

TRAVERSE CITY METRO TOWNSHIPS

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EDUCATION: Traverse City St. Francis High School; Michigan Township Association local government training.

POLITICAL CAREER: Elmwood Township clerk, over three years.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

Management and bookkeeping experience in accounts payable, receivables, and payroll; former credit union employee.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Zoning. Our township needs a zoning ordinance that manages growth, encourages open space, and protects private property rights of Elmwood Township citizens. I will not support a zoning ordinance that encourages sprawl. Elmwood Township native.. My home, heart, and roots are here, giving me a better understanding of the issues.

PEI-SHAN VAN ZOEREN

Republican

AGE: 51

EDUCATION: BA, National Taiwan University (1975), graduate work in economics, Boston University (1977)

POLITICAL CAREER: board

member of Elmwood Citizens for Sensible Growth, a local non-profit advocacy group for good land use planning and government.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Founder of Anthology Inc., a Traverse-City based software company with a worldwide clientele.

TOP ELECTION ISSUE:

Elmwood Township needs a more efficient, open government. We also need to creatively address the pressures for growth that we are now feeling.

WHY VOTE FOR ME? As an independent high-tech business person with financial



background, I have a record of success in organizing a complex operation with efficiency and customer service. I also have attended many township meetings and am familiar with township zoning laws, election laws and township laws governing elected officials.

TREASURER

KATHY KOMAREK

Republican

AGE: 46

EDUCATION: Morton College, certified dental assistant

POLITICAL CAREER: Former Elmwood

deputy clerk and deputy treasurer.

Open government advocate, also involved with Elmwood Citizens for Sensible Growth.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Certified dental assistant, Business manager for several dental offices locally. Extensive training in financial and business matters.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Elmwood Township needs accountable government that listens and responds to its citizens on matters of growth, land use and effective planning. It's also imperative to keep accurate control of revenues and expenditures.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I have a proven background of efficiently running a business office with a pleasant, positive, enthusiastic attitude. I attend many township meetings and am involved on many levels. I will protect the interests of all Elmwood citizens and taxpayers by striving to improve the daily business operations.

DEBBIE STREET

Republican

AGE: 49

RESIDENCE: Traverse City.

EDUCATION: Associate's degree, applied science, Northwestern Michigan College; seminars in software tax program, special assessment program.

POLITICAL CAREER: Elmwood



Township treasurer for 3½ years.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Elmwood Township treasurer; manager for local medical practice and clinical medical assistant for 8 years; documentation secretary, Citi Corp. subsidiary of Citibank.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Land use. I support private property rights. We can balance the rights of the community with the rights of private property use. Studies show a balance is achieved with planning methods that demand preserving wetlands and 50 percent open space while allowing private use.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?

Experience. Our audit reports reflect my commitment and success. I have executed my duties faithfully, enthusiastically and in accordance with all laws. I love my work. It takes at least a year to grasp this job. It is complex, demanding and driven by deadlines, and I have enjoyed every minute.



company in 1995. I bear fiduciary responsibility for more than \$150 million in institutional investments.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? To manage future growth in the township. As an investment professional, I recognize the need and desirability for growth. To stop growing is to start dying. That's as true for a township as for an amoeba. But growth must be managed and controlled, or it becomes a cancer.

WHY VOTE FOR ME? I have successfully managed other people's investments for nearly 20 years. This requires a clear sense of trends. My goal as township trustee would be to improve quality of life by promoting trends that lead to growth and employment, while avoiding those that increase traffic congestion and cost of government.

TERRY LAUTNER

Republican

AGE: 47

RESIDENCE: Traverse City

EDUCATION: Traverse City High School; 1979, B.S. in dairy science, Michigan State University.

POLITICAL CAREER: 2000-

present, Elmwood Township trustee.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Owner/operator of Elmwood Township Dairy Farm since 1984.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Fiscal responsibility. I'll continue to work to eliminate the 1 percent property tax collection surcharge. We must deal with township growth in a responsible, realistic way.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I represent the Republican philosophy of limited government. I am proud of the fact that we have been able to reduce taxes in our township while still providing and improving essential services.

JAMES O'ROURKE

Republican

AGE: 53



RESIDENCE: Traverse City

EDUCATION: B.S., Florida State University; Michigan Township Association schools.

POLITICAL CAREER: Elmwood Township trustee, 4 terms.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: 27 years as Leelanau County police officer; staff sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Providing EMS and fire service to the township at an affordable cost. The township has several assisted living, adult foster care homes. The rescue runs have increased. Finding qualified people to volunteer is difficult. The budget will increase, how much will depend on what level of services people want.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? Just like police work, a trustee must investigate and study important decisions before taking action. It is important to treat all requests equally and objectively. I have no hidden agenda or belong to any special groups. My decisions are fair and based on common sense.

ERIK SAXON

Republican

AGE: 49

EDUCATION: Two years college.

POLITICAL CAREER: No elected office.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Managing partner in Saxon Design Inc., a local graphic and communication company.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?

I've lived and worked in Elmwood Township for 17 years. I enjoy life in northwestern lower Michigan with my wife and two daughters. A personal interest in architecture has led me to the discussion of land use planning in my community.

