

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD**

**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.**

**2 Candidates for TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR for ONE 4-year term**

<p><b>CANDIDATES for SUPERVISOR</b></p> <p><b>ONE 4-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>	<p><b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b>  <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b></p>	<p><b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b>  <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</b></p>
<p><b>Democrat</b>  <b>JOHN PAUL TORRES</b>                      567 Crescent Lk. Rd.                      Waterford, MI 48327</p>	<p>As a School Board Trustee I have represented the Waterford School District at national, state and county levels. During my time on the Board I have gone to Lansing over a dozen times, advocating for increased/ equitable funding for students in Waterford. During the 2018/2019 fiscal year Waterford saw the largest increase in per-pupil funding from the state in nearly a decade. I currently serve on the Hess-Hathaway Parks Committee, Oakland County Health Network Board (Mental Health), previously served on the Waterford Library Board and Waterford Youth Assistance Board. I have lived and raised my family (wife and two daughters) here in Waterford for over 20 years. I have a Masters of Public Administration (University of Michigan), Bachelor of Political Science (Oakland University) and Post Graduate Certificates in Public Management from Michigan State University and Georgetown University. I have pushed to implement positive change during my time on the Waterford School Board. I am running for Supervisor because I believe it's time for change &amp; innovation. I will bring my years of experience as a Public Administrator, Waterford resident and School Board Trustee to the forefront.</p>	<p>How to manage township resources in the face of fiscal adversity during the era of COVID-19. The allocations of funds for communities like Waterford will likely be strained, we will find ourselves in a position of having to do more with less. As Township Supervisor I would use my administrative experiences to seek additional funding through state, federal and local grants. Throughout my career I have written and managed over 10 million dollars in grants. We must support local businesses, we have to do our part as a township to help stabilize local business in light of the pandemic. Over my years on the school board, I have established relationships with local, state and federal officials. With those relationships, I would work to assure Waterford businesses have a seat at the table when it comes to fund stabilization's allocated to communities. Community development is important. I have raised my family in Waterford and have enjoyed living here. I'm interested in providing opportunities to help bring more residents to Waterford. I'll seek resources for more parks, sidewalks (throughout our community), festivals and a downtown development.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> <b>GARY WALL</b> 3450 Alco Dr. Waterford, MI 48329</p>	<p>As a lifelong resident of Waterford and a business owner for 22 years I have developed the skills to serve the residents of Waterford. Having been elected as Waterford Township Supervisor in 2012 and reelected in 2016 I have worked diligently to fulfill my campaign promises. Some of my accomplishments include achieving a AA bond rating - a two step increase and the highest ever in Waterford history, balanced budgets since day one, implemented blight removal programs that enabled us to demolish the long vacant Summit Place Mall as well as many other uninhabitable buildings, established the Neighborhood Preservation Corps along with Clerk Sue Camilleri to identify blighted areas within the township, and reinstated Earth Day bringing together volunteers across Waterford to remove trash from major roadways throughout the township.</p>	<p>Upon reelection for the next four years I will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Maintain our AA Bond rating and our balanced budgets by continuing to make fiscally responsible decisions for future of Waterford</li> <li>*Be actively involved in the development of the new Oakland Business Center (former Summit Place Mall)</li> <li>*Take all necessary steps to oversee our recovery from the COVID -19 Pandemic by maintaining our employee base, safeguarding the health of our Citizens and Employees, and protecting the financial well being of the assets of Waterford.</li> </ul> <p>As always, I will continue to be actively involved as a community volunteer and as a leader for Waterford.</p>

## WATERFORD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

### 2 Candidates for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

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<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>JUSTIN CLARKE</b>                      5830 Pleasant Dr.                      Waterford, MI 48329</p>	<p>My name is Justin Clarke and I am a lifelong Waterford resident. I graduated from Waterford Kettering High School and went on to Oakland University to study political science. Through my high school and college years, I worked for a small business pet store in Waterford. I then continued my education with a master's degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in information security. Since then, I have worked on political campaigns and taught at local colleges and universities. My unique background of politics and elections, combined with information and cyber security, provides me with the knowledge and skills to perform the duties of Waterford Township Clerk, specifically the safety and security of our local elections. I will also utilize technology to ensure election security, provide citizens voting resources and connect lines of communication with local officials. I am running to bring new energy and ideas to our township while upholding our traditions and values. I am a dedicated resident and homeowner who wants to give back to the place that made me who I am today.</p>	<p>Three priority issues currently impacting Waterford are the safety and security of the upcoming election, adapting for the increased numbers of absentee voting due to the changes in absentee voting laws and revitalizing the infrastructure of the township. With the pandemic, the Clerk's office has the responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all citizens voting, as well as the poll workers who will be interacting with the public. The Clerk's office also needs to be prepared to handle large amounts of absentee ballots, by finding any state and federal funding possible, to provide training and resources to our election officials. Finally, Waterford Township needs to be revitalized. There are empty buildings in Waterford, roads crumbling, and parks that could be improved. As Clerk, I will work to make voting safe and prepare for the influx of absentee votes. I will moreover work with the township trustees and executives, and county, state, and federal officials, to help clean up any blight, replace and repair roads and give families in Waterford a place to visit or settle down.</p>

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<p><b>Republican</b> <b>KIM MARKEE</b> 3189 Mann Rd. Waterford, MI 48329</p>	<p>I am the current Waterford Township Clerk and I work for the residents of Waterford Township. I believe in continuous improvement and strive to make Waterford a vibrant community for seniors and growing families. My past experience includes a Master's degree from Kettering University and a Bachelors degree from the University of Michigan. I have a strong financial background and know how to get more for less. Previously, I was a Sr. Financial Analyst for a large corporation and received excellent training to perform my current job as Clerk. Sue Camilleri, the previous Clerk, and Gary Wall, Supervisor have endorsed me. I am an active board member on the Library Board and the Parks and Recreation Board for Waterford. I've always wanted to be active in my community, and improve places wherever I lived. Whether I'm volunteering for my church, doing fund raisers for schools, or lower income children, or working Harvest Happenings at Hess Hathaway Park, I believe it's my responsibility to give back wherever I can.</p>	<p>Waterford Township is a Redevelopment Community and I want to ensure Waterford is considered for all potential new businesses and residential growth. I want to bring favorable attention to Waterford and apply for funding grants to promote our redevelopment. Recently, I helped Waterford join the West Oakland Transportation Authority which provides rides for seniors age 55 and older and disabled 18 and over for \$2.50 per ride. Everywhere I look, I see opportunity for Waterford's redevelopment.</p> <p>Another priority would be our roads. I would like to work with our residents to help provide funding to residents that are interested in improving their roads. For the first time ever in our 2020 budget, we set aside \$75,000 to assist residents to use towards improving their neighborhood roads. I would like to see this amount grow each year. Improving our roads would help showcase our wonderful community.</p> <p>The third priority would be to ensure Waterford Township remains solvent for everyone's future. For all our wonderful employees including our Fire Department and Police Department, and our community, it's paramount we maintain a fiscally responsible board.</p>

## WATERFORD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

### 3 Candidates for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

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<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>ERIC LINDEMIER</b>                      5104 Cohoctah                      Waterford, MI 48327</p>	<p>I have been a Waterford resident for over 25 years and have raised 3 children in Waterford. I decided to run when I realized that Waterford's small businesses were harmed from the corona virus. The stimulus package did not provide the needed resources to hold our small businesses harmless from the results of our economy being shut down. We need township leadership that can work with the state and federal government to assure Waterford small businesses that they get the help needed. In addition 4 years ago the township considered outsourcing our police and dispatch operations to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. This would take control of community policing out of the hands of Waterford residents. Waterford residents are better protected when the police and dispatch are part of our community.</p>	<p>Work with county, state and federal governments to provide needed resources to our small businesses effected by the Coronavirus.</p> <p>Stop any police and dispatch outsourcing efforts.</p> <p>Reduce healthcare costs to Waterford tax payers and improve benefits for township employees.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>RITA HOLLOWAY IRWIN</b>                      433 Beverly Island Dr.                      Waterford, MI 48328</p>	<p>Growing up in Waterford Township and having been a resident for over 30 years has provided me with an appreciation of this great Township. I want to encourage families to come and experience the opportunities this community has to offer. During my career I have experienced the needs of citizens and the decisions made to move communities forward.</p> <p>EXPERIENCE COUNTS! I began my Municipal Government Career in 1982 with the City of Keego Harbor, Michigan. I worked as their Building Department Clerk then was promoted to Deputy Clerk/Treasurer for another eleven years. I went on to work for the Village of Franklin, Michigan for one year in their Building Department. The Village of Wolverine Lake hired me to work as their Village Clerk. I have twelve years experience as a Certified Municipal Clerk.</p> <p>I have participated in over 800 meetings in my career; City and Village Council Meetings, Work Sessions, Special Sessions, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Commission meetings totaling over 2000 hours.</p>	<p>**The township may be facing some State Revenue Funding issues in the near future. That is something the Township Board will look at as a whole.</p> <p>**The Township currently has a AA Bond Rating and my goal is to work on getting it to a AAA Bond Rating.</p> <p>**My goal is to keep the budget balanced.</p> <p>**My goal is keep taxes as low as possible for the community! I'm a tax payer too!</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>STEVE THOMAS</b>                      2597 Elsinore                      Waterford, MI 48328</p>	<p>Resident of Waterford Township over 40 years. Graduate of Waterford Township High School. Degree from Wayne State University.                      Vietnam Veteran awarded the Bronze Star. Adjunct Professor at Oakland Community College. 40 Successful years practicing Architecture and Interior Design. Current Waterford Trustee. Serve on the Election Commission, Cable Commission and developed the space needs program for the proposed future Waterford Community Center. Qualities include attention to detail, positive attitude toward problem solving and deadlines. Professional projects included Commercial Offices, Hotels, Restaurants, Country Clubs and Medical facilities. Involvement with Space Planning, Schematic Design, Design Development, Project Budget, Construction Documentation, Installation supervision and Project Closeout. Critical thinker with positive work ethics. My professional skills will be a great asset working as the Township Treasurer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to scrutinize the distribution of state sales taxes to municipalities known as State Revenue Sharing and push for action toward a more just and equitable distribution to our Township.</li> <li>• Work with the Township Board to address and find solutions to the potential financial impact resulting from the expected critical economical downturn that will effect our community services.</li> <li>• As a significant source of revenue to the Township I plan to oversee the progress and contribute to the success of the former Summit Place Mall, now identified as the Oakland County Business Park.</li> </ul>

## WATERFORD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

### 13 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

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<p><i>Democrat</i>  <b>CYNTHIA ATIEMO</b>                      6546 Skylar Ln.                      Waterford, MI 48327</p>	<p>I am currently a registered nurse with a law enforcement background. I served as a police detective for 11 years in the area of crime scene, homicide and human trafficking investigations. I am a strong woman who stands and fight for things that I believe in. I am a passionate and resilient person, who does not give up until I achieved that which I set out to do. I am a people's person and a team player.</p> <p>I am running for township office because I've always wanted to serve my community and give back to my country. Because it's time to get off the fence and take a stand. It's time for a positive change and we need all who are capable and able to help. We need all hands on deck.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Covid-19 has changed the conversation around the world. The world as we know it have changed with a lot of people on unemployment with businesses shutting down. There should be a plan on how to keep businesses open in our community and keep unemployment down.</li> <li>2. To make the streets safer for school kids especially the high schoolers who leave home before sunrise, by increasing police presence during school bus pick up and drop off times. There are some school bus stops that are too dark and secluded that could use a street light and a cop to prevent it from becoming a potential kidnapping and trafficking sites.</li> <li>3. There's a need to make Waterford more visible on social media platforms to get the youths interested and engaged in the affairs of Waterford Township. We need the youth to see Waterford as a place to live and work.</li> </ol>

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<p><i>Democrat</i> <b>MARY CRAITE</b> 3655 Mariner Waterford, MI 48329-2272</p>	<p>As a resident of Waterford for 48 years, I believe in and care about my community. I have raised 4 children that have all attended the public schools in Waterford. This is my 35th year as a Waterford School Teacher and entering my 4th year as the Waterford Education Association Union President representing 570 teachers.</p> <p>Volunteering in the community is a passion! I serve on the executive board for the Waterford Coalition for Youth. In this role I donate my time for events like Shop with Hero, The Taste of Waterford, movies under the moonlight and educational events such as suicide prevention, substance abuse and protecting our youth.</p> <p>I serve on the steering committee for Blessings in a Backpack which helps to feed over 300 Waterford students on a weekly basis with weekend food bags.</p> <p>My personal strengths are compassion, kindness and communication. Problem solving and Teamwork are skills that I believe are critical to moving our community forward. As an active listener I am willing to sit down and listen to all sides of an issue and then work together for a solution.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We need a common vision for our community. I believe we need to develop a strategic plan with both short term and long term goals for our community.</li> <li>2. We need to bring the Township and School District together as they are interdependent. Healthy schools bring businesses and families to the community, while a healthy community provides support and resources for the schools.</li> <li>3. We need to bring in and support small businesses. We have lost so many stores and businesses to outlying communities.</li> </ol> <p>My priorities will all start by developing a strategic plan with a variety of community stakeholders that will allow us to create a vision for our community. The plan needs to include both short term and long term goals that include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where are we today?</li> <li>2. What do we want our community to look like and be in 1 year, 5 years and 10 years.</li> <li>3. What do we have that's working and what do we need to change?</li> <li>4. How will we determine if we are meeting our goals?</li> <li>5. Transparent communication that brings the community together will be needed every step of the way!</li> </ol> <p>Waterford is an amazing community, working together will allow us to strengthen our community and schools!</p>
<p><i>Democrat</i> <b>JASON A. HERR</b> 3160 Warren Dr. Waterford, MI 48329</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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<i>Democrat</i> <b>MATTHEW K. MCCLURE</b> 5324 Sara Ln., Apt. #8 Waterford, MI 48327	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Republican</i> <b>ANTHONY BARTOLOTTA</b> 2915 Voorheis Waterford, MI 48328	<p>I have been a Waterford resident for 22 years with my wife Mary, and am very active in the community, serving on many boards. I have managed a successful business here in Waterford for 28 years. I have been on the Waterford Township board for 10 years striving to keep the Township moving forward in these trying times.</p> <p>First elected to the Township Board in 2010, I ran for Waterford Trustee promising to fight runaway government and balance our budget. I have kept those promises, and continue to strive to represent the citizens of Waterford with a strong, responsive voice on the board. I have proposed reforms that will save Waterford millions of dollars, and our budget has been balanced for 8 years. As a local businessman in the township, I talk to the citizens on a daily basis and hear their concerns.</p> <p>This experience brings a real world common sense to the Waterford Township Board. Waterford needs to keep this kind of real world thinking on the job for taxpayers.</p>	<p>My first priority would be to redevelop Summit Place Mall. Being on the Planning Commission allows me to keep the development moving in the right direction for Waterford.</p> <p>Second, would be to keep the budget balanced, by finding new ways to consolidate services within the departments. These items alone would keep the Township's budget intact for years to come.</p> <p>Third, would be to improve public safety by maintaining the police department with Township control. With consolidating services, I would want to and put more officers on the streets where they are needed.</p>
<i>Republican</i> <b>DAVID CROW</b> 4665 Charest Ave. Waterford, MI 48327	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<i>Republican</i> <b>MURRAY DAY</b> 1996 Denby Dr. Waterford, MI 48329	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	

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<p><b>Republican</b>  <b>ARTHUR FRASCA</b>                      576 S. Hospital Rd.                      Waterford, MI 48327</p>	<p>I am 61 and have lived in Waterford since 1986 when we moved here from Long Island, NY. Married for 30 years to my wife Lorraine and we have two adult daughters. We have lived in our home on Hospital Road since 1993. Have obtained multiple securities licenses, the first in 1983 when I worked in lower Manhattan. Self employed with two partners since 2004. Parishioner at St. Patrick's Church in White Lake since 1988. Held many volunteer positions at the Church ranging from Chair of Pastoral Council to President of the Men's Club. Also a founding member of the K of C Council associated with the Parish. Waterford Chamber of Commerce member since 2007. Credit Union Director since 2008 and committee member at Hess Hathaway Park. I was appointed to fill the final two years of a term as a Waterford Trustee in July 2018. My 37 year career in the financial markets and my equally long volunteer experience have provided me with valuable experience to perform the duties of a Trustee. Working with others to find solutions that work for everyone, communicating, understanding the issues of the township, leadership, financial management, budgeting, and commitment are the skills I bring.</p>	<p>The top three issues we face as a township begin with fiscal management. This has to do with the responsibilities you have as a trustee to participate in the budgeting process and approve a yearly budget while planning for several years in the future. Understanding the details of the budget and anticipating what the future may hold are key to doing this successfully. The first few months of 2020 represent a "curve ball" thrown at us as we can see a strong possibility of seeing much less revenue sharing from the state level. We are still dealing with issues from 2008-2009 that affect our budget so this new dynamic will present unanticipated issues for 2021 and beyond. The second issue we face is supporting our first responders and planning for the unseen problems in front of the township and its residents. The third issue we face has to do with passing sensible ordinances to deal with issues the township faces such as licensing medical marijuana and others. The only ways to deal with issues like these three and more begin with understanding the situation and speaking with (while listening to) all sides, and finally you need the leadership to make tough decisions.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> <b>MARIE E. HAUSWIRTH</b> 3910 Covert Rd. Waterford, MI 48328</p>	<p>I am proud to have called Waterford Township my home for 37 years. It is the place I CHOOSE to live, work and play today and tomorrow. All of my children are also homeowners in Waterford Township. It is of utmost importance to me that we preserve our quality of life now and for the future. Decisions we make today will impact our children tomorrow. This is of great concern to me and I want to make a difference when and where I can. The role as Executive Director of the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce (15 years) has provided me unique experience bringing business, government and citizens together towards solving problems, identifying opportunities and build the capacity that makes a community vibrant and strong. Small business is the backbone of community, bringing economic development, jobs and services to the people of Waterford. As a former Waterford business owner, I understand the need to create “common sense” policies and strategies to strengthen our economic vibrancy and preserve local business. I have been fortunate to work side by side with all sectors of our community and the best interest of our community of residents and businesses will be top priority for the future.</p>	<p>Protecting Small Business - Sometimes policies and ordinances in effect are antiquated or no longer make sense in the "real world". In addition, the post-pandemic future for business is extremely volatile. The sustainability of businesses will depend on critically re-assessing how we can creatively work together to keep doors open. This could include temporary lifts or changes to current ordinances, community development strategies (districts or hubs), community grant opportunities, etc.</p> <p>Budget - I am concerned with the long- term impact of the pandemic on our township budget from federal and state funding distributions to local tax revenue. It is important to me that our community is also treated equally in revenue sharing as other municipalities in Oakland County. Working aggressively and collaboratively with our board, EDC, commercial realtors, school district and police department towards new business attraction and re-development is key.</p> <p>Professionals and Families - It is critical to attract young professionals and families for sustainability. No different than the balancing act of keeping customers and obtaining new ones. We have amazing amenities that need to be marketed.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> <b>JANET L. MATSURA</b> 7182 Terrell St. Waterford, MI 48329</p>	<p>I am a licensed registered nurse. I have worked in management positions in hospitals and kidney dialysis centers. I have also owned and operated adult foster care homes for the elderly. Since retirement, I have assisted my husband with our property management business and volunteered with Michigan Conservative Coalition.</p> <p>I desire to serve on Waterford Township Board of Trustees to ensure that Waterford continues to be a great community to live in for all it's residents.</p>	<p>I would like to help ensure that our township's budget is conservatively managed without incurring additional taxes to put further burden on Waterford residents.</p> <p>I would like to ensure that Waterford rental properties are licensed and inspected to prevent instances of poorly maintained property harming property values of neighboring families or businesses.</p> <p>I will assist with efforts to prevent any type of voter fraud from occurring in Waterford.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i> <b>ROBERT JAMES MATSURA</b> 7182 Terrell St. Waterford, MI 48329</p>	<p>I have lived in Waterford for 10 years since retiring and enjoy living here. I worked as a senior engineer and consultant at GM, EDS, and HP for 37 years. My education includes graduating from Allen Park High School and earning BSE and MBA degrees from U of M. I have volunteered and served as board member and treasurer of the Golf Trail Homeowner's Association in Troy and the Corvette Club of Michigan. I served on the UM Dearborn College of Engineering Alumni Board as a member for nearly 20 years. I lived in Troy for 31 years and I am struck by the differences between the two locations. Troy had a higher level of city services and lower fees and licenses than Waterford. I am interested in running for the Waterford Board of Trustees to see if I can help reduce the fees and licenses here and keep taxes from increasing.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Road repairs could be greatly improved. Determine which roads are in greatest need of repair and determine responsibility: Township, County, State or shared? Then go after funding with the goal to not raise citizen's taxes.</li> <li>2. Township police &amp; fire operations are costly, especially repairing and replacing fire trucks, police cars, buildings &amp; stations. A recently passed increase in property taxes to pay for this raised my property taxes by thousands of dollars per year! I will review requests for tax increases very carefully in the future.</li> <li>3. Waste and trash removal services were just awarded to one company, which is a good idea. Unfortunately, my monthly bill is higher. I will search for a company that can do it for less, when the time comes to renew their contract.</li> </ol>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>MARK MONOHON</b>                      3517 David K Dr.                      Waterford, MI 48329</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Waterford Resident since 1984. Member of Our Lady of the Lakes and Knights of Columbus.</li> <li>•Husband and father of two, a son and daughter, Past Football and Soccer coach at Waterford Park &amp; Rec.</li> <li>•Graduate of Oakland CC, and LTU: Associate, Bachelor, and Master degrees including the fields of Airport Planning, Engineering, and Operations &amp; Project Management</li> <li>•Over 40 yrs. in the automotive industry, with the last 12 yrs, working and managing government and regulatory affairs for an automotive supplier: in Lansing , Washington DC. and International (EU &amp; UN)</li> <li>•Member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and MI Chamber of Commerce, Instrument-rated pilot, aircraft mechanic and auto mechanic, past board member on several trade associations' government affairs committees.</li> <li>•Experience with reviewing and writing commonsense into laws and regulations, and understanding the need to building positive relationships to achieve the needs of business owners and taxpayers alike. Working to Make Matters Mean More!, not just to me but to all residents and stakeholders of Waterford. •No hidden agendas! Questions or concerns can also be emailed to Markfortrustee@gmail.com</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue development of the Summit Place mall space to anchor new business and contribute/compliment to existing Waterford business.</li> <li>2. Commercial improvement and development of the M59 &amp; Dixie Hwy corridors, Search for new business looking to start up or existing ones looking to relocate. Addressing the needed update to the Township's Master Plan, addressing infrastructure concerns which can be addressed at the township level. Investigating options for those other issues and working with other branches of government towards solutions.</li> <li>3. Recognizing and addressing impacts for the recent pandemic on business and residents, make sure that residents and business have access to accurate information and the resources they need to move forward.</li> <li>4. To work from a commonsense approach by communicating within the township to residents and business and inform and work with State and US officials to address those needs. Work on the business side to promote Waterford and bring in new opportunities.</li> </ol> <p>•Improving our community to be a desirable place to live and work and relax and without new taxes!</p>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>NICOLAS SKRZYPCZAK</b>                      2802 Riverside Dr.                      Waterford, MI 48329</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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