

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA
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Nonpartisan Voters Guide

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The titles of all offices and the names of all candidates on the ballot in the Primary Election appear in this Guide. Only candidates in races for Supreme Court, Superior Court, Commissioner, Controller, Register of Wills Recorder of Deeds, Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, Sheriff, District Attorney, Magisterial District Judge, school board director, supervisor, mayor, councilmember, and tax collector were asked to reply to the Monroe County LWV questionnaire. Each candidate's reply has been printed as submitted, except to use standard abbreviations in the interest of space and to publish the material up to the end of the sentence closest to the word limit. Candidates are listed in the order in which they appear on the ballot. The party of the Governor is listed first in Pennsylvania. The LWV publishes this material neither to endorse nor reject the views of any candidate and does not assume responsibility for the contents of any reply. The material in this Guide was compiled by the League of Women Voters of Monroe County and may not be altered or reprinted without the permission of the League.

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D.O.B. denotes Date of Birth

// indicates that a candidate has exceeded the permitted number of words in his or her response.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed APPLICATIONS for absentee ballots must be received by the county Board of Elections by 5 P.M., Tuesday, October 30. Completed absentee BALLOTS must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday, November 2. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call your county Board of Elections for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. An emergency application and ballot can be obtained and voted by 5 P.M. on Friday, November 2nd. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN VOTING

For write-in voting information, check with the workers at your polling place before entering the voting booth.

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place will (MAY) telephone the county Board of Elections.

The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you will have to go in person to the county board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems.

NEW VOTERS

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of Federal or State government issued ID. Some forms of non-photo ID are also acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day, you are in the right polling place, and the problem cannot be resolved by the judge of elections, you have the right to ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

**Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 6, 2007
This Voter's Guide may be taken into the voting booth.**

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

(10 year term)

(Vote for not more than two)

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is the highest judicial authority in the Commonwealth. In addition to being the final court of appeals, it serves as administrator of the unified court system and is responsible for ensuring that all Pennsylvania courts perform their duties properly. The Court hears decisions of the Superior and Commonwealth Courts and in certain cases, including those involving the death penalty, from the Courts of Common Pleas. It may also assume jurisdiction over any case pending before a lower court that involves an issue of immediate public importance. There are seven Supreme Court justices, the Chief Justice being the one having the longest continuous service on the Court.

Salary: \$175,236.00

Question: What does the phrase 'judicial independence' mean to you?

DEMOCRATIC

DEBRA TODD, Cranberry Twp.

D.O.B: 10/15/1957

EDUCATION: 1979, Chatham College, B.A.

1982, Pittsburgh University School of Law, J.D.

2004, Virginia University School of Law, LL. M.

OCCUPATION: Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge

QUALIFICATIONS: 18 years as practicing Trial Attorney, Superior Court Judge for 7 years, Rated “Highly Recommended” by Allegheny County and PA Bar Associations

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence is a matter of personal courage and integrity. It is incumbent on judges to make a sincere effort to educate the public regarding the respective roles of each branch of government and the importance of protecting the judiciary from undue influence. I decide each case that comes before me on its own merits. I am committed to the Rule of Law and to the protections guaranteed by the United States and Pennsylvania Constitutions.

SEAMUS P. MCCAFFERY, Philadelphia

D.O.B.: 06/03/1950

EDUCATION: 1977, LaSalle College, B.A.
1989, Temple University School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge

QUALIFICATIONS: 39 years’ experience in the PA legal system
Decorated police officer
Attorney, trial & administrative judge (appt by Supreme Court)
39 years’ military service

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The courage to assess the facts and apply the law free from political pressure or regard for popular sentiment. Unlike legislators, judges gain respect by proving they will decide each case with absolute impartiality, integrity and open-mindedness. To do this, judges must not fear retaliation from political entities or the media. If the public distinguishes the interpretive role of the judiciary from the law-making role of the legislature, judges will be free to perform their constitutionally-mandated role independently.

REPUBLICAN

MAUREEN LALLY-GREEN, Cranberry Twp.

D.O.B.: 07/05/1949

EDUCATION: 1971, Duquesne University, B.S.
1974, Duquesne University Law School, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge

QUALIFICATIONS: 7 years as Superior Court Judge, Law Professor for 15 years and 9 years as a practicing attorney

ANSWER TO QUESTION: “Judicial independence” means that judges are able to perform their duties in a fair and impartial manner that comports with the requirements of the Constitutions of Pennsylvania and the United States, and the law. Citizens turn to the courts to resolve disputed issues and/or to vindicate their rights. Judges who are able to perform their duties in the described manner serve these needs of the citizens in a way contemplated by our Constitutions and the law.

MIKE KRANCER, Bryn Mawr

D.O.B.: 12/05/1957

EDUCATION: 1980, University of Virginia, B.A.

OCCUPATION: 1983, Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D. summa cum laude
Former Chief Judge & Chairman of the Environmental Hearing Board.
QUALIFICATIONS: Practicing attorney for 17 years, judge for 7 years. Annual Community
Leadership Award, various volunteer activities

ANSWER TO QUESTION: 1) Making decisions based on the law and facts of the case independent of
outside influence or consideration. 2) The courage to do what is right even if
that course runs counter to the agenda(s) of the other branches of government.

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Pennsylvania Superior Court is one of two intermediate appellate courts. It hears all criminal and civil appeals from the Courts of Common Pleas except for death penalty cases and those that are specifically assigned to the Commonwealth Court. The Court has fifteen judges, with the President Judge elected by the members. Judges of the Superior Court must be lawyers and must reside in Pennsylvania for at least a year before their election and for as long as they continue in office.

Term: 10 years
Salary: \$165,342.00
(Vote for not more than three.)

Question: What does the phrase “judicial independence” mean to you?

DEMOCRATIC

CHRISTINE DONOHUE, Pittsburgh

D.O.B: 12/24/1952

EDUCATION: 1974, East Stroudsburg State University, B.A.
1980, Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Lawyer

QUALIFICATIONS: Highest possible recommendation for the Superior Court: Judicial
26 years of trial & appellate courts experience

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence is the foundation of a fair and impartial judicial system
and one of the pillars of our democracy. Decision-making must be free of any
external influence (political, social or economic). If such influence could
result in a decision that is based on anything other than an impartial review of
the record and the fair application of the law, a Superior Court judge should
recuse herself.

RON FOLINO, Pittsburgh

D.O.B: 02/14/1954

EDUCATION: 1976, Pennsylvania State, B.S.
1981, Dickinson School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Judge, Court of Common Pleas

QUALIFICATIONS: Rated #1 in fairness and impartiality for last 8 years, overall 70 state and federal trial judges in county, by the Allegheny County Bar Association survey of nearly 8,000 practitioners; highly recommended by PA Bar Association

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence means judicial integrity. A judge with judicial integrity will base his or her decisions on the facts and law, and is much less likely to be influenced by outside forces. A judge can maintain independence by understanding the judge's role in the framework of our government. The judge's role is not to advance any particular partisan political agenda. The role is to apply the facts of the case to the applicable law, free from any influence.

JOHN MILTON YOUNGE, Philadelphia

D.O.B: 07/19/1955

EDUCATION: 1977, Boston University, B.S.
1981, Howard University School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Judge, Court of Common Pleas

QUALIFICATIONS: Common Pleas Trial Judge presiding over thousands of civil and criminal cases since 1996. 10 years of service at the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority Dep. Exec. Director and General Counsel.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: It means that judges need the independence to fairly interpret the constitution and resolve disputes without political interference. Judges must have both decisional independence and institutional independence. Decisional independence means the freedom to issue decisions that may be constitutionally sound but politically unpopular. The judiciary must also have the institutional independence from the other branches of government to perform its function without concern that resources needed for operation will be withheld.

REPUBLICAN

CHERYL ALLEN, Pittsburgh

D.O.B: 12/16/1947

EDUCATION: 1969, Penn State University, B.S.
1975, Pittsburgh University School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Judge, Court of Common Pleas

QUALIFICATIONS: 17 years as Judge of Allegheny County, 15 years as an attorney, 13 years as Assistant Solicitor, 3 years as an Elementary School Teacher.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence is maintained when the judge holds fast and true to the oath taken upon induction –that oath being to uphold the constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. When a judge is committed to upholding the constitution and interpreting the law, thereby doing what is right, political expediency cannot enter into the picture.

BRUCE BRATTON, Harrisburg

D.O.B: 06/25/1949

EDUCATION: 1973, Penn State University, B.A.
1976, University of Pennsylvania, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Judge, Court of Common Pleas

QUALIFICATIONS: Penn State grad, 6 years as trial judge in all areas of litigation
Served his country in Vietnam
25 years broad legal experience
11 years as Solicitor to Dauphin County Controller
Served as Susquehanna Twp. Solicitor
Nominated to Court by Tom Ridge in 2001

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence means the freedom of the judiciary to act as a truly co-equal branch of government. Decisions of a court must, to be legitimate, be free from any appearance of bias or outside influence whatsoever. Judges must decide cases based solely on the facts presented and must apply the law and constitutional provisions without influence of popular political or social winds of the day. They must remain true to their oath to do just that and, too, be watchful not to overstep their bounds; i.e. they must not invade the law-making and regulation functions of the other two branches.

JACQUELINE SHOGAN, Murrysville

D.O.B: 06/05/1953

EDUCATION: 1975, Temple University, B.S.N.
1981, Virginia University, M.S.N.
1990, Duke University School of Law, J.D. (high honors)

OCCUPATION: Attorney with Thorp, Reed & Armstrong, LLP

QUALIFICATIONS: Extensive experience in civil, administrative and criminal law, certified arbitrator and mediator, teaches appellate practice at Pitt Law School, "Recommended" by the PBA, longstanding community volunteer, former nurse and nurse educator.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence means that a judge is obligated to faithfully and impartially apply the law, free from personal bias, financial or other personal interests, and outside influences. However, more must be required of our judges. They must avoid even the appearance of impropriety, which includes the appearance of lacking judicial independence. This means that a judge should limit contacts, affiliations, business dealings, and comments that would reasonably call into question his or her judicial independence.

RETENTION ELECTION

Judicial retention is a system of retaining judges for additional terms after they have been elected on a partisan, contested ballot. Previously elected incumbent candidates for justice or judge appear uncontested on the ballot. They are running for 10 year terms.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

(Vote YES or NO)

Shall Thomas G. Saylor be retained for an additional term as Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

THOMAS G. SAYLOR, Camp Hill

D.O.B: 12/14/1946

EDUCATION: 1969, University of Virginia, B.A.
1972, Columbia Law School, J.D.
2003, University of Virginia School of Law, LL. M

OCCUPATION: Justice, Pennsylvania Supreme Court
QUALIFICATIONS: 1973-1976, Assistant District Attorney, Somerset County; 1982-1983, Director, PA Bureau of Consumer Protection; 1984-1987 First Deputy Attorney General; 1994-1997, Superior Court; 1998-present, Supreme Court

ANSWER TO QUESTION: I believe that judicial independence means fair and impartial courts that preserve access to justice and the rule of law, maintain freedom from interference from politicians and special interests, and serve as an essential check and balance on power in our three-branch system of government.

RETENTION ELECTION

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(Vote YES or NO)

Shall Joan Orié Melvin be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

JOAN ORIE MELVIN, Pittsburgh

D.O.B: 04/06/1956
EDUCATION: 1978, University of Notre Dame, B.A.
1981, Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania
QUALIFICATIONS: 1981 to 1985, private practice corporate counsel; 1985-1990, Magistrate for the City of Pittsburgh Municipal Courts; served as Chief Magistrate 1987-1990 and established PA's first Domestic Violence Court. 1990-1997, Judge on the Allegheny Co. Court of Common Pleas.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence means that a judge decides issues fairly and impartially based solely upon the facts of each case and the applicable law. It permits judges to render decisions free of outside influences.

(Vote YES or NO)

Shall John L. Musmanno be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

JOHN L. MUSMANNO, Pittsburgh

D.O.B: 03/31/1942
EDUCATION: 1963, Washington & Jefferson College, B.A.
1966, Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania
QUALIFICATIONS: 1982 to 1997, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny Co, served in Criminal, Civil and Family Divisions; Administrative Judge, Civil Division 2005-present: Member, Court of Judicial Discipline.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence means that we have fair and impartial courts that protect the rights and liberties of our citizens based on the Constitution and the rule of law. Courts must decide cases based solely on those principles and free from political influence and the influence of special interest groups.

(Vote YES or NO)

Shall Correale Stevens be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

CORREALE STEVENS, Drums

D.O.B: 10/06/1946

EDUCATION: Penn State University, B.A.
Dickinson College School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania

QUALIFICATIONS: Member, PA House of Representatives (8 years)
Luzerne County District Attorney (3 _ years)
Judge, Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas (7 years)
Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania (10 years)

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Being able to make a decision based on the law and the facts, fairly and impartially, without fear of retribution.

RETENTION ELECTION

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT

(Vote YES or NO)

Shall Bonnie B. Leadbetter be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

BONNIE B. LEADBETTER, Schwenksville

D.O.B: 02/19/1947

EDUCATION: 1968, Rice University, B.A.
1971, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: President Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

QUALIFICATIONS: PA Bar Association stated: "Judge Leadbetter is recognized for her high level of legal ability, sound judgment, courteous manner and temperament." "Her integrity and personal character are beyond reproach."
10 years state and federal prosecutor
25 years private practice – business litigation
11 years Judge of Commonwealth Court, now President Judge
4 years Judge, Court of Judicial Discipline

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence means having the ability to decide cases in the public interest, with fairness to all parties and in accordance with the law, even when justice or our Constitution require decisions which are unpopular. It means we cannot be beholden to other branches of government, nor to powerful interest groups. It means having the willpower to turn the other cheek to unfair

criticism, without losing the ability to keep an open mind. It means having the strength to do the right thing.

(Vote YES or NO)

Shall Bernard L. McGinley be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

BERNARD L. MCGINLEY, Pittsburgh

D.O.B: 01/07/1946

EDUCATION: 1967, John Carroll University, B.A.
1970, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

QUALIFICATIONS: Law Clerk – Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, 1970
Assistant D.A. – Allegheny County, 1971-1975
Chair – Allegheny County Board of Viewers – 1975-1980
Judge – Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas – 1981-1988
Judge – Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania – 1988-present

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence means the judge is independent from the influences of the executive and legislative branches. This is institutional independence. Second, a judge must be able to determine cases based on the law and facts. The media, politics and undue influence must not sway a judge's decision. This is decisional independence. The retention scheme facilitates both institutional and decisional independence. When a judge has followed the law and exhibited judicial independence, he deserves retention.

(Vote YES or NO)

Shall Doris A. Smith-Ribner be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

DORIS A. SMITH-RIBNER, Philadelphia

D.O.B:

EDUCATION: 1972, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

QUALIFICATIONS: Practicing attorney in Allegheny County, PA for 14 years; Solicitor to the Allegheny Co. Controller for 5 years; Member/Chair of PA Supreme Court Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee; Member of Board of Various Corporation; Gubernatorial appointments to State Agency; and extensive community and professional activities.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Judicial independence is a doctrine or principle that is essential to preserving our rights, freedoms and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution. It commands the election or selection of judges who will render fair, impartial and honest decisions in cases based solely upon the facts and the law and made without regard to outside influences, including but not limited to political favoritism. It further commands that judges act independently of the other two branches of government and that they decide cases not to reach a particular result but rather to reach the right result.

MONROE COUNTY

COMMISSIONER

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Two)

JOB DESCRIPTION: Three County Commissioners (no more than two elected from the same political party) supervise: voter registration and elections, assessment of real estate property, human services, veteran affairs, juvenile detention facilities and prisons, and land use planning. They can establish housing and redevelopment authorities and conduct community development programs. They maintain homes for the aged and may support libraries and community colleges. They set county tax rates and adopt budgets for county offices and local Courts of Common Pleas.

QUESTION: What do you consider the most serious problem in Monroe County and how would you propose to solving it?

DEMOCRATIC

SUZANNE McCOOL

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: not given

EDUCATION: BS Education-Mansfield University, MS Counselor Education-University of Scranton-Additional 45 credits from Marywood University and ESU to earn various administrative certificates

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Monroe County Commissioner

QUALIFIATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Stroudsburg Borough Planning Commission over 25 yrs, (presently Chair), Monroe 2020 Task Force, HSPS Regional Planning Committee, Democratic Committeewoman over 20 yrs, (past), Pres. Young Democrats at Mansfield University (past)//

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Fast growing Monroe County presents many unique challenges, exerting enormous pressures on our infrastructure, schools, Human Service Agencies, resulting in problems balancing growth, providing jobs, educational opportunities, and social needs of our citizens. Upon re-election, I'll continue to fight for our fair share from Harrisburg and Washington to keep our Human Service programs afloat which have been seriously cut. I'll advocate for balanced growth, open space, clean water and air, affordable housing, expansion of NCC Monroe Campus.//

THERESA MERLI

D.O.B.: 6/10/1952

Swiftwater

EDUCATION: Georgian Court College - 1974 B.A.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Administrator – Brodhead Watershed Association (BWA), Sales/customer service Econ Plastics

QUALIFIATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Paradise Township Supervisor 5 years (Chairman 3 yrs.), Paradise Township Auditor 4 yrs, Citizen of the Year Paradise Township – 2003, Secretary LWV 3 YRS, President BWA 3 yrs, Paradise Environmental Advisory Board 3 yrs, Regional Open Space Board 4 yrs.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Accommodating growth, and its associated community services, in a healthy sustainable way is THE challenge for our community. The destruction of community character and natural resources that too often accompany growth is not inevitable. We can accommodate growth without degrading the qualities that make this county a desirable place to live. Cohesive, FULL TIME leadership is needed at the County level to fully implement the vision of the 8 year old Monroe 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

REPUBLICAN

DONNA M. ASURE

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 4/13/1961

EDUCATION: Pocono Mountain High School, BA Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1984

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Monroe County Commissioner

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Paradise Township Supervisor, 4 YRS, Commissioner, 8 yrs; small business owner 15 yrs. Wife, step-mother, daughter, sister, aunt, resident and taxpayer.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Growth and the fiscal and environmental impacts associated with it. I will continue to use my office as a bully pulpit to demand additional funding and resources to meet these challenges. We must effectively plan for and communicate our vision for the future by working together with municipal, state and federal governments. Providing additional tools to continue Monroe 2020 and the Open Space Program is critical to ensuring our quality of life.

ROBERT H. NOTHSTEIN

Cresco

D.O.B.: 9/22/1946

EDUCATION: B.A. Gettysburg College (1968) (cum laude); J.D. University of Virginia (1971); infantry officer school, Fort Benning, GA. (1971)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Monroe County Commissioner; Robert H. Nothstein Law Offices,-attorney

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Proven, experienced leadership, Vice Chairman Monroe County Commissioners; Lifetime Achievement Awards: American Legion; Pocono Mt. Volunteer Fire Co.; Monroe County Solicitor; Paradise Township Solicitor and Chairman Zoning Hearing Board.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: We are challenged daily by the need to balance growth with our rural character while preserving essential individual rights of our citizens. Quality of life, infrastructure, government, taxation and regulation need to be placed into the equation to handle growth. We have brought in quality commercial enterprises, remained a leader in open space preservation and not raised county taxes. I have fought to protect you against fads which tread on your individual American rights of self determination and land ownership.

CONTROLLER

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

JOB DESCRIPTON: The controller (or three auditors) gathers budget information, prescribes accounting systems to be used in county offices, approves all bills, audits books of all county officers, and makes financial reports at the end of the year.

QUESTION: Do you have specific suggestions for improving the administration of the office for which you are a candidate?

REPUBLICAN

MARLO A. MERHIGE

Cresco

D.O.B: 4/6/1968

EDUCATION: Graduated Cum Laude, College Misericordia-B.S. in accounting

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Monroe County Controller

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: I became controller in 2000 and have been overseeing all aspects of the controller's office since 1997. With my leadership skills and on-the-job experience, I am a strong advocate for the people of the county.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: As the current controller, I will continue to work with state and local officials to keep our county financial system one of the best in the state. The experience in my office enables us to keep up with the changing times, resulting in a savings to all. Monroe County cannot afford to undo the powerful checks and balances that have been implemented into the financial system and continue year to year under my leadership.

REGISTER of WILLS RECORDER of DEEDS

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Registers of Wills probates the wills of county residents, collects state inheritance taxes, and maintains records related to wills and fiduciary accounts. The Recorder of Deeds maintains the record of real property in the county, including titles and liens on property. The Recorder also keeps records of military discharges.

QUESTION: Do you have specific suggestions for improving the administration of the office to which you are a candidate?

DEMOCRATIC

LIZ SALADIN

Long Pond

D.O.B.: 7/21/63

EDUCATION: 1987 Richard Stockton State College, B.S. accounting

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Independent title abstractor

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Title searcher 5 yrs; accountant 20 yrs; member of PA Pride Restoration

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The state is now responsible for collection of delinquent transfer taxes. The Recorder of Deeds time and effort can now be placed on assuring indexing errors of recorded documents doesn't continue. Focus should be on adopting a customer first attitude that is proactive, efficient and friendly by allowing employees to assist the public with the computers; refund overpayment of fees to expedite recording of documents; allow input from attorneys, searchers, etc., before major changes are made.

REPUBLICAN

HELEN DIECIDUE

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: not given

EDUCATION: Educated in New York Schools – attended real estate and title insurance courses. On going continually education for both offices.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Register of Wills/Recorder of Deeds

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Presently Register/Recorder – 7 yrs, Former owner-local title company-20yrs, researching documents in Register/Recorder offices-26 yrs, Sheriff Department, Welfare Department, Instrumental in having Revenue Dept. collect both State and Local 2% delinquent Realty Tax.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Office will continue to uncover delinquent real estate transfer tax. Currently document for Recorder's office can be retrieved on the internet from 1958 to present. Staff will continue to index names on the computer this making more date easily available. The Wills Dept.

documents can be retrieved from 1987 and staff will continue to scan and index those documents making that information easily available. Plot book maps will continue to be scanned into computers.//

PROTHONOTARY and CLERK of COURT

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Prothonotary is a clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, administrating the records of civil proceedings. Some additional duties include processing naturalization papers and issuing passports. The Clerk of Courts is the chief clerk and record keeper for the criminal proceedings of the Court of Common Pleas

QUESTION: Do you have specific suggestions for improving the administration of the office for which you are a candidate?

DEMOCRATIC

HECTOR CINTRON

Chestnuthill

D.O.B.: 9/13/53

EDUCATION: 1978-Brooklyn College, BS, 2001-CISCO-CCNA; CCNP; 2007-A/G Theological Seminary

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Information Technology/Engineer

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: U.S. Army Veteran- 4years; Village Trustee 2 years, Human Right Commission 10 years, Board of Director Horton Medical Center 3 years, Board of Director NY State Div. of Youth 2 years

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Everybody should have a positive experience when getting a passport or marriage license. Important legal documents shouldn't fall through the cracks – especially for criminal cases and matters like divorce, child custody, and abuse cases. It's time to say goodbye to the inefficient, inflexible bureaucracy. My goal is to improve customer service through systems re-engineering and 21st century technology. We can increase morale and reduce staff turnover by positively involving employees and valuing their skills.

REPUBLICAN

GEORGE WARDEN

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 4/24/58

EDUCATION: Stroudsburg High School; Penn State University, majored in Facilities Planning

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts & Clerk of Orphans Court

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 2000 to present – Prothonotary; 1990-2000 Owner – quality Inspection Company; director, conference services, Lehigh University. Nineteen years of volunteering and board memberships with community organizations. U.S. Coastguard Auxiliary; Cherry Valley Methodist Church. Wife, Sharon. //

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: It has been an honor to serve you the people of Monroe County. I brought my business experience, computer expertise, and principles of customer service to these offices, bringing criminal and civil divisions into the 21st century by making it a fully integrated computerized operation with 1,900,000 pages scanned and records accessible via the internet, whose major functions are to ensure that all vital court documents are available, secure and properly filed.

SHERIFF

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Sheriff, as an officer of the court, serves writs, warrants, summonses, and other judicial documents. The sheriff also executes sheriff's sales and carries out orders of the county court. In some counties, duty sheriffs provide courthouse security and transport prisoners. The sheriff is responsible for issuing gun permits.

QUESTION: Do you have specific suggestions for improving the administration of the office for which you are a candidate?

DEMOCRATIC

TODD A. MARTIN

Stroud Township

D.O.B.: 5/22/59

EDUCATION: 1977-1980-East Stroudsburg University, 1996 National Sheriffs Academy, 1988 Federal Marshals Academy FLETEC

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Sheriff of Monroe County since 1995-Re-elected in 1999 & 2003; //

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: I have worked in the Sheriffs office over the past 25 yrs attaining the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant and Chief Deputy Sheriff prior to be appointed and subsequently elected Sheriff in 1995. In 2000 I was awarded the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Deputy Sheriff's Assoc. //

REPUBLICAN

TODD A. MARTIN

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The District Attorney signs all bills of indictment and prosecutes all criminal cases for the state. He/she appoints assistants, detectives, and clerks to assist in criminal investigations and trials.

QUESTION: Do you have specific suggestions for improving the administration of the office for which you are a candidate?

REPUBLICAN

DAVID CHRISTINE

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 4/24/57

EDUCATION: Stroudsburg HS 1975, Lafayette College 1979, Southwestern University School of Law, Dean's Scholar 1981

CURRENT OCCUPATION: District Attorney of Monroe County

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Assistant District attorney 1982-1987; Elected District Attorney 1988-1991; Assistant District attorney 1998-2003; Elected District Attorney 2004-2007

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The District Attorney's office can best be improved by ensuring the office is held by the most experienced criminal prosecutor of Monroe County. I have twenty years experience as a criminal prosecutor in Monroe County, which includes two terms as the District Attorney. No other attorney in the county has this amount of experience. I am a dedicated, career prosecutor which is essential to meet the challenges facing our county as it continues to grow.

Magisterial District Judges

All candidates for Magisterial District Judge have cross-filed. In this case their biographical information and response to the question appear under the Democratic Party in the order they will appear on the ballot. The candidates' names appear in ballot order under the Republican Party. The question was, "Do you have any specific suggestions for improving the administration of justice in Monroe County?"

Magisterial District Judge
43-2-01 (6 Year Term)
Stroudsburg First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Wards
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

KRIS ANZINI

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 12/8/64

EDUCATION: Lehigh University, B.A., cum laude

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Magisterial District Judge

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Appointed by Governor to serve as Magisterial District Judge, Certified by PA Supreme Court, Former Stroudsburg Downtown Manager, Former Board of Director: Pocono Family YMCA, Pocono Arts Council, Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce and Stroudsburg Zoning Hearing Board

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Yes. As stated in the PA Judicial Code-Section 152D, when a defendant is found guilty of summary offense, which is the lowest level criminal offense, Magisterial District Judges are permitted to sentence the defendant to complete community service. When elected, I will work to establish a community service program including litter pick up graffiti removal and landscape maintenance projects throughout Stroudsburg, which will in turn benefit our entire community.

REPUBLICAN

KRIS ANZINI

Magisterial District Judge
43-3-02 (6 Year Term)
Stroud One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

THOMAS R. SHIFFER, JR

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 11/25/49

EDUCATION: Stroudsburg H.S. 1968; Attended Northampton Community College 1972-74; Attended East Stroudsburg University 1974-76; Completed mandatory certification course for non-attorney District Court Judge

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Sitting District Court Judge for 24 yrs.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Implement a central court for Criminal preliminary hearings.

REPUBLICAN

THOMAS R. SHIFFER, JR.

Magisterial District Judge
43-4-02 (6 Year Term)

Barrett One, Two, Paradise, Price
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

JOHN D. WHITESELL

Mountainhome

D.O.B.: 2/24/1948

EDUCATION: Numerous Courses involving Drugs, Alcohol, Criminal, Motor Vehicle and Civil Law. Passed the certifying course for Magisterial District Judge in 1988 and have taken the yearly update training conducted by the Minor Judiciary Board.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Magisterial District Judge for past 18 years

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 4 years Military Police; 18 years on the Barrett Twp Police Dept.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I have taken it upon my self to inform the public when they come to my Court on the duties and responsibilities of the Magisterial District Court. If time permits I will take these persons into my Courtroom and on the black board show them the various aspects of the Court in dealing with Civil and Criminal proceedings. It gives them a foundation of understanding of how the Court operates.

REPUBLICAN

JOHN D. WHITESELL

East Stroudsburg School District

(Middle Smithfield, Price, and Smithfield Townships and the Borough of East Stroudsburg in Monroe County, Lehman and Porter Townships in Pike County)

School Directors

Most candidates for School Director have cross-filed. In this case biographical information and response to the question appear under the Democratic Party in the order they will appear on the ballot. The candidates' names appear in ballot order under the Republican Party. The question was, "What do you consider the most serious problem in your school district and how would you propose solving it

School Director at Large

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than five)

DEMOCRATIC

HORACE S. COLE

E. Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 10/9/1940

EDUCATION: East Stroudsburg public schools, 1958, E.S.U. for B.S., and M.Ed. 1963 and 1965, administration certifications Lehigh University 1977, 1980.

CURRENT OCCUAPTION: Retired educator and administrator after 37 _ years in profession, now operating a residential rental insurance.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Currently completing my twentieth year as a school board member.

ANSWER TO THE QUESITON: We continue to experience unprecedented growth in our school district which causes us to have to build new schools, hirer new staff and incur more long term debt. AS a school

board member we must be good stewards of the taxpayer's money and ever mindful of taxpayer's ability to pay and still provide good equal education for our students of the East Stroudsburg area school district.

BET HAYS

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 1/19/1956

EDUCATION: 1976 Keystone College, AA; 1982, Kutztown University, BFA

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Realtor, Realty Executives

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: East Stroudsburg School Director 8 yrs.; East Stroudsburg Borough Planning Commission 10 yrs (chairman 2 yrs); East Stroudsburg Borough Zoning Review Board 6 yrs.; Stroud Regional Open Space Committee 1 yr.; ESYA soccer coach 3 yrs.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The growth of the district and the issues that it creates. We continue to respond to the changes and challenges. A major renovation and building plan is being followed this has placed financial strain on our budget. My job is to make sure the taxpayer is getting the most and best product for their tax dollars while being fiscally responsible. A top priority is providing the best education for our students throughout this process.

AUDREY B. HOCKER

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 3/16/1942

EDUCATION: 1980 Fordham University. B.A., NY, in Social Science, minor Political Science; 1990-1992 City College C.U.N.Y., completed required courses for Masters in Science Education, but did not obtain MS as yet. I have taken additional courses in Conflict Resolution and Education in Human Values, at a variety of institutions.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: I am currently managing a family business.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Qualifications for the job are to be 18 yrs of age and be of good moral character. I believe I meet those requirements.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The recent, population explosion, is the most serious problem in our school district. According, to our school superintendent, within the next 10 yrs, 16,035 housing units are scheduled for construction, in our district. If _ of those units have 2 school age children, the school rolls would increase by, at least, 16,000 students. I would work with the other members to seek additional funding sources to ease the burden on the taxpayer.

WILLIAM SEARFOSS

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: NOT GIVEN

EDUCATION: Graduate Stroudsburg area High School

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Corrections Sergeant records systems administrator. 20+ yrs at Monroe County correctional facility

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Co-owner of small business in E-burg for 17 yrs; 2 children in school district; 20yr. career in corrections 3 yrs as records systems administrator: Past president and co-founder of East Stroudsburg neighborhood crime watch; lifetime advocate of 'Thrifty and wise' spending//

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Rapid Student Growth: Increased senior citizen tax rebate to \$750.00; changed ESASD policy of constructing of school buildings that were too small and full when opened; established ESASD new cyber school; instituted procedures that increased the collection of delinquent taxes; cracked down on illegal student enrollment; hired a grant writer; holding the Administration Accountable for the educational and financial workings of the district.

JAMES BRUNKARD

E. Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 8/16/1949

EDUCATION: University of California at Berkeley 1967-68: 1971, Ventura Junior College 1973-74. East Stroudsburg University 1989 to present, philosophy major

CURRENT OCCUPATION: homemaker

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Boardmember: Tannersville Cranberry bog committee, fine arts discovery series, Pocono Youth Orchestra as President. 2005-2006 East Stroudsburg Education Association. Public Education Partners' and Promoters Award.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Inattention to curriculum content and a defeatist attitude regarding academic excellence permeates our schools. Concern about unending growth and burgeoning expenses cannot take precedence in directing educational contents and processes. Our school system reacts to mandates defensively instead of anticipating foreseeable problems and allocating educational resources with maximum effectiveness. The quality of the education we deliver our school age children is a treasure beyond measure, a resource we cannot misallocate.

REPUBLICAN

WILLIAM SEARFOSS

HORACE S. COLE

BET HAYS

CHRISTOPHER BAJ

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: April 1959

EDUCATION Bachelor of Business Administration, Certified Public Accountant

OCCUPATION: Commercial Real Estate Agent and Business Development Consultant

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Parent of 2 children in District, son of senior citizens in District, committed to the taxpayers' and students best interests

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Rising school taxes: Restructuring the business office including hiring a new business manager (doing so effective November 2007) that will focus on eliminating waste and seeking increased revenues from the state. Lack of impact fees: I have testified several times in support of impact fees. Impact fee legislation is now pending in Harrisburg. Quality of education: District must be bold in curbing unacceptable student behavior and hold parents accountable.

WARREN E. BAILEY

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 11/6/1948

EDUCATION: 2006 Queens College City University of New York Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

CURRENT OCCUPATION: I am an Educational Assistant with the educational team at Passages Academy, a NYC Dept. of Education School Program for incarcerated youth.

QUALIFICATION FOR THIS OFFICE: I have worked in a myriad of positions in NYC schools. I have served as a crisis counselor, a conflict resolution specialist, a curriculum developer, and as a career education advisor.//

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: We are a rapidly growing community with an increasingly diverse racial and ethnic population. It is imperative that we work to insure that all residents feel that the schools offer a quality education to all students. We must work to insure that all points of view have access to inform the school board of their concerns. We must collaboratively work to create a plan to equitably raise revenue to insure we attract and keep a superior staff //

Pleasant Valley School District

(Chestnuthill One, Two, Three, Four, Eldred, Polk, and Ross Townships)

School Director at Large
(4 Year Term)
(Vote for not more than Five)

DEMOCRATIC

SUSAN A. KRESGE

Saylorsburg

D.O.B.: 3/29/1957

EDUCATION: Graduate of Stroudsburg High School – 1975

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Co-owner Mt. Effort Service Station and Association Manager for Pennsylvania State USBC Women’s Bowling Association.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS OFFICE: A member of the PV School board since 1998. School committee involvement. Attendance at PA School Board seminars and convention. Caring about the students and taxpayers in our district.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: To stay competitive with our entry level teaching salary so we can slow down our turn over rate. This will be difficult to accomplish but we must take steps to achieve it while still being fiscally responsible to our community. The state needs to increase their percentage of funded dollars to each district and they must find a way to alleviate the burden placed on our residents from school taxes.

RUSSELL A. GOULD

Brodheadsville

D.O.B.; 12/17/1958

EDUCATION; Graduate of Pleasant Valley High School - 1976

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Farmer/Part Owner Goulds Produce

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 3 plus years as Current School Director

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Taxes are probably the most serious problem in the School District. They will probably always be a problem in a growing School District like Pleasant Valley. If we can add on to existing buildings instead of building new that should help to keep the cost down. As a school director we have to make sure that we keep the budget as tight as possible so there is no wasteful spending.

LINDA S. MICKLOS

Brodheadsville

D.O.B.; 10/25/1952

EDUCATION; A.A.S. Dental Hygiene, A.D.A. Academy Member, PA Dental Hygienist Assn. Member

OCCUPATION: Registered Dental Hygienist

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 6 years current School Director, P.S.B.A. member, M.C.T.I. Joint Operating Committee Member

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Maintaining programs for students and meeting N.C.L.B. mandated goals. P.V. has implemented remediation programs before and after school with specially trained staff to enable those children that test below basic level to improve their skills. P.V. has also recently targeted a pre-school program to identify those children at risk who will be entering kindergarten.

H. CHARLES HOFFMAN

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JOHN M. SABIA

Brodheadsville

EDUCATION: Dean Jr. College; Franklin, MA; Assoc. Degree in Science-Bldg. Construction

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Construction Superintendent

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Served on PV School Brd. 13 yrs, (V.P for 5 yrs); 7 yrs. Monroe County Vo-tech Inst. (2yrs Pres.); Served on PV Task Force (Monroe Cnty. 20/20); Worked in construction-33 yrs; community member – 30 yrs

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The issues we need to focus on are the maintenance of discipline policies; updated curriculum & materials to reinforce “no child left behind”; restricted class sizes; methods to monitor cyber schools and keeping taxes as low as possible without sacrificing high standards. I will work closely with the school board, administrators, state representatives & the community to maintain quality education at Pleasant Valley and promote open communication. This will be accomplished to the best of my ability as I take my assignments with sincere regard//

REPUBLICAN

SUSAN A. KRESGE
RUSSELL A. GOULD
JOHN M SABIA
LINDA S. MICKLOS
H. CHARLES HOFFMAN

Pocono Mountain School District

Region I (Barrett One, Two, Paradise, Pocono One, Two, Three, Four)

School Director

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

MEG DILGER

Cresco

D.O.B.: 9/30/1955

EDUCATION: 1977-St. Francis College, B.S., Brooklyn NY

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Dental Assistant/Office Manager

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Pocono Mountain School Board, 3 yrs.

(elected for first term in 2003)

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The most serious problem in Pocono Mountain School District is spiraling costs caused by rampant growth, decreased state funding and fiscal responsibility. As a board member I feel I have been fiscally responsible with voting towards conservative spending to utilize the districts resources most wisely. I have voted against the yearly budget increases and the building of new schools. With the increase in growth there is no doubt a budget will increase but I feel we also need to be more frugal with tax-payers dollars.//

REPUBLICAN

MEG DILGER

Pocono Mountain School District

Region II (Jackson, Tobyhanna Eastern, Tobyhanna Western, Tunkhannock)

School Director

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

JOSEPH R. POLINSKI

Reeders

EDUCATION; 1967 ESU, B.S.; 1971 ESU, M.ED.; 1981 Penn State University Elementary and Secondary principals certification, 1984 ESU, M.S. cardiac rehabilitation.

CURRENT OCCUPATION; Retired

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Educator, 15 yrs; elementary principal, 23 yrs; achievement recognition from PA Dept. of Education for reaching AYP as part of NCLB for 5 consecutive years; class of 2005 leadership Pocono,; //

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: A serious concern in PMSD is growth as it pertains to school finance, taxes, and residency status. Enrollment, safety and building efficiency and proper residency status need to be priorities. Enrollment projections, need to be reviewed regularly using current data entry. Supervision and accountability is crucial for success. (buildings, students and transportation), motivation, record keeping, and incentives are also important. Inspection of residency status may help to prevent non-tax payers from neglecting their fair share.

REPUBLICAN

JOSEPH RANDY POLINSKI

Pocono Mountain School District

Region III (Coolbaugh One, Two, Three, Four, Mount Pocono)

School Director

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for Not More Than Two)

DEMOCRATIC

JOHN H. DAVIS

Failed to reply

LEO COLGAN

Tobyhanna

D.O.B.: 6/15/1953

EDUCATION: Kennedy HS Paterson, NJ, Rutgers University 2 years

CURRENT OCCUPATION; Building Maintenance Supervisor, Camelback

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: I have spent twenty years working with several school boards in occupations ranging from school bus driver, union steward, operations director, projection manager, and most recently transportation director here at Pocono Mountain.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Fulfilling our obligation to the districts students of providing them with a quality education in a safe and nurturing environment while maintaining an awareness of the impact that the escalating cost of education has upon our taxpayers is our most serious challenge. We can work to maintain this awareness with close oversight of our discretionary funds, maximizing our current resources and seeking alternate sources of revenue.

REPUBLICAN

JOHN H. DAVIS

LEO COLGAN

Pocono Mountain School District

Region III Coolbaugh One, Two, Three, Four, Mt Pocono

School Director

(2 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

MICHAEL A. STERN

Tobyhanna

D.O.B.: 4/20/1961

EDUCATION: James Monroe High School –Bronx, NY 1979; Sullivan County Community College 1979-1980

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Records Manager-Rockefeller Financial Services, 17 years working for the Rockefeller family.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Concern citizen and parent of two students in the Pocono Mountain Schools. President of the Pocono Mountain Ecumenical Hunger Ministry and the President of the Pocono Youth Basketball Association, //

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Rapid population growth. Dealing with the process of the special needs students.

REPUBLICAN

MICHAEL OSER

Mt. Pocono

D.O.B.: 9/21/53

EDUCATION: 1992 BA History E.S.U., MA History E.S.U. pending

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Site Acquisition and Tower development, Network building and Consulting, Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Voter interested in providing a forum to eliminate property taxes and provide a better atmosphere for education

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Most serious problem-Run Away Taxes and inability of the present ‘rubber stamp’ school board directors to terminate the situation. Solving Problem-terminate all contracts with all employees and subcontract all work eliminating school board responsibility for salaries, pensions, insurance and benefits. Use school board as catalyst to initiate a referendum to eliminate property taxes and hold at 2% income taxes or initiate a Constitutional Convention to revise the State Constitution for total property tax elimination.

Stroudsburg School District

Delaware Water Gap, Hamilton Northern, Hamilton Southern,

Stroud One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven

Stroudsburg First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, Fourth Ward, Fifth Ward

School Director at Large

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Five)

DEMOCRATIC

JUDITH A. MAGANN

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 6/29/1960

EDUCATION: Graduated Temple Univ. Dental School 1988; Penn State Univ. Stroudsburg High School graduated 1978

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Dentist

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: I am a good representation of this community as a property owner, parent of young children and a professional business owner.

Service organizations: United Way Board of Directors for 4 yrs; Children and Youth Board for 4 yrs; American Cancer Society; Clearview PTA; PDA, ADA, Monroe County Dental Society.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Stroudsburg faces issues from overcrowding, deficient fund balance, security problems to a tremendous breakdown in communications and respect among board members, administration and teachers. Immediate planning for the high school is foremost in problem solving for crowding and security. School boards set policy and see that administration implement it effectively. Micromanagement is not acceptable. Respect, hiring qualified, motivated personnel is paramount. When pennywise and pound foolish results are fund balance shortages, understaffing, increased class size and a compromised educational system

ELOISE C. LAUBACH

Saylorsburg

D.O.B.: 9/7/1951

EDUCATION: 1973 B.S., E.S.U.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Director of Services Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 8th year on board, Board Treasurer 1yr., Served on many committees & projects

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: In addition to the ongoing challenges faced by all districts (“No Child Left Behind, inadequate state & federal funding, etc.) Stroudsburg’s biggest issue is our high school building project. However, we have a new superintendent & a slate of incoming board members who are committed to restoring Stroudsburg School District to be the “Pride of the Poconos”. It will be a pleasure to work with these individuals.

LETTIE MORSE LLADOC

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 3/31/1941

EDUCATION: 1964 – BS/Social Studies, Marywood College; 1976 – MA/Counseling, university of the Philippines; 2004 – Ph.D/Education, Bern University

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Instructor/ESL – NCC; Adjunct Professor – Gratz College

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Experience in education – 40 years; Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year (Finalist) (dept. of Education), 1993; Excellence in Education Award (NAACP) 1994; National Global Educator Award (National Peace Corps Association) 2002.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The greatest challenge facing SASD is the impact of growth and diversity on the district’s educational staff and the community’s financial resources. The priority of a school board is to provide equitable educational opportunities for all youth in it’s district, while effectively using public financial resources. I believe my educational background, research ability, teaching experience, international and local (PMSD), prepares me to address these issues and find viable solutions that will benefit both education and the community.

JOHN (JAKE) JAKOBSEN

Sciota

D.O.B.: 8/2/68

EDUCATION: Stroudsburg High School, U.S. Army

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Police Detective

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Current board member – Stroudsburg Little League & Stroudsburg Youth Wrestling; Commendations: Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Pennsylvania Senate, Monroe Co. Board of Commissioners, Pocono Kiwanis Club Certificate of Appreciation, Departmental Awards: Medal of Honor (5) Meritorious police service

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Teachers- No Contract. The contract is something that should create a mutual environment of respect between the school board, administration and teachers association. The contract's importance is something that impacts and affects the tax payer administrators the students and teachers & their families. It should encourage & provide education and training, providing a framework for performance and accountability. Increasing the quality & advancement of our employees, securing the best educators available and then expecting their best.

RACHEL CARDELLE

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 3/27/1963

1986, University of Colorado, BA, 1993 John Hopkins University, MA, International Economics and Community Development

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Grants specialist, Northampton Community College

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Board member, Aesculapius International Medicine, 4 years, Board member, HIV partnership, Miami-Dade, 3 years, Chairman, HOPWA Committee, 1 year, Member Leadership Pocono, graduating June 2007.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The most serious problem in the Stroudsburg school district that the school board can fix is the board-administrator-staff communication loop. Mistrust and contention can be seen at board meetings and has led to too many resignations of quality administrators and teachers. As a board member I would prioritize hiring top quality administrators who know how to build strong, healthy relations with teaching and support staff while ensuring a well run, economically sound school district.

REPUBLICAN

JUDITH A. MAGANN

RACHEL CARDELLE

ELOISE C. LAUBACH

JOHN JAKE JAKOBSEN

School Director at Large

(2 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

RAY A. WILLIAMS

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 1/12/1947

EDUCATION: '69 Moravian College B.A. History, '72 Moravian Theological Seminary M. Div. Pastoral Care & Counseling, '77 E.S.U. Teacher Certification: Secondary Social Studies

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Educator

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 12 years service as Board Member, Stroudsburg School Board 1995-2007 – 8 years as President

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The need to restore pride, trust and morale in the district is a most serious problem. The district has suffered in performance and lost a sense of direction under the present board. Electing members who are governed by professionalism, responsibility, integrity and are committed to excellence in education will go a long way towards the restoration and implementation of these qualities.

REPUBLICAN

RAY A. WILLIAMS

TOWNSHIP and BOROUGH OFFICES

Monroe County boroughs and townships are listed in alphabetical order. All township and borough offices and candidates appear as they are listed on the ballot. Only candidates for township supervisors, mayor, borough council members, and tax collector were asked to complete the questionnaire.

For the office of mayor, council, and supervisor was, "What do you consider the most serious problem in your municipality and how would you propose solving it?" Terms are two year for mayor and four years council members and six years for supervisors unless otherwise noted.

The question for tax collector was: "Do you have specific suggestions for improving the administration of the office for which you are a candidate?"

Candidates for all other township and borough offices are listed as their names appear on the ballot. Where there is a vacancy in the office and there are no candidates "No candidates on the ballot." appears.

Barrett Township
Barrett One and Two
Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

JOHN R. SEESE

Canadensis

D.O.B.: 7/18/1956

EDUCATION: Graduate of Pocono Mt. High School

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Road Foreman Barrett Township (Currently township supervisor)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Township Supervisor for 6 years, Dale Carnegie Leadership and Management Course, Attendance at several seminars and workshops on roads and local government.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I see our most serious problem as widespread growth. I know we can't stop growth but would like to continue in our endeavors to control it, such as implementing our storm water ordinance with 150' stream buffers. We're at the headwaters of the Brodhead Watershed and have exceptional value streams which must be protected. I feel my 30 years of experience and knowledge of roadwork is also beneficial to maintain our infrastructure as we do grow.

REPUBLICAN

JOHN R. SEESE

Auditor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

JUDITH H. LINDER

Chestnuthill Township
Chestnuthill One, Two, Three, Four
Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

RUSSELL J. FISHER

Saylorsburg

D.O.B.: 5/19/1962

EDUCATION: Attended Neshaminy Maple Point High School and Bucks County Community College

CURRENT OCCUPATION: New-Home Consultant, 11 years, Target Homes, Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS OFFICE: Chestnuthill Township Park Commission- 11 yrs, Chairman 6 yrs; Chestnuthill Township Open Space Commission Member 2 yrs; Regional Park Commission Member 2 yrs.

Awards: 1999 Group Service Award/Pennsylvania Parks & Recreation Assoc./Top Honors 2002 Honored for Chestnuthill Township Park/Pennsylvania Parks & Recreation Assoc.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Many issues face our residents. We must bring local government to the people. I support voter approval for any increase in taxes the Supervisors propose. Township residents were burdened with two tax increases in 2005. With increased police coverage and a regional park on the horizon, I feel it's necessary for the voters to approve these possibilities. I propose seminars at the park covering sewage and water issues, and customer-service training for Township employees

REPUBLICAN

DAVE FLEETWOOD

Saylorsburg

D.O.B: 2/28/1951

EDUCATION: 1969, Seaford High School, Seaford, Delaware; 1971 USAF Cryptographic electronic technical school; 1973-2005- IBM Technical and Mgmt. schools

CURRENT OCCUPATION: IBM service delivery manager

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: West End Little League President, 8 yrs; West End Little League Vice President, 2yrs; West End Youth Association secretary, 2 yrs; Chestnuthill open space Chairman, 2 yrs; West End Park and Open Space Commission-Vice Chairman, 2007.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The most serious problem in our community is the increasing tax burden for maintaining our schools. We must maintain an educational system that will prepare all students for future success at a cost our citizens can afford. As township supervisor I can help control tax increases by working with residents to preserve open spaces and procure property development rights.

Auditor

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Three)

No candidates on the ballot.

Constable

(6 year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

BILL MARKS

REPUBLICAN

GRACE MARKS

Coolbaugh Township

Coolbaugh One, Two, Three, Four

Supervisor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than ONE)

DEMOCRATIC

PAULETTE VELAZQUEZ

Failed to reply

REPUBLICAN

JAMES FRUTCHEY, JR.

Tobyhanna

D.O.B.: 1/27/41

EDUCATION: 1958 Graduate – Coolbaugh High School, U.S. Navy – Telephone specialist

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Community involvement –Township Volunteer Fire Co., Emergency Management Coordinator, MC Waste Management Authority, MC Road Task Force

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Coolbaugh Township Supervisor 18 yrs, Emergency Management Coordinator 17 yrs, Township Auditor 20 yrs, Awarded for outstanding achievement by Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Coolbaugh Township faces many challenges in balancing residential and commercial growth with a well-planned infrastructure and the protection of Open Space. Re-electing me to the Board of Supervisors will guarantee support of reasonable taxes, Township acquisitions of Open Space properties, business

Plans promising life sustaining jobs and projects promoting responsible stewardship of the natural resources that define our Poconos quality of life.

Auditor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

Constable

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

DEBBIE F. DONAIRE

REPUBLICAN

NATHAN THOMAS

Borough of Delaware Water Gap

Council Member

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Two)

DEMOCRATIC

WAYNE MACWILLIAMS

D.O.B.: 1/18/1945

EDUCATION: ESU 1968

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Manufacturing Engineer

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Borough Council President, Approximately. 20 years

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Zoning, Completely re-write zoning ordinance.

INDEPENDENT

ELVIRA DELOTTO

Delaware Water Gap

D.O.B.: 5/17/60

EDUCATION; 1984 Hartnell Comm. College A.A. Salinas CA

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Chef/owner Antelao Restaurant

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: DWG planning board 1 yr. treasurer DWG Chamber of Commerce 3 yrs

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Maintaining the quality of life in our small community is a constant challenge. Delaware Water Gap, although a little borough, is not immune to the pressures and problems of our rapidly growing county. If elected to DWG Council, I would be joining a group of dedicated volunteers in trying to balance the needs and concerns of residents and business.

JOHN W. SHOEMAKER

Failed to reply

Borough of East Stroudsburg

Council Member – Second Ward

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

WILLIAM T. REESE

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 12/23/1946

EDUCATION: 1969 West Virginia Wesleyan College, B.S., 1976 ESU – Masters H/PE, 1972 ESU – B.S.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Educator – Stroudsburg School District – 35 years, Health/Phys. Ed.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: E. Stroudsburg Councilman 2nd Ward 24 years, Thomas F. Chrostwaite Award, 20 or more yrs. of service.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The continuing challenge to offer our borough residents a good quality of services with only about 63% of our total assessed valuation. 37% is exempt. Keeping the sound budget that we have.

Council Member – Fourth Ward

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

Council Member – Fifth Ward

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

STEPHEN R. DRAKE

Failed to reply

Eldred Township

Supervisor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

CLAIR E. BORGER

Kunkletown

D.O.B.: 3/14/1948

EDUCATION: High School Graduate

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Roadmaster of Eldred Township

QUALIFICATION FOR THIS OFFICE: Roadmaster for 13 years. Township employee for 18 years at Eldred twp. and worked at Ross township for 9 years. Volunteer firemen for Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder for over 10 years. West End Little League coach for 15 years.//

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The rapid population growth can be controlled by enforcing the present zoning laws and following the subdivision and land development rules. The township needs to keep maintaining the roads to the best possible way with the limited funds that are available. My goal is to keep the roads well maintained all year around, especially in the winter time so residents can get to and from work safely.

REPUBLICAN

TRACY D. BROTZMAN

Kunkletown

D.O.B.: 6/14/71

EDUCATION: 1989 High School Graduate of Pleasant Valley School District

CURRENT OCCUPATION: School bus driver for Pleasant Valley School District

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Former supervisor from January 2000 til April of 2005; worked for Eldred Township for 5 yrs full time & 9 yrs part-time on the road crew. Volunteer fireman for the Kunkletown Vol. Fire Co. for 20 yrs., treasurer of the fire company for 5 yrs.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: "Taxes" are a serious problem. In my opinion the tax rate in this township is to high. Lowering the milage rate shouldn't be a problem. I see no reason that the milage rate couldn't drop at least 1 mile to start. Then look til the New Year to drop the rate 1 more mile.

Auditor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

Hamilton Township

Hamilton Northern and Southern

Supervisor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

DONALD LEAP

Sciota

D.O.B.: 1/21/48

EDUCATION: Graduate Stroudsburg High School

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Hamilton Township Supervisor and Road Master

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE: Served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors, Eleven yrs as Hamilton Township Supervisor, Seven yrs, as Planning Commission member, Member Fenner/Snyder/Robacker Historical Preservation Committee, Member Old Mill Restoration Committee

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Residential and Commercial Growth; regulations and watchful management will help to keep growth in check. Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances (SALDOs) are tools to be used toward that end along with intergovernmental cooperation and a regional comprehensive plan. As Township Supervisor and Planning Commission Member I carefully review all plans that are submitted and make certain they conform to all SALDO and Zoning regulations which are periodically reviewed and updated.

REPUBLICAN

WILLIAM H. E. CLARK, JR.

Stroudsburg

D.O.B: 10/31/1970

EDUCATION: 1989 Stroudsburg, H.S., 2002 Northampton Community College, Associate in Applied Science

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Construction – E.F. Possinger & Sons Inc. Hazmat Technician, HMHTTC Response, Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 4 yrs-Secretary-Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder Fire Co #1, 5 yrs – Treasurer – Monroe County Firemen’s Assn., 16 yrs of experience in Emergency Management/Services 4yrs – PA State Constable

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I would hope to develop more infrastructures on the board to provide Hamilton Township with more communication with resident’s concerns and take necessary actions. I would pursue the betterment of road conditions with improvements and maintenance. I would oversee that the land developers comply with all regulations and make sure that water runoff and waste drainage do not flow onto resident’s properties. I am concerned with the present response time for protection with the growing area.

Auditor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

MARY ANN NICEFORO

CONSTABLE

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

Jackson Township

Supervisor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

JACK RADER, JR.

Reeders

D.O.B.: 2/10/1954

EDUCATION: 1976 Susquehanna University Business Administration, BA, 1972 Pocono Mountain

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Resort Manager

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Township Supervisor for Jackson for over 20 years

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Growth and infrastructure - We are currently working with neighboring townships Pocono, Hamilton, Chestnuthill, Eldred, Ross to help address these issues. We have completed our regional comprehensive plan and open space plan. We have built one new bridge and have an ongoing plan for 7 more. We are reworking our zoning ordinance, updating Act 167 and flood plan ordinance. All of these plans will help guide the future of our township in a positive manner.

Auditor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

Constable
(6 year term)
Vote for One

REPUBLICAN
ALAN GANNON

Middle Smithfield Township
Middle Smithfield Eastern and Western

Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC
ROBERT F. SPANO, SR.
E. Stroudsburg
D.O.B.: 5/17/1949

EDUCATION: E. Stbg. High School

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Businessman (Owner of Muller's Diners and Weery's Pub)

QUALIFIATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Success in private business doing the same thing I plan to do for the government. Make the process work efficiently and compassionately for our township's citizens.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Poorly planned growth is the township's biggest problem. Working with Supervisor Scott Schaller to create jobs and reduce taxes, I'll respect the natural beauty of our area...creating the kind of business opportunities that work in harmony with the environment. We need high-paying jobs that provide opportunity for our children locally, so they can live where they work. I would like to create options for our families to stay closer together.

REPUBLICAN
ROBERT F. SPANO, SR

Auditor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC
ANGELA NEVIN

Auditor
(4 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC
MARGARET LAW

Borough of Mount Pocono

Mayor
(2 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

QUESTION: What do you consider the most serious problem in your municipality and how would you propose to solving it?

REPUBLICAN

FRANCIS R. O'BOYLE

Mt. Pocono

D.O.B.: 6/29/1933

EDUCATION: 1953 – Scranton Lackawanna Business College, Degree in Advanced Accounting & Business Admin.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Served 51 years in community service, in the following positions; Boro Assessor, Auditor, Tax Collector, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Councilman and presently mayor. Chairman of Municipal Authority and Monroe County Board of Assessment. Appeals, served 10 years with the Mt. Pocono YMCA as President, Director to the Monroe County YMCA (now Pocono) and 50 years as an active member of the Pocono Mtn. Vol. Fire. Co.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Complete the 5 pts. Intersection project to help our traffic problems. Secure an increase in the authority efficient discharge so we can permit business to come to Mt. Pocono and control our growth.

Council Member

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Four)

QUESTION: What do you consider the most serious problem in your municipality and how would you propose solving it?

REPUBLICAN

WILLIAM JABARA

Failed to reply

ROY GROSS

Mt. Pocono

D.O.B: 4/24/1933

EDUCATION: High School Graduate, Penn State courses

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Carpenter-Builder – Homes, Churches

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 55 yrs. resident Boro of Mt. Pocono, Life member P.M.V.F.C., 6yrs constable, 24 yrs Boro Councilman-4 of them Pres., 13 yrs as Pocono Mt. Reg. Police Commissioner, 10 yrs. Chairman, 5 yrs. Chairman Mt. Pocono Municipal Authority

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I believe traffic and crime are two serious problems. I would like to continue my work as councilman, trying to solve problems with traffic growth and being a voice for the people of the borough. Also to serve on Pocono Mt. Reg. Police Com. in that capacity along with other com. members we would continue to hire the best possible police officer candidates available. Also purchase the finest equipment the tax payers can afford.

JOHN SCALAMANDRE

Failed to reply

SHELLI ANGLE

Mt. Pocono

D.O.B.: 8/9/1974

EDUCATION: B.S. East Stroudsburg University 1997 (Education), MA East Stroudsburg University, 2003 (Political Science)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Math Teacher

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Borough Council Member since 2002, Member PARC

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Currently our residents shoulder the majority of the tax burden. We need to revitalize our downtown area and increase our commercial areas. We need to encourage business development.

Council Member

(2 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

MARTIN J. WALDENBERGER

Mt. Pocono

D.O.B.: 10/24/1936

EDUCATION; BA Ursinus College, 1962, MA Lehigh University, 1973

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Zoning Hearing Broad – Salford Township 18 yrs., Zoning Hearing Board – Mt Pocono Borough; Current member of Borough Council – Mt. Pocono Borough.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I believe that the most serious problem confronting my municipality is funding services that are needed and desired by our residents. Among these services are: police protection, fire and emergency services, trash collection, support for our library, road maintenance and recreation facilities. Funding can be achieved through cooperation with fellow council members to see that available tax funds are disbursed diligently, applying for grants and asking help from our legislators and other available sources.

Tax Collector

(2 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

PATRICIA L. FARLEY

Paradise Township

Supervisor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

LOUISE TROUTMAN

Failed to reply

Auditor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

GREEN

THOMAS BRADY

Constable

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN
GEORGE G. BROSIUS

Pocono Township
Pocono One, Two, Three, Four
Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC
HAROLD WERKHEISER
Tannersville
D.O.B.: 4/17/57

EDUCATION: PM High School
CURRENT OCCUPTION: Road Crew Worker/farmer
QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS OFFICE: Life long resident of Pocono Township. Worked with Pocono Township supervisors for past 12 years.
ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Growth – update present ordinances. Traffic – improve busy intersections to make traffic flow smoothly. Move Pocono Township in to the future.

REPUBLICAN
PAT ROSS
Tannersville

D.O.B.: NOT GIVEN
EDUCATION: 1967 East Stroudsburg University B.S. Education
CURRENT OCCUPATION: Supervisor Pocono Township
QUALIFICATION FOR THIS OFFICE: Pocono Township supervisor 30 yrs., Citizen of Year Tannersville Lions 1998, involved in many community organizations.
ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The completion of the current sewer project and the implementation of a master plan to satisfy the future needs of Pocono Township, working to keep good paying jobs in our township, and making sure that we maintain the present services with the lowest possible taxes. To insure that our exceptional police department continues to meet the needs of the community by hiring additional officers and utilizing new technology, our road department continues to do an excellent job//

Auditor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC
JOHN T. BOYLAN

Constable
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN
PETER G. GALLAGHER

Polk Township

Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

NANCY C. MAY

Kresgeville

D.O.B.: 2/18/43

EDUCATION: Graduate, Lehighton High School, Municipal Government training, training courses-
Department Community & Economic Development & Pennsylvania State Assoc. of Township supervisors

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Secretary/treasurer, Polk Township

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Township Supervisor, 18 yrs, municipal clerk training, certified
Pennsylvania local government secretary. Recipient of the Sterling Schoonover Award for Dedicated service
in municipal government – Monroe County. Member of the Heritage Registry of Who’s Who 2007-2008
edition.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The infrastructure of our once rural area is overwhelmed with an increase
in the number of vehicles traveling within the township. Balanced and managed growth can be achieved by
a cooperative effort of township and state government. Effective tools to accomplish this effort should
include the updating of ordinances, comprehensive plans, signage, traffic signals, additional and/or turning
lanes and reduced speed wherever possible. The challenge lies in obtaining the funds to reach this goal.

REPUBLICAN

NANCY C. MAY

Auditor

(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

SUSAN L. SHUPP

Constable

(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

WILLIAM G. CARVER

Price Township

Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

DONALD G. CRAMER

Failed to reply

Auditor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC
JAMES H. DETRICK, JR.

Auditor
(2 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN
DEBORAH J. HONSBERGER

Ross Township

Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC
TAUNYA PETTIS

Brodheads ville

D.O.B.: 9/14/66

EDUCATION: 1984 Diploma (HS) Williamsport, PA, 1985 Administrative Specialist PA Army National Guard, Fort Jackson SC

CURRENT OCCUPATION: owner – Pettis Transport LLC, School bus driver PV school district

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Military 4 yrs, management 3 yrs, scout leader 1 yr, community organization 2 yrs, school bus driver, Sunshine Fun organizer

1 yr, business owner 2 yrs.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Serious is a strong word. I don't feel there is any one serious problem just many resolvable issues. Some issues should be in referendum form and the majority acknowledged and set forth. Government works for the people/not a self-serving body. I will work hard on residential issues and preserve the quiet, stable township we currently live in for everyone's quality of life.

REPUBLICAN
HOWARD BEERS, JR

Saylorsburg

D.O.B.: 9/29/1957

EDUCATION: 1975 Graduate Pleasant Valley H.S.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: General Contractor self-employed

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Served on Ross Twp. Planning Commission for 2 yrs; Ross Twp supervisor for 17 yrs. Familiar with current Saldo & zoning ordinance.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: GROWTH: Ross Twp. has just recently revised its subdivision and Land Dev. Ordinance. As a supervisor, I feel it's important that we prevail upon developers to follow the current rules. Many developers ask the supervisors for a waiver from the ordinances. We must be the policeman of the twp. and adhere to the rules as they have been established. I have advocated this since I have been in office and will continue to do so.

Tax Collector
(2 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

DEBORAH DOTTERY

Saylorsburg

D.O.B.: not given

EDUCATION: Credits from: Lehigh County Community College, Credits from: Northampton County Community College, Pocono Real Estate School, Wyoming area High School, West Pittston, PA//

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Appointed Tax Collector for Ross Township

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 30 years in Private Industries, This included purchasing agent & managerial positions & sales; served as Ross Township Planning Commission secretary; Volunteer Committee member zoning task force prior to zoning ordinance established in Ross Township. I have served the public with professionalism and honesty. I am a life long Pennsylvanian with strong work ethics. My background has included bookkeeping.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: DID NOT ANSWER

REPUBLICAN

ANNMARIE SCARFARO

Failed to reply

Auditor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

Constable

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

TROY BATHOLOMEW

Smithfield Township
Smithfield One, Two, Three

Supervisor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

CHRISTINE GRIFFIN

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 8/25/66

EDUCATION: Notre Dame HS 1984; Lehigh University, Monroe College of Art's Design, BFA cum laude 1990, Graduate work in Education

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Realtor, Business Owner

QUALIFICATION FOR THIS OFFICE: Lifetime knowledge of Smithfield Twp., familiarity with business and civic community, proactive pro community leadership, understanding of residents need's and expectations.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I grew up in the Smithfield's, and have witnessed the effects of rapid residential growth on school taxes, traffic and quality of life. If elected, I will enact zoning ordinances that protect citizens and preserve Smithfield's environment. I will push for open space acquisition, and

ecologically sound commercial growth to halt escalating school taxes. Preserving Smithfield's natural and historic resources is a win for everyone. For more, visit www.griffin4smithfield.com

REPUBLICAN

STEPHEN P. CAREY

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 7/18/49

EDUCATION: 1971 Shippensburg University, BS Business Administration/Management

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Township Roadmaster

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Township supervisor/roadmaster 6 yrs, 33 yrs banking/financial management experience, Smithfield Township emergency management coordinator 15 yrs, 29 yrs active member Shawnee Fire Co. Served as fire chief & treasurer 30 yrs member western Pocono Lions Club

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: We have several large commercial development projects proposed along the Route 447 and 209 corridors that cannot move forward until the township obtains additional sewerage capacity. These projects will add significantly to the township's commercial tax base with no impact on our schools. Short term, I will continue to work with East Stroudsburg borough to expand our current inter municipal agreements to purchase additional capacity. Long term, I will continue to explore expanding our existing sewer plant and look to partner with other sewerage facilities within the township

Auditor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Three)

No candidates on the ballot.

Constable

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

ANTHONY K. SCOTT

Stroud Township

Stroud One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven

Supervisor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

DARYL EPPLEY

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 3/12/1958

EDUCATION: Moravian College, B.A, 1980, E. Stroudsburg High, 1976

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Stroud Township Planning Administrator/Zoning Official

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Township employee, 2 years, Township Zoning Hearing Board, 3 yrs, Township Planning Commission, 5 years, Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee, Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Committee, Monroe 2020 Stroudsburg Area Task Force, Chairman, Monroe County open Space Advisory Board

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Rampant growth is over-burdening us as property taxpayers, our infrastructure and environment. I will propose: 1) local laws to manage growth and 2) changing state laws to better manage growth. I will work with Stroud citizens to direct fiscally positive, sustainable development to

designated growth areas. I will propose zoning for: 1) desired economic development to create jobs, and 2) homes for senior citizens and our local workforce. I will pursue our fair-share of infrastructure funding.

REPUBLICAN

RICHARD M. POSSINGER

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 1/2/1971

EDUCATION: 1989 Stroudsburg High School, 1989-1991, Northampton Community College

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Vice-President, H.G. Smith Wilbert Vault Company & Crematory

Co-Owner, Creekside Pet Crematory

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Co-Manager, H.G. Smith Wilbert Vault Company 12 years, Co-Manager, Creekside Pet Crematory 2 years, Stroud Township Emergency Management Coordinator 3 years, Stroud Township Fire Chief 4 years

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Growth of commercial business in the 611 corridor area. I would propose the new developers to contribute funds to the Township in order to help with public services. Help mediate the growth by bring in major retail chain stores which would allow more jobs in the Township, more income to the Township, and keep monies local instead of sending it to the Lehigh Valley and Scranton areas. Maintain a fund through occupancy permits to help subsidize Emergency Services and Public Works.

Tax Collector

(2 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

WENDY BOGART SHIFFER

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 12/26/1960

EDUCATION: 1978 Graduate – Pleasant Valley High School

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Stroud Township Tax Collector

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Monroe County Tax Claim Bureau – Deputy Director – 10 yrs. Monroe County Accounts Payable technician – 18 yrs.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The Stroud Township tax collector is responsible for collecting and distributing over \$35 million per year to the taxing districts. My 28 years of working with county budgets has provided me with the fiscal experience necessary for this job. Since assuming this position, I have computerized the office. This allows for more fiscal accountability. I want to continue to improve the efficiency of the office and serve the residents of Stroud Township.

REPUBLICAN

ROBERT ACE

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 6/3/44

EDUCATION: Graduated Stroudsburg HS, Courses at Northampton County CC, Monroe Career and Technical Institute.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired, Work Part time at Burnley training and rehabilitation center.

QUALIFICATION FOR THIS OFFICE: Member Monroe County Republican Committee for many years. Lifetime resident of Monroe County and Stroud Township for the past 16 years. Computer experience with data bases and spread sheets. Experience with tax and property records from past employment.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Due to growth of the township I believe the tax collectors office should be placed in the municipal building. This would make a more stable location for resident business and provide a more secure environment for tax records and correspondence

Auditor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC
CLARENCE J. MURPHY

Constable
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC
RICHARD CONNELL

REPUBLICAN
RALPH THOMPCKINS

Borough of Stroudsburg
First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Wards

Council Member
(4 Year Term)
(Vote for not more than Four)

REPUBLICAN
JOANNE KOCHANSKI
Failed to reply

KIM DIDIO
Stroudsburg
D.O.B.: 3/1/1970
EDUCATION: 1993 B.S. East Stroudsburg University; 2000 Juris Doctor Widener University School of Law
CURRENT OCCUPATION: Attorney
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Stroudsburg Borough Council 4 yrs.
ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: NOT GIVEN

NEIL L. ALLEN
Failed to reply

ERIC SCELZA
Stroudsburg
D.O.B.: 7/5/75
EDUCATION: 1999, East Stroudsburg University, BA. BS East Stroudsburg PA.; 1993 Stroudsburg High School, Stroudsburg PA
CURRENT OCCUPATION: Computer systems engineer
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Stroudsburg Borough Council member, 2 years, Park and Recreation committee member, 2 years, Stroud area Regional Police commission member, 1 year, Stroudsburg Sewar committee member, 2 years, Stroudsburg finance committee member, 1 year

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The most serious problem in the borough is the continual strain on the borough budget and increase in operational costs. I would propose solving it by working cooperatively with other borough members and the borough manager to reevaluate how the borough is spending its money as well as adjust allocations where money is being spent. I will also work closely with other council members to come up with ways to increase income.

Council Member
(2 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

MATT ABELL
Stroudsburg
D.O.B.: 11/27/1971

EDUCATION:

CURRENT OCCUPATION:

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Graduated Stroudsburg H.S. with honors in 1989; attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for Architecture; received BA in English from ESU in 1994. Has operated a construction estimating firm for thirteen years and also owns a home improvement business.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I feel Stroudsburg's greatest challenge will be to modernize zoning codes and policies to address problems such as fire, demolition, historic preservation, redevelopment, and emergency services. We need a common-sense approach that doesn't create long-term problems for short-term savings. For example, the borough currently specifies a paving thickness that in many municipalities would be suitable only for a parking lot. This makes construction cheaper but results in more money spent repairing potholes over the life of the road. Smart investments will make our taxpayers dollars go further.

Tax Collector
(2 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

TERRY McCOOL
Stroudsburg
D.O.B.: 1949

EDUCATION: Mercer County Community College 95 Credits; Graduate U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; Numerous Army Logistics Courses

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Tax Collector Stroudsburg Borough

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Logistics Officer PA National Guard Military Academy 9 yrs., State Marksmanship Coordinator 9 yrs., Crisis Action Chief Hqs US Army Europe, Numerous US Army Awards for Excellence and Meritorious Service

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The system in place is good; however there is always room for improvement. As the current Tax Collector for the Borough of Stroudsburg, I have initiated and will continue to initiate and update policies and audit procedures. As a Retired Army Officer I was steadfast in not only improving my own personal knowledge but to improve any operation I was assigned. I will use these same qualities to provide the residents of Stroudsburg with the best possible service.

REPUBLICAN

GARY J. ROBERTS
Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 11/28/43

EDUCATION: 1966, Lock Haven University, B.S. Mathematics, 1981 Chapman College M.A.,
Administration of Criminal Justice

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Owner/Operator of Gateway Title Insurance Company

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Chief of Police, Borough of Stroudsburg, 4 yrs, Stroudsburg
Borough Council 4 yrs, Working in the Title Insurance Business, working with tax collectors computing and
collecting taxes, 20 yrs.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I would improve the administration of the Tax Collector's office in two
ways. Most local Tax Collectors operate from their homes. I would open an office that the citizens could
come to during normal business hours. Also many Tax Collectors charge a fee for giving citizens tax
information, and may take up to forty eight hours to provide that information. I would make the information
available immediately, of course no charge.

Tobyhanna Township
Tobyhanna Eastern and Western
Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for not more than Two)

DEMOCRATIC

CHRISTINE GALLAGHER

Pocono Lake

D.O.B.: 2/8/1972

EDUCATION: Thaddeus Stephens College

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Home business, homemaker

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Elected Director, Arrowhead Lakes Community Association,
3000 member community with a multi million dollar operating budget currently serving second term (31/2
yrs to date). Board Liaison to the Recreation, Building and Architectural Committees. Director Arrowhead
Sewer Company, with a budget of over 1 million.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Growth! We must plan now for the growth of Tobyhanna Township.
Why should you care about how we are growing? Because it affects you! It will affect your taxes, yours
schools, your job, your quality of life in Tobyhanna Township. We need to have a discussion that includes
all of the voters and we must make smart choices now! These choices should enhance the character, public
safety, economic vitality and natural landscapes of Tobyhanna Township.

REPUBLICAN

DONALD J. MOYER

Pocono Lake

D.O.B.: 2/25/1964

EDUCATION: Pocono Mountain High School

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Toll Collector – PA turnpike commission

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: NO RESPONSE

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: NO RESPONSE

HEIDI A. PICKARD

Pocono Pines

D.O.B.: 7/10/62

EDUCATION: 2002, East Stroudsburg University, B.S. Management/Accounting
Currently pursuing a Masters in Management & Leadership, Public Adm. at E.S.U.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Accountant

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Vice-Chair Board of Supervisors; Served as Representative to Pocono Mountain Council of Governments, Chairperson, Pocono Mountain regional emergency medical service, Representative County Road Task Force, Representative Regional Comprehensive Plan Committee, part-time township secretary

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Our increasing growth has caused a strain on the townships fiscal resources. While federal and state financial resources have decreased they continue to require more unfunded mandates. We are currently redeploying our resources in a more fiscally responsible manner to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our services. This effort coupled with increased economic development to strengthen our tax base will enable the township to plan successfully for the future.

JAMIE B. KEENER

Pocono Summit

D.O.B.: 8/18/65

EDUCATION: Bucknell University, BA 1987

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Regional Manager; Herbert, Rowland & Grubic (engineers); American Institute of Certified planners AICP (municipal planners)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Currently Tobyhanna Township Supervisor. As a municipal planner I have been involved with numerous boroughs and townships over the past 20 year. As the Northeast Regional Manager for HRG, I am responsible for all aspects (budgeting, finance, business development, staffing).//

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I see two major issues in the township which I would like to address in the coming years, property taxes and the lack of infrastructure. Much of the reason for rising school property taxes is the imbalance of economic development and residential growth. We must be receptive to properly developed commercial and industrial developments. However without adequate infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, etc) it is difficult to attract and to compete for such development

Auditor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Three)

No candidate on the ballot

Constable

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

ROGER METZGAR

Tunkhannock Township

Supervisor

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

MAUREEN STERNER

Long Pond

D.O.B.: 1/17/1963

EDUCATION: 1982 Allentown Business School (Lehigh Valley College) – Accounting/Business Management

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Township Manager

QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS OFFICE: Tunkhannock Township Secretary/Treasurer – 8+ years, Township Manager 3+years, Municipal Education – 30 courses, Accounting/Management Experience – over 21 years, Tunkhannock Township Positions: Planning Commission Secretary, Regional Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Open Space, Zoning Revisions, Emergency Management Plan

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Rising property taxes are a concern for everyone. Growth and excessive expenses are contributing factors. Unnecessary municipal expenses can be eliminated; budget evaluations can improve use of funds. Re-vitalization of resident participation will determine their beliefs and wants, what direction the township should go, what best serves their needs and what many options to manage growth should be utilized. “Bringing the Community back to Tunkhannock Township” will set our course for the future.

REPUBLICAN

MAUREEN STERNER

Constable
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

GLEN R. MOYER

PIKE COUNTY

Commissioner
(4 Year Term)
(Vote for not more than Two)

QUESTION: What do you consider the most serious problem in you municipality and how would you propose solving it?

DEMOCRATIC

ILEANA HERNANDEZ

Dingmans Ferry

D.O.B.: 1/23/48

EDUCATION: Institute for Municipal Secretaries and Clerks, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, 1995

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Delaware Township Secretary and Treasurer, as well as sitting Supervisor

QUALIFICAIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Delaware Township Planning Commission, Secretary, 1989; Delaware Township Secretary, 1990; Delaware Township Treasurer, 1994; Appointed to the Delaware Township Board of Supervisors, 1995; Elected and

Re-Elected to the Board of Supervisors, 1999, 2005

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: 65% of Pike’s workforce leaves the county each day to work. Many leave the state to do so. Commuters translate to lost tax revenue and physical resource for Pike. Commuting time should instead be spent with family or volunteering in their communities. Commuters support tax bases in surrounding states as well as the businesses that support their workplaces. We must find solutions to create family-supporting jobs that keep this revenue and resource here at home.

KARL A. WAGNER, JR

Milford

D.O.B: 5/1/940

EDUCATION: 1962, Gettysburg College, B.A., 1965, Villanova University School of Law, JD

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Pike County Commissioner, 1999 59 date

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Pike County Commissioner 1999 to date, Partner in a law firm of Beecher, Wagner, Rose & Klemeyer, Milford, PA 1969-1997, Pike County District Attorney 1977-1980, Solicitor for Pike County Townships/Boroughs while practicing law, United State Air Force 1966-1969

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Population explosion. It can't be prevented, but it can be controlled by smart growth strategies to preserve our rural quality of life. We must promote conservation design development, create conservation/agricultural land preservation easements: issue open space/greenways bond issues, and prepare watershed/storm water management plans. At the same time we must development incentives to bring/retain clean, light industry, and business, especially economic tourism business to the area.

REPUBLICAN

HARRY FORBES

Milford

D.O.B.: 1958

EDUCATION: High, some college courses, Graduate of Academy for excellence in county government

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Pike County Commissioner

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 1997 County Commissioner; Association, Milford Twsp. Supervisor

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Dealing with and planning for the explosive growth of the County is our top priority. During the past term we have striven to make County resources available to Townships and Boroughs as we assist them in their planning and conservation efforts. We have also assisted and enabled our Townships and Boroughs to obtain state funding to deal with growth. If elected, I will continue this effort.

RICHARD A CARIDI

Blooming Grove

D.O.B.: not given

EDUCATION: 1970 St. Johns B.S., Business Management, 1975 St. Johns, MBA

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Pike County Commissioner

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: U.S. Marine Corps. Veteran, Small business owner, Warden – Pike Correctional Facility, Volunteer Firefighter, Wallenpaupack School Director, Blooming Grove Township Supervisor, Township/County Planning Commission, Red Cross Board Member, Conservation Board, MH/ MR Board, President Pike County Prison Board

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Growth!! Encouraging Sustainable Development. During this first term of office, the concentration of my efforts have been to increase interaction between county departments and the thirteen municipalities comprising Pike County, utilizing communication, outreach, networking and education. Through fortification of the Conservation district, the Office of Community Planning, and emphasis towards enhancing volunteer emergency services, Pike County government has become a valuable resource tool for local municipal leaders to access grant dollars and professional services to benefit their constituents.

Treasurer
(4 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

GERRY HANSEN

Failed to reply

REPUBLICAN

JOHN GILPIN

Greentown

D.O.B.: 8/9/1963

EDUCATION: Wallenpaupack High School 1982, Kutztown University Business Management & Administration

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Acting Pike County Treasurer

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Loans & Investment @ First National Bank of Pike County (Wachovia) Manager for 20 yrs @ Twin Rochs Restaurant, Greene Twp Tax Collector since 2001, President of Pike County Tax Collector Association

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I look forward to working for the residents of Pike County and as the county continues to grow so will the needs and services of the Treasurers office. I will work to see that these needs and services also grow and improve for the betterment of Pike County

Auditor

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Two)

DEMOCRATIC

CAROLE ORLEMAN

Lackawaxen

D.O.B.: 2/1/40

EDUCATION: BS St. John's Univ., Notre Dame Campus, SI, NY; MS College of SI, NY; 6th year Professional Certificate in Administration & Supervision

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired, Extensive Community involvement

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: N.Y.C. Public School teacher, 25 yrs; Parochial School teacher, 15yrs; Experienced small business owner, 10 yrs; A reliable impartial, hard working professional; an active Pike County volunteer

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: 1) I will bring a fresh sense of checks and balances to the office by changing the one party dynamic that has dominated Pike County for too long. 2) I will save Pike County tax payers money immediately by waiving my medical insurance.

MISSI STRUB

Failed to reply

REPUBLICAN

ANN SEAMAN

Failed to reply

TOM FORAN

Failed to reply

Register of Wills Recorder of Deeds

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

QUESTION: Do you have specific suggestions for improving the administration of the office for which you are a Candidate?

DEMOCRATIC

ANDREA FILONE

Failed to reply

REPUBLICAN

SHARON SCHROEDER

Failed to reply

Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

DEMOCRATIC

MICHAEL D. MEACHEM

Failed to reply

REPUBLICAN

DENISE FITZPATRICK

Milford

D.O.B.: not given

EDUCATION: High School Education

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Prothonotary, Clerk of the Courts, Clerk of Orphans Court

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Over 21 years working in Prothonotary Office

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: To keep the office operating efficiently and professionally.

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

REPUBLICAN

GREG CHELAK

Failed to reply

District Attorney

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

QUESTION: Do you have specific suggestions for improving the administration of the office for which you are a Candidate?

REPUBLICAN

RAYMOND J. TONKIN

Hawley

D.O.B.: AGE 38

EDUCATION: 1999 University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. with honors; 1996 University of Scranton, B.S.; 1992 Municipal Police Academy

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: I have served the residents of Pike County as an assistant district attorney for almost eight years with the last three as first assistant district attorney. I have been the lead prosecutor in two first degree murder trails. Prior to my service as prosecutor, I served as a police officer in Milford Borough and Westfall Township.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I have already committed to serving the residents of Pike County as the County's first full-time district attorney. By serving as a full-time district attorney, I will devote my efforts

to fighting crime in Pike County in two major ways. First, I will aggressively prosecute serious offenders to ensure that they are removed from the community they victimize. Second, I will devote the resources of the district attorney's office to crime prevention efforts in the community

Coroner
(4 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN

KEVIN T. STROYAN

Milford

D.O.B.: 6/16/1956

EDUCATION: Assoc. Degree; Mortuary Science Degree; PA Coroners basic education course; Medico Legal Death Investigators course

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Pike County coroner, funeral director

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Chief Deputy Coroner, 1978-1997; Coroner 1997-Present

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I believe I have been fiscally responsible and will continue to do so.

Lehman and Porter Townships

Magisterial District Judge
60-3-04 (6Year Term)
(Vote for One)

QUESTION: Do you have any specific suggestions for improving the administration of justice in Pike County

DEMOCRATIC

STEPHEN McBRIDE

Dingmans Ferry

D.O.B.: 1/17/1944

EDUCATION: 1966, Providence College, B.A.; 1969 Univ. Villanova Law School, J.D.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Magisterial District Judge, District Court 60-3-04 (Pike County)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Magisterial District Judge 1996 – present, Attorney 38 years.

Bar admissions: PA Supreme Ct., U.S. Supreme Ct.; U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Cir.; U.S. Claims Ct.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: District Court 60-3-04 covers Bushkill, Dingmans Ferry and Porter Township in Pike County. In conjunction with the Pike Bar, I instituted a pro bono program that has enrolled 51 attorneys to donate legal services for victims of domestic violence, including children. The program is administered by Survivor's Resources. District Judges have limited authority in the area of administration of justice in a county. For example, community service programs require initiation and approval by the President Judge of the county court.

REPUBLICAN

STEPHEN McBRIDE

**School Directors – East Stroudsburg Area School District
See Listing of Candidates under East Stroudsburg School District**

Lehman Township
Lehman One and Two

Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN
DICK VOLLMER
Failed to reply

Auditor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN
MARK J. MOOREHEAD

Porter Township

Supervisor
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for One)

REPUBLICAN
ROBERT HELLYER
Dingmans Ferry
D.O.B.: not given
EDUCATION: Previous experience as Twp. Superv. Served on zoning comm., & planning comm., EMC
CURRENT OCCUPATION; Retired
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: see above
ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Encroaching urbanization leading to a reduction in the quality of life for Port Twp. residents. Solving this problem would entail enforcement of zoning and building laws & regulations & encouraging citizen involvement in local

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