to continue to do more with less. We have done a solid job of adequately funding general operations, while only asking our community for additional tax monies for bond proposals that have a beginning and ending millage date for specific projects, like library and fire facilities and general parks major repairs and improvements. These challenging times are going to require all levels of government to do more "thinking outside the box." For example, our small businesses have really been suffering and I was very fortunate to be on the committee to help allocate federal, state and county grant monies. We also must continue to keep on eye on the future to make sure we properly plan and prepare for infrastructure improvements, like water, sewer, fire, police, library, parks, etc.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> ANNE MARIE ROOP 2740 N. Baldwin Rd. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>As a lifelong Oxford Township resident and small business owner for over 30 years, I am deeply proud of this community and our commitment to each other. I am running for treasurer as an opportunity to give back to the community I love. As a member of the Oxford Chamber of Commerce, I've seen incredible value working alongside our neighboring communities. For the last 30 years I have owned and operated successful businesses including a home daycare and preschool, a power washing company, hot tub company, real estate, and local church and chapel. This is in addition to helping my family build and run the Metamora Golf & Country Club where I worked as Clubhouse Manager (managing 50+ employees), Office Manager, Accounts Payable/Receivable, and more. My real-world experience and strong roots in our community have given me a passion for fiscal responsibility and efficient uses of taxpayers' money.</p>	<p>My number one priority as treasurer would be fiscal responsibility. This includes listening to taxpayers about issues relevant to Oxford, but it also means working with our neighboring communities in Oakland County and leveraging appropriate resources like grants. Second, budget transparency is key; I believe that all residents should be able to easily see where our hard-earned tax dollars are being allocated. As treasurer I will prioritize modern tools, making Oxford residents' lives easier. For example the 2020 budget is not available online and until recently taxes had to be paid in person. Third, I will help ensure businesses in Oxford have every opportunity to excel. It is a difficult time to be a small business owner, but I believe they are a key part of what makes our community strong. I am a huge advocate of the One Stop Shop as a free resource for our citizens and businesses.</p>

OXFORD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

5 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i>	Question 1 (150 Words or less): Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.	Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?
<p><i>Republican</i> ROD CHARLES 1399 Beemer Ct. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>Years ago, as a kid I first came to Oxford to attend church camp. Many years later after graduating college my wife accepted a job teaching at Oxford High School. We then made the decision to live here and establish roots. Since that time, we have both been deeply involved in a variety of organizations and events within Oxford. Our children attended Oxford schools, and all were highly engaged in academic, social, and athletic activities.</p> <p>I am running for Township Trustee as a longstanding commitment to Oxford and the people here. I hope to use my experience and skills as a business owner and as a community organizer.</p> <p>Some examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped achieve a \$50,000 donation for the establishment of a permanent endowment for the benefit of graduating OHS students. • Village of Oxford Downtown Development Authority board member. Economic Vitality and Organization Committees. • A member an advisory committee for the State of Michigan 529 College Savings Plan. • Former board member of the Oxford Wildcat Boosters Club. • Initiated and led the Oxford Lone Ranger events. <p>B.A. Western Michigan University. M.A. Eastern Michigan University.</p> <p>Facebook Page: Rod Charles For Oxford Trustee.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blending our historical heritage and “country atmosphere” with our population growth. I will support appropriate development where it serves the qualities of our community. 2. Providing appropriate services that benefit the Oxford Community. In these uncertain times we need to re think what are the needs of the entire township. 3. Maintaining financial integrity. I will work with fellow board members to continue prudent and necessary expenditures.

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<p><i>Republican</i> WILLIAM DUNN 14 Dennison St. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>I have served as Oxford Township's supervisor since 1999. Prior to that, I was a small business owner for 20 years, worked in the field of civil engineering for 10 years and served in the Vietnam War as a proud member of the U.S. Air Force.</p> <p>When I originally took over as supervisor, Oxford was in pretty rough shape. The community was divided and trust in local government was at an all-time low.</p> <p>Two decades and five elections later, Oxford is a thriving and welcoming community that's growing in a steady, but responsible manner. The township's financial position is incredibly strong and stable. The township and village governments have a solid, productive and positive working relationship. Residents live and raise families in safe, clean, friendly neighborhoods. The township's fire department and police services are second to none. I cannot take all of the credit for this, but I was most certainly part of the team that accomplished these things. I have worked with some wonderful board members over the years.</p> <p>I still believe I have a lot to offer and contribute. As a trustee, the township board could continue to benefit from my 21 years of knowledge, experience and relationships.</p>	<p>1) Improving infrastructure -- A community cannot hope to thrive, much less survive, without maintaining and improving its critical infrastructure. As a trustee, I would work hard to ensure the township is always making the necessary investments in its water and sanitary sewer systems so as to keep them in working order and up-to-date. When it comes to infrastructure, failure is not an option.</p> <p>2) Helping businesses -- We need to make our township as business-friendly as possible. That means less red tape, low taxes and top-notch public services. That means listening to the needs and concerns of our business owners and taking the appropriate action to help them prosper and provide jobs. As a trustee, my door would always be open to local business owners.</p> <p>3) Maintaining a balanced budget -- As the township supervisor, I oversaw the creation and management of 21 balanced budgets. As a trustee, my goal would be to continue this. I'm not afraid to cut wasteful spending, ask tough questions, do the research and make difficult decisions. The responsible management of taxpayer dollars has always been my top priority. As a trustee, it would continue to guide all of my decisions and votes.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> PATTI K. DURR 957 Maloney St. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p><i>Republican</i> JONATHAN NOLD 684 Tanview Dr. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

OXFORD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

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<p><i>Republican</i> MARGARET J. PAYNE 1201 Keble Ln. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

5 Candidates for TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSIONER for FIVE 4-year terms

AUSTIN D. BRANTLEY 47 Hovey St., Oxford, MI 48371
PHIL CASTONIA 256 Davis Lk. Dr., Oxford, MI 48371
TIM KALOHN 300 E. Drahner Rd., Oxford, MI 48371
THERESA MYER 615 Drahner Cir., Oxford, MI 48371
RONALD JOHN ROOP II 810 Chelsea Ct., Oxford, MI 48371

THERE IS 1 PROPOSAL ON THE BALLOT.

<p>LIBRARY BOND PROPOSITION</p>	<p>Shall the Charter Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow a sum of not to exceed Nine Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$9,100,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, payable in not to exceed twenty years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying the cost of renovating, constructing an addition to, furnishing, and equipping the Township's existing Oxford Public Library facility, including all related site improvements, appurtenances and attachments, for use by the Oxford Public Library? The estimated millage to be levied in 2020 is 0.58 mill (\$0.58 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.50 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value).</p>
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