

TRAVERSE CITY METRO TOWNSHIPS

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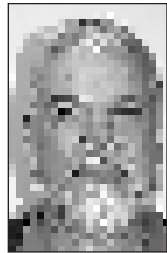
**JOE McMANUS**  
**Republican**  
**AGE:** 41  
**EDUCATION:** Traverse City Central High School, 1982; Two years at Northwestern Michigan College.  
**POLITICAL CAREER:** Two years Garfield Township Board trustee.  
**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** 20 years Frito-Lay Inc. currently district sales leader.  
**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Keep Garfield Township moving forward. The current board has continued to work with all sides to ensure balanced prosperous growth throughout the township. Keeping the current board in place will insure that these policies are maintained.  
**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** Take a look at what Garfield Township has accomplished. The new township park is just one example. Keep the experience that you have in office and at work for Garfield Township.

**LEO STRAIT**  
**Republican**  
 Did not respond

**PENINSULA TOWNSHIP**

**SUPERVISOR**

**ROB MANIGOLD**  
**Republican**  
**AGE:** 53  
**EDUCATION:** Old Mission Peninsula School, Traverse City Senior High School, B.S. Central Michigan University.  
**POLITICAL CAREER:** Peninsula Township supervisor for 16 years.

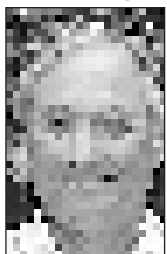


**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Fourth generation cherry farmer.  
**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Allowing sensible growth while preserving our scenic views, farm land, and historic character that makes the Peninsula unique.  
**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I will continue spearheading good land use planning and

preservation efforts to ensure the quality of life we have all grown accustomed to on the Old Mission Peninsula. I feel that citizen involvement is the key to good government.

**CLERK**

**REX HITE**  
**Republican**  
**AGE:** 57  
**EDUCATION:** B.A., economics, Michigan State University; master's, public accounting, University of Hartford; successfully passed exam for certified public accounting.  
**POLITICAL CAREER:** Peninsula Township Planning Commission.  
**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** 30 years of accounting in various industries.



**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** We provide township employees and spouses with health insurance for life. In February 2003, the auditor notified the township of a significant gap in funds for this purpose. Actions the board is now taking after citizens complained in March 2004 should have been taken years ago.  
**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I can provide leadership needed for issues related to the financial crisis we face and growth issues, such as a revision of the Master Plan and traffic problems that will continue to build as we grow. We need to significantly improve communication between the township and our citizens.

**MONICA HOFFMAN**  
**Republican**  
**AGE:** 46  
**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**EDUCATION:** Certified state election official; Michigan State University Municipal Clerks Institute; Leadership Grand Traverse.



**POLITICAL CAREER:** Elected Peninsula Township clerk, August 2000.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Peninsula Fruit Exchange, bookkeeper and office manager, 1985-1992; Peninsula Township office manager, zoning assistant, township clerk, 1992-present.  
**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Continue to preserve open space and agricultural land, which will help slow growth and reduce traffic. Continue my open-door policy to work closely with residents so that their individual concerns can be addressed and solved more effectively.

**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** Four years ago, I promised to work full time while serving all the residents of our township, to remain objective and open-minded regarding township matters, and establish a township web site. I have kept my promises, and I'm asking for your vote once again.

**TREASURER**

**JAY RUZAK**  
**Republican**  
**AGE:** 62  
**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**EDUCATION:** University of California-Berkeley, bachelor's degree, economics; University of Chicago, master's degree, business finance.



**POLITICAL CAREER:** None.  
**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** 30 years of credit management experience in a variety of CEO and CFO positions.  
**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** That the complexity of land use and other zoning issues on Old Mission Peninsula increasingly require a professional approach to managing growth with a full time commitment and fresh perspective.  
**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I'm an MBA qualified in finance, plus I have a unique, balanced approach and understanding of issues, as a result of 30 years of professional

experience, in combination with owning an agriculturally based local small business.

**DAVID WEATHERHOLT**  
**Republican**  
**AGE:** 44  
**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**EDUCATION:** Traverse City Central High School, 1978; Spartan School of Aeronautics, 1980; Michigan Townships Association Department of Education-Tax Collecting, 2000; Michigan Townships Association continuing education classes, 2001-2004.



**POLITICAL CAREER:** 2000-present, Peninsula Township treasurer.  
**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Operator and proprietor of Weatherholt Farms.  
**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Land use. Saving open space, farmland and scenic views has always been at the forefront. Differing people have varied ideas, but the people who work together toward the common goal have to be able to give and take in order to accomplish these goals.  
**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I am a cost-conscious person. As looming cuts in state revenue become reality, balancing yearly budgets will be a challenge. From the time I was elected in 2000 I accepted the pay and benefits without taking an increase in pay as my contribution to the township's ongoing budget constraints.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
 Vote for 4

**JILL BYRON**  
**Republican**  
**AGE:** 57  
**EDUCATION:** Michigan State University, bachelor and master's degree; citizen planner course  
**POLITICAL CAREER:** No prior elected public office.



**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Retired Detroit Edison/DTE Energy manager with 32 years business/managerial/administrative experience.  
**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** "Balanced representation" on the board allows diversity in thoughts/perspectives so issues (exceptional benefits package, traffic/speed, communication and long-term growth) can be thoroughly explored before public hearing. This helps eliminate factions and builds consensus/understanding. We need a board that listens and makes decisions based on taxpayer direction.  
**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I attend all town board and planning commission meetings and know the issues. I have taken the MSU Citizen Planner Course and understand the scope/breadth of the job. I will apply my business background and my energy to represent Taxpayers and preserve this beautiful place we have been given.

**JERRY DUMON**  
**Republican**  
**AGE:** 61  
**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City  
**EDUCATION:** 1964, B.A. English, University of Detroit; 1967, J.D., University of Detroit Law School.  
**POLITICAL CAREER:** None.  
**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Practicing attorney since 1968 and legal adviser to five townships in Shiawassee County.  
**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** The new board must address the issue of health insurance for township employees. If current benefits are out of line with other townships, or if they simply cost too much, they must be reduced. This is an inflammatory issue, and directly reflects on the integrity of the board.  
**WHY VOTE FOR YOU?** I support low-density residential growth, the PDR program, conservancies and the

