

## TRAVERSE CITY METRO TOWNSHIPS

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ness and residential matters while maintaining a prudent, fiscal outlook in times of state revenue reductions.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** To continue my loyalty and devotion to the residents of East Bay Township both in their personal interests and municipal matters.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTE FOR 4

#### JOHN BUDAY Republican

**AGE:** 44  
**EDUCATION:** 1978 graduate Traverse City Central Senior High; 1979 graduate of U.S. Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class, Officers Candidate School, Quantico Va.; 1983 B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University.

**POLITICAL CAREER:** Have never held an elected office  
**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** 1990 to current, co-owner of ABI Mechanical Contractors;

1983- 990, plant engineering manager, Munson Medical Center; 1983-1986, plant engineering director, T.C. Osteopathic Hospital; 1976-1983, apprentice plumber/pipefitter for ABI Mechanical.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Assuring that East Bay Township tax funds collected, are used in the best interest of the tax payers and township.

**WHY VOTE FOR ME?** Growth is not a bad thing if planned properly. Trying to stop all growth and the infrastructure that supports it is a mistake. My technical and practical background will be helpful in making good decisions that are right for the future of the township and fair to its tax payers.

#### RANDIE CLAWSON Republican

**AGE:** 61  
**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City.  
**EDUCATION:** B.S., Western

Michigan University.

**POLITICAL CAREER:** First-time candidate.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Retired from state, 1997. Career included office management; program administrator and final position was out-state Liaison to Judicial Community for Secretary of State. Additional career, licensed insurance adjuster 1997 to present.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY** East Bay Government managing the changes so that wise choices are made with the resources for benefit of all the people.  
**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I have the desire, time, skills and energy to work to ensure quality of life for all residents in East Bay Township.

#### BETH MARIE FRIEND Republican

**AGE:** 35  
**EDUCATION:** B.S. and M.S. in economics, West Virginia University.

**POLITICAL CAREER:** Not applicable.  
**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Research and management project analyst and consultant.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** It is critical the officials elected to the township board are mindful they were elected with the public's trust. Good decisions must be based on the insistence of fiscal responsibility, prudent spending of taxpayer money and valuing residents' opinions and concerns balanced with the welfare of the Township.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** As a trustee, an elected official at a government level closest to the residents, I would analyze decisions from a taxpayer and resident's perspective. For me, each decision would involve asking the questions voters themselves would ask.



#### SUSAN LaROSE Republican

**AGE:** 48  
**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**EDUCATION:** Enrolled, B.A., management and organizational development, Spring Arbor University; State of Michigan certified assessor Level I and Level II, Northwestern Michigan College; graduate, advertising design communication, Kendall School of Art and Design.

**POLITICAL CAREER:** No prior elected public office.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Over 25 years experience working with the public in a service environment.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** My top issue in this election is to become more involved in the process and dedication to better the township for all East Bay families.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** A vote for me will endorse my willingness as a future trustee to communicate clearly, raise concerns in an objective manner and participate in problem-solving efforts.

#### DALE McALLISTER Republican

Did not respond.

#### JOHN REICHERT Republican

**AGE:** 68  
**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**EDUCATION:** High school graduate  
**POLITICAL CAREER:** 8 years as trustee  
**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Reichert Steamer Carpet Cleaner, 17 years  
**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Not provided.  
**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** Not provided.

#### LEROY STRAIT JR. Republican

Did not respond.

### ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP

#### SUPERVISOR NOEL FLOHE Republican

**AGE:** 64

**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**EDUCATION:** B.A., Aquinas College; post-graduate work for teacher certification, NMC, Michigan State Extension; Life Underwriter Training Council fellow certification.

**POLITICAL CAREER:** 1996-2000, Elmwood Township trustee; 2000-04, Elmwood Township supervisor.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** School teacher, 4 years; financial planner, 33 years (retired); continuing education moderator for financial planners.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Maintaining confidence in your current board. In 43 months, it has a 93 percent start/completion rate for 320 items of concern in all 9 major areas of township responsibility.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** Experienced incumbent. Qualified, I possesses the knowledge, skills and ability for continued success. I am motivated to facilitate a positive and responsive setting for all Elmwood Township needs, concerns and issues. I desire to serve, and am familiar with the issues.

#### JOHN NAYMICK Republican

**AGE:** 53  
**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**EDUCATION:** Traverse City High School, 1968; Central Michigan University School of Business, 1978.  
**POLITICAL CAREER:** 1984-1999, Elmwood Township supervisor.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Building contractor; part-time bus driver.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Growth management. Elmwood Township is dead in the water at this critical time in its history. With tremendous pressure for development



facing the township, the township is waging territorial warfare and allowing the judicial system to manage the growth in the township, which is very expensive and very inefficient.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** Using my experience, knowledge and proactive attitude, I can get Elmwood Township moving in the right direction. I would bring all the stakeholders into the process. I would bring the issues out in boardrooms and not in the courts.

#### DERITH SMITH Republican

**AGE:** 49  
**EDUCATION:** Municipal clerk's academy, Michigan State University.

**POLITICAL CAREER:** Elmwood Township clerk, 1988-2000; Suttons Bay village clerk, 2001-2004.

#### PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Personnel and finance administration for service & manufacturing industries.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Elmwood Township can grow into the vision laid out by residents in the Master Plan. We each must share the price of this future and should be guided by competent, ethical officials with a sense of community and a healthy respect for our democracy and all its' laws.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** As an active resident, I am well versed on issues facing Elmwood. As supervisor I will utilize 15 years experience to foster open communication and responsible service to all residents. I am dedicated to following the law and assuring that all residents are treated with the respect we each deserve.

### CLERK

#### CONNIE PRESTON AGE: 39

**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City.

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