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aggressive pursuit of grant money to preserve farmland and shorelines. I would use my experience and abilities to keep Peninsula Township a special place. I am a current member of Peninsula Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

**ALAN H. GRAY** Republican AGE: None provided. **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City **EDUCATION:** 

College degree, accounting; graduate work in vocational and special education; farm and cher-



ry processing work while growing up on Old Mission Peninsula.

**POLITICAL CAREER**: Township trustee

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Teaching, Ottawa Hills and Creston high schools, Grand Rapids; special education, Arnell Engstrom School. Traverse City.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: Traffic, and how to lessen negative impact on neighborhood roads. Maintaining/expanding current public services. Protecting our "quality of

life" in all aspects, such as economic well-being, environmental concerns.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?: I feel that my record is strong as a trustee. Trustees have basically two responsibilities: A fiduciary one, to be sure township funds are spent in a responsible manner; and legislative — to critically examine the various issues that come before the township board — to be your advocate.

JED HEMMING Republican **AGE**: 49

**EDUCATION:** No response. **POLITICAL CAREER: No** 

response.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: No response.

**TOP ISSUES/WHY?** The town board is excelling in addressing current issues. We have appointed a citizen committee to scrutinize the employee

benefit package and make recommendations. The PDR program is being enforced and the acreage is growing. The Master Plan



has been formatted into a clear, concise document, which is being reviewed.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? A lifelong resident on the Peninsula, I bring sound reasoning, depth of knowledge, a level head and an open mind to the town board. As an incumbent, I am keenly aware of current issues on the planning commission and town board and have been deeply involved in PDR

JIM HORTON Republican **AGE:** 55 **RESIDENCE:** Traverse City **EDUCATION:** 

High school graduate. **POLITICAL CAREER**: Eight years on the Peninsula Township Park

since inception.

Board. **PROFESSIONAL** 

**CAREER:** 34 years with Peninsula Fruit Exchange

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** Benefits. Currently board members and employees are eligible for lifetime health insurance after 12 years of service and a pension (13 percent of wages) fully vested after 20 months. Taxpayer dollars should not pay these benefits. Township trustee is a part-time position and compensation should reflect this.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? As trustee I will work with all the boards and employees to better serve the community. The benefits issue needs to be resolved with everyone being treated fairly. If elected, I will not take any benefits offered by the township.

**DEAN JOHNSON** 

Republican **AGE:** 53

**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City.

**EDUCATION:** Attended Northwestern Michigan

College. **POLITICAL** 

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

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Lifelong fruit grower and business owner; 10 years on executive board with Mason County Fruit Growers.

## **TOP ISSUE/WHY?**

Communication and cooperation between township boards and fiscal responsibility to township voters.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My experience and familiarity with Peninsula Township issues and an understanding of good planning and land use.

**CORY REAMER** Republican **AGE: 36 RESIDENCE:** Traverse City



**POLITICAL CAREER**: None.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Licensed builder



Peninsula Township residents and the Peninsula Township Boards. WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I believe I have the ability to help guide Peninsula Township in the years to come, and I am willing to listen to both sides of the issues before acting on them.

**TOP ISSUE/WHY?** To better

communication between

**PENNY ROSI** Republican

**AGE**: 61

**RESIDENCE:** Traverse City. **EDUCATION:** 1965, B.A. liberal arts, Lawrence College; 1986, M.A. geography/land use, University of South Florida; 2003, citizen planner. Michigan State University.

**POLITICAL** CAREER: None. **PROFESSIONAL CAREER:** Land planner, 1988-1998, for Greenhorne and O'Mara, Tampa Bay Engineering,

**Progressive Development** Group civil engineering firms. TOP

ISSUE/WHY? Citizen involvement is essential to provide direction for peninsula growth and development. A decade ago, residents responded to surveys and formed focus groups to address master plan issues.

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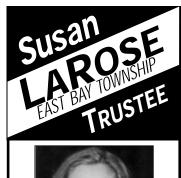
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Peninsula Township must again involve citizens regarding current issues: valueadded agriculture, traffic, historic preservation, farmland protection, water/sewer and open space.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? My leadership skills will encourage open debate of issues and bring all interests to the table. My township planning commission experience and professional training in land use planning will provide framework for growth management policy decisions. My association with the League of Women Voters will ensure good government practices.





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