

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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NONPARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

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**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 27. Completed absentee BALLOTS must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 P.M. on Friday, October 30. 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, October 30. Any disabled voter having questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult the county Board of Elections.

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## \*CERTIFICATION NOTE\*

As of the publication date of this guide, the slate of candidates listed below is accurate based upon the Pennsylvania Department of State's Bureau of Elections unofficial ballot.

## JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

### 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.

Term: 10 years

Salary: \$186,450

(Vote for one.)

**Question: The Judicial Conduct Board handles complaints about sitting judges filed by the general public. The Board reviews the complaints and if necessary, action can be taken by the Court of Judicial Discipline. How do you think this system of judicial oversight is working? Does it meet the public's need for assurance that justice is being served?**

## **DEMOCRATIC**

**JACK PANELLA,** Bethlehem  
D.O.B: 05/04/1955  
EDUCATION: 1977, St. John's University, B.S.; 1980, Columbus School of Law,  
CUA, J.D.  
OCCUPATION: Superior Court Judge  
QUALIFICATIONS: County Solicitor, 4 years; Court of Common Pleas Judge, 12 years; Superior Court Judge, 5 years; Chair, Judicial Auditing Agency, 4 years; Administrative Judge, Wiretap Applications, 5 years; President, Court of Judicial Discipline, 1 year.  
ANSWER TO QUESTION: As a former Chair of the Judicial Conduct Board and President Judge of the Court of Judicial Discipline, I know that, under the current system, allegations of judicial misconduct are thoroughly investigated and judges are held accountable for their misdeeds. Unfortunately, the public is largely unaware that this system of oversight even exists. We need to do more to educate the public, while balancing the rights of the accused with the need for greater transparency.

## **REPUBLICAN**

**JOAN ORIE MELVIN,** Pittsburgh  
D.O.B: 04/06/1956  
EDUCATION: 1978, Notre Dame, B.A.  
1981, Duquesne Law, J.D.  
OCCUPATION: Superior Court Judge  
QUALIFICATIONS: 24 years judicial experience; Superior Court Judge, 12 years, 8000 appeals; Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge, 7 ½ years, (served Criminal, Family, Civil Divisions); Chief Magistrate, Pittsburgh Municipal Courts, 5 years, established Pennsylvania's first Domestic Violence Court; private practice, corporate counsel.  
ANSWER TO QUESTION: Recent judicial abuses of power and corruption have heightened the public's awareness about judicial ethics. Is it possible that during the 5 years of the Luzerne County scandal, no citizen or professional ever filed a complaint in the worst instance of judicial corruption in America's history? The newly formed inter-branch Juvenile Justice Commission should investigate to ensure that no complaints were disregarded and recommend ways to improve and bring transparency to the Judicial Conduct Board.

## **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: \$175,923

(Vote for not more than four.)

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## DEMOCRATIC

**ROBERT J COLVILLE,**

Pittsburgh

D.O.B:

08/03/1965

EDUCATION:

1989, Penn State, B.A.

1992, Duquesne University J.D.

OCCUPATION:

Common Pleas Court Judge

QUALIFICATIONS:

Trial Judge, 10 years; (Juvenile, Adult Family & Civil)

Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee, 7 years; Officer and President of PA Conference of State Trial Judges, 6 years; Trial Lawyer, 7 years; Law Clerk, PA Supreme Court, 2 years; Legislative Aide, Washington DC less than 1 yr.; Public Defender Intern, 2 years; Union Laborer, 7 years. Endorsed by PA AFL-CIO and many others. Primary Endorsement by Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Philadelphia Inquirer, Pittsburgh Tribune Review.

ANSWER TO QUESTION:

The Judicial Conduct Board and the Court of Judicial Discipline are responsible institutions that aggressively investigate reports of judicial corruption in the hopes of eradicating it. Unfortunately, as with all human endeavors they, sometimes, fall short of their aspirations. It is my hope that, in spite of the recent reports of the morally reprehensible and criminal conduct of a few individuals and the resultant tragic consequences to the specific individuals directly affected by such miscarriages of justice, the public will maintain its trust that the vast majority of our judges are honorable.

**KEVIN FRANCIS MCCARTHY,** Pittsburgh

D.O.B:

08/14/1961

EDUCATION:

1983, University of Pittsburgh, B.A.

1986, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION:

Assistant District Attorney – Allegheny County

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Law Clerk, James Rowley, J., Superior Court of Pennsylvania, 2 years Law Clerk, Fred Adams, and William Frank, J.J., Court of Common Pleas, Fayette County, Allegheny County District Attorney, Appellate Unit 18 years

**ANSWER TO QUESTION:** I believe this system of judicial oversight provides an efficient method for addressing complaints. It strikes a balance for the full and fair investigation of charges of judicial irregularities and malfeasance with the understanding that parties often feel aggrieved when dissatisfied with their cases' results. The previous system required the board to function as investigator and jury. The current system separates these functions between two different boards, allowing each to fully commit to its role.

**ANNE E. LAZARUS,** Philadelphia

**D.O.B:** 11/12/1952

**EDUCATION:** 1972, SUNY at Stony Brook, B.A.

1976, Temple University School of Law, J.D.

1986, Temple University School of Law, L.L.M.

**OCCUPATION:** Common Pleas Judge

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Court of Common Pleas, 18 years

Attorney, 11 years

Ethics Committee, Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Chair, First-ever recipient, PA Bar Association's Judicial Pro Bono Award

**ANSWER TO QUESTION:** As Chair of the Ethics Committee of the State Conference of Trial Judges, I can attest that the Conduct Board, composed of lay persons, attorneys and judges, thoroughly reviews any complaint they receive and if they decide to pursue prosecution, it is vigorous. I believe that the diverse group guarantees that the public's concerns are well met. If other disciplines were as ardent at policing their own, the public would be much better off.

**TERESA SARMINA,** Philadelphia

No response received

## **REPUBLICAN**

**JUDY OLSON,** Wexford

**D.O.B:** 10/19/1957

**EDUCATION:** 1979, St. Francis College, B.A.

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

**OCCUPATION:** Common Pleas Court Judge

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Trial and appellate lawyer, 27 years; Chairman, Antitrust Group and Partner-in-Charge of Litigation (Pgh. Office), Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, "Highly

Recommended” by PA Bar Association

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Nothing is more important to the operation of our judicial system than preserving the honor, dignity, independence and integrity of the Pennsylvania judiciary. The Board works hard to enforce the ethics laws by investigating allegations made against a judge and pursuing those claims that are meritorious. However, it is the responsibility of all citizens to make sure that the Board functions properly by bringing concerns to the Board’s attention and keeping the Board’s actions transparent.

**SALLIE MUNDY,**

Tioga

D.O.B:

06/29/1962

EDUCATION:

1984, Washington and Jefferson College, B.A.

1987, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION:

Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS:

I am a litigator with extensive experience in defending civil suits brought against doctors and nurses accused of malpractice as well as in the representation of catastrophically injured individuals as claimants. I have also practiced criminal law as a volunteer Public Defender. I am honest, impartial and industrious.

ANSWER TO QUESTION:

The key to public trust is transparency. All documents filed with, and all hearings held before, the Court of Judicial Discipline are open to the public. The Judicial Conduct Board, which investigates complaints against a judge, does have confidentiality but I believe the public understands that confidentiality is necessary not only to protect the reputation of an unjustly accused judge, but also to prevent retaliation against the complainant. Appointments to these entities are accomplished in a manner that assures that neither political party, nor the judiciary itself can achieve control.

**TEMP SMITH,**

Pittsburgh

D.O.B:

05/20/1952

EDUCATION:

1974, Washington & Lee University, B.A. (English)

1977, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION:

Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS:

Extensive experience briefing and arguing appellate cases on a wide variety of issues; more than 31 years of legal practice in diverse areas of law; ratings of “Recommended” from PA Bar Association and “Highly Recommended” from Allegheny County Bar Association.

ANSWER TO QUESTION:

The existing system of judicial oversight appears to be working. I view the fact that serious misconduct has recently been discovered in trial courts in two counties, not as an indication of systemic failure, but rather as an indication that the vast majority of Pennsylvania’s judges are fulfilling their duties and that the very few who are not, are not being discovered and dealt with appropriately.

**PAULA OTT,**

West Chester

D.O.B.

9/17/1950

EDUCATION: Temple University School of Law, J.D. 1975; LL.M. 1981  
University of Delaware, B.A. 1972

OCCUPATION: President Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Chester County

QUALIFICATIONS: Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Chester County (1992-present);  
Partner, Gawthrop Greenwood (1981-1992)  
Assistant County Solicitor (1978-1981)  
President, PA Conference of State Trial Judges (2003-2004)  
March of Dimes Woman of Achievement (1993)

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The Judicial Conduct Board is an excellent system that allows for the  
Bipartisan and confidential investigation of complaints from any person  
who files a written complaint against judges in any Court. Every complaint is  
investigated. The confidentiality of the investigation protects the complainant from  
retaliation and the judge from embarrassment if the complaint is unfounded. If the  
complaint is founded, then the public should know if a judge has violated any law or the  
Code of Judicial Conduct.

## **JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT**

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

The Commonwealth Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. Its jurisdiction generally is limited to legal matters involving state and local government and regulatory agencies. Litigation typically focuses on such subjects as banking, insurance and utility regulation and laws affecting taxation, land use, elections, labor practices and workers compensation. Commonwealth Court also acts as a court of original jurisdiction, or a trial court, when lawsuits are filed by or against the Commonwealth. The Court has nine judges, with the President Judge chosen by its members. The court generally decides cases in three-judge panels and sits in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

Term: 10 years

Salary: \$175,923

(Vote for not more than 2)

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### **DEMOCRATIC**

**BARBARA ERNSBERGER,** Pittsburgh

D.O.B: 08/16/1951

EDUCATION: 1973, University of Pittsburgh, B.A., cum laude  
1976, Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Attorney and Partner, Behrend and Ernsberger, PC

QUALIFICATIONS: Attorney, 32 years, Community Advisory Board, 6 years; Commissioner City of Pittsburgh Department of Planning, 4 years; Chair of City Pittsburgh Democratic Committee of (32) wards, 7 years; Trustee, Shadyside Presbyterian Church Nursery School, 5 years; Pittsburgh City Council, Woman of the Year 2002.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The system of judicial oversight is working for complaints that are filed for the Judicial Conduct Board to review. However, if there is improper activity outside the scope of the Board's review, such as the two judges in Scranton, who were taking monies for referrals of juveniles, to juvenile facilities, then the system did not work. The public needs assurance through the creation of a task force to examine the juvenile court referral system and make creative recommendations.

**LINDA S JUDSON,** Pittsburgh

D.O.B: None Given

EDUCATION: 1979, St. Francis General Hospital, Alvernia School of Practical Nursing, L.P.N.  
1986, University of Pittsburgh, B.A. (cum laude)  
1990, Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: Attorney 20 years practice in matters that come before Commonwealth Court: 1991, Clerk for Commonwealth Court, Honorable Bernard McGinley; 1991-93, Technical Specialist (as an attorney), Marsh & McLennan Insurance regulation, risk management, regulatory compliance including OSHA & workplace safety matters.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Current problems in certain counties clearly indicate that the system is not working. Through education of the public, including posted notices in courtroom areas, awareness of the recourse provided by the Judicial Conduct Board should be developed. Internal judicial system guidelines should reinforce the obligations of each judge to the integrity of the entire system.

## **REPUBLICAN**

**PATRICIA A MCCULLOUGH,** Pittsburgh

D.O.B: 11/15/1956

EDUCATION: 1978, University of Pittsburgh, B.A.  
1980, University Strasbourg  
1981, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.

OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: Served as Judge, Allegheny County Court Common Pleas; Attorney (28 years) private/corporate practice; Executive Director Catholic Charities; member/chair Allegheny County Board of Property Appeals; Adjunct faculty member; state/local committeewoman; community volunteer.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Although the JCB is committed to ensuring that justice is served, the promulgation of specific criteria governing areas like the conduct of judicial campaigns and contributions would improve the ability to benchmark fairness and impartiality. Because of my commitment to these ideals, I did not take the pay raise while a judge in Allegheny County's Court of Common Pleas and will not take campaign donations from special interest groups or lawyers.

**KEVIN BROBSON,** Harrisburg  
D.O.B: 11/26/1970  
EDUCATION: Lycoming College, B.A.  
nd  
Widener University, J.D. (2 in Class)

OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: Broad-based Commonwealth Court practice; Recommended by PA Bar Association; Middle Paxton Twp. Planning Commission; American Inns of Court; Commonwealth Court Historical Society; Best Lawyers in America; Dauphin County Bar and PA Bar Pro Bono Award Winner; Married, father of three.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Grounded in our state Constitution, the process serves an important role in our justice system. Half of the Judicial Conduct Board's twelve members must be neither lawyers nor judges, ensuring substantial involvement of the general public in this oversight role. Generally, I believe the process has been and can continue to be effective. Like any public institution, however, its effectiveness can only be evaluated by the work of those entrusted to keep it

## PENNSYLVANIA JUDICIAL RETENTION ELECTIONS

*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 unopposed on the ballot. The only question confronting the voter is whether or not the judge should be retained.*

*All judicial retention candidates were asked to list their education, occupation and qualifications for this office as well as the same question on the Judicial Conduct Board.*

### RETENTION ELECTION

#### JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(Vote Yes or No) Shall Kate Ford Elliott be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

**KATE FORD ELLIOTT,** Pittsburgh  
DOB: 6/0 8, 1949  
EDUCATION: 1971, University of Pittsburgh, B.A.; 1973, Duquesne University, M.S.; 1978, Duquesne University School of Law, Evening Division, J.D.

OCCUPATION: President Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania

QUALIFICATIONS: Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, 20 years; Attorney, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, 2 years; Chief Staff Attorney, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, 5 ½ years; Administrative Assistant to the President Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, 2 years; Judicial Law Clerk, 2 years.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The purpose of the Constitutional Amendment enacted in 1993, creating both the Judicial Conduct Board and the Court of Judicial Discipline, was to create an independent review procedure for judicial discipline. The composition of the Board and the Court specifically provided for greater participation by non-lawyers and non-judges in the investigation and review of judicial misconduct. I believe the system is functioning precisely as was intended when the citizens of Pennsylvania approved its creation.

**RETENTION ELECTION**

**JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT**

(Vote Yes or No) Shall Dan Pellegrini be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

**DAN PELLEGRINI,** Pittsburgh  
D.O.B.: 9.15.1945  
EDUCATION: Duquesne University, B.A., 1967  
Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., 1970

OCCUPATION: Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

QUALIFICATIONS: Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania since 1990. City Solicitor of the City of Pittsburgh for eight years. Trustee of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers for 5 years. Taught at National Judicial College and Institute of Judicial Administration.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Article 5, § 18 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, adopted by the electorate in 1993, provides a method for reporting, adjudicating and sanctioning judges for misconduct in office. Once reported, the public should be assured that misconduct, if proven, will be punished, either through the Court of Judicial Discipline and/or referral to the proper prosecutorial authorities. That system of judicial oversight appears to be working.

**REFERENDUMS**

Shall Maggie Worthington be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 43<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District, Monroe County.

Shall debt in a sum not to exceed Thirty-One Million Dollars (\$31,000,000) for the purpose of financing, approximately, half of the costs of the construction and equipping of facilities for a new Monroe County campus of the Northampton County Area Community College be authorized to be incurred as debt approved by the electors?

**Judge of the Court of Common Pleas**

(Vote for not more than Two)

The question asked candidates for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas was, "Do you have specific suggestions for improving the administration of justice in Monroe County?"

**DEMOCRAT**

JENNIFER HORLACHER SIBUM

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 2/17/1968

EDUCATION: 1990, University of Pennsylvania, BA

1993, The Dickinson School of Law, JD

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Special Public Defender, 5 years

Protection from Abuse Advocate, 6 years

Solicitor, Monroe County Probation and Domestic Relations Offices, 8 years

Court-appointed dependency counsel, 8 years Guardian Ad Litem, 1 year

Solicitor, Smithfield Township Zoning Hearing Board, 14 years

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Currently PFA court rotates weekly among 5 judges. With the President Judge's permission, I would like to hear PFA Court weekly and all cases involving these parties, including custody and divorce, so that one judge would be familiar with a family's entire situation, hopefully creating consistency and leading to better results for all concerned, as opposed to having families appear before different judges who may not be familiar with all aspects of the family.

**REPUBLICAN**

JENNIFER HARLACHER SIBUM

**Treasurer**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

The candidates for Treasurer were asked, "Do you have specific suggestion for improving the administration of the office for which you are a candidate?"

**DEMOCRAT**

CLAUDETTE SEGGEAR

Tannersville

D.O.B.: 3/20/1936

EDUCATION: Graduate of Pocono High School, continuing courses Bookkeeping Advanced

accounting, Financial Planning, Investing Supervisory training and Computer Programming

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Monroe County Treasurer

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Experience: Current 20 years Treasurer prior 12 years deputy treasurer. Successfully performed all duties as per County code, budgeting, banking and managing all accounts receivable with proven success

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Continue serving as a Full-time Treasurer. The number of staff has remained the same despite the additional workload. This has been the result of implementing a new computer system and streamlining the office procedures to maximize efficiency. Continue to manage County funds as per County Code for the highest maximum returns. Continue dog license sales at various locations. Provide license renewal reminders. Continue Notary Public services. Provide continued sound fiscal management and professional leadership.

## **REPUBLICAN**

MAUREEN H. CHRISTY

Kunkletown

D.O.B.: 12/12/51

EDUCATION: 1988 Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA -- BS, Accounting

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Self-employed Certified Public Accountant

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE:

25+ years Accounting experience which includes corporate and public accounting.

Certified Public Accountant, 15+ Years

Director of Finance, a not-for-profit, Allentown, 3 Years

Accountant, construction companies, Monroe County, 6 years

Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

ANSWER TO QUESTION:

Our county's needs have changed significantly in the last 20 years, so as a CPA who will work full time, I will review policy and procedures so that I can ensure we use the latest technology, diligently monitor investments to assure not just the best ROI but also a reasonable level of protection from economic fluctuations. My experience---25+ years in the public and private sectors---makes me exceptionally qualified for this position.

**Coroner**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

## **DEMOCRAT**

Dave Thomas

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 11/5/56

EDUCATION: 1974 graduate of Stroudsburg High School

Attended East Stroudsburg University for three years

1979 graduate of Simmons School of Mortuary Science, Syracuse, NY

1997 graduate of the PA State Coroner's Basic Education Course

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Monroe County Coroner and funeral home owner

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Deputy Coroner for 7 years

Chief Deputy Coroner for 7 years, Elected Coroner for 12 years

ANSWER TO QUESTION: I will continue to run my office as coroner with the utmost care and compassion, just as I have for the past 12 years. My staff and I will continue working with police, fire and EMS in the same cooperative and efficient manner we have been doing during my tenure as Coroner.

**REPUBLICAN**

DAVE THOMAS

**Jury Commissioner**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

DONNA COLEMAN

**REPUBLICAN**

PAMELA BISBING

**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?"

**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 Director at Large**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Four)

**DEMOCRAT**

BOB COOKE

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 5/25/1948

EDUCATION: 1970, ESU, B.S. ELED; continuing education, Lehigh University, ESU, Moravian

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Independent Educational Consultant

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Various leadership positions PSEA, ESEA

– 1970 to 2005;

President, Vice-President, Middle Smithfield PTO – 1972-1973;

Dept. Chair, Lehman Intermediate Math Dept. – 2004 to 2007

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The most serious issue facing East Stroudsburg is maintaining the current level of quality education we presently enjoy and improving that quality whenever possible. Funding to accomplish this becomes the critical piece. We must force the State to assume its constitutionally mandated percentage of 50% support to local education which presently hovers around 35%. We must then work cooperatively with legislators to enact an immediate shift from crushing local taxes to more equitable solutions.

DONALD MOTTS

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 9/26/1947

EDUCATION: 1965, Graduate, East Stroudsburg Area School Dist; 1966, United States Army Finance School, Indianapolis, Indiana

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Plumbing & Heating Contractor

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: East Stroudsburg School Board, 11 years

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Being able to provide the best possible education for our children including all extracurricular activities. Doing this without proper funding from the state is very difficult. Certainly the agony we are experiencing with our present economy does not help. School taxes are affecting many household budgets and our senior citizens must be afforded some kind of relief. We must be better watchdogs.

BOB GRESS

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 1/14/1962

EDUCATION: ESU, B.A.; ESU, M.Ed.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Chief Clerk/Administrator – Monroe County

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: School Director ESASD;

Volunteer Coach YMCA, 10 years; Strategic Planning Committee ESASD, MCTI;

IU #20 Member, 5 years; Secretary, Monroe County Road Task Force, 4 years;

East Stroudsburg Recreation and Park Board, 10 years; Parent, 3 children (One in elementary, middle and high school)

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Maintaining our excellent education with lack of state funding. As a father of three children in each level of our district, I have witnessed firsthand the quality of education available at ESASD which is due to the excellent support and professional staff. We must continue to look for cost savings and expenditure reductions while looking for additional state and federal grants/funding. Pressure must be maintained on the state officials to fund our schools appropriately.

DOUGLAS FREEMAN

Failed to reply

**REPUBLICAN**

BOB COOKE

DONALD MOTTS

DOUGLAS FREEMAN

BOB GRESS

**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 Four)

**DEMOCRAT**

RYAN HINTON

Saylorsburg

D.O.B.: 8/8/1982

EDUCATION: 2005, Bloomsburg University, B.A., History; B.S. Secondary Education; Graduate Student, Wilkes University

CURRENT OCCUPATION: High School Social Studies Teacher, Pen Argyl School District

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: PV School Board, 4 years; IU 20 Board of Directors, 3 years

ANSWER TO QUESTION: I strongly believe that providing our youth with a quality education is the best possible investment that we can make as a community. However, we need to do so while keeping spending and taxes under control. If reelected, I promise to carefully examine each and every issue that I vote upon to make the best possible decision for students, residents, taxpayers, and employees of the Pleasant Valley School District.

HARVEY FRABLE III

Failed to reply

JAMES SPINOLA

Saylorsburg

D.O.B.: 1961

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Architecture – NJIT School of Architecture; Continuing education classes in construction administration and computer programming

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Registered Architect experienced in reducing school construction costs

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Former Pleasant Valley School District Director; Proven track record of voting against tax increases;

Architecture and Civil Engineering background in building design and site planning.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: There are many issues facing our district including high taxes and in some areas, low state test scores. But ridding the societal change of the “me” generation is most important. “Excellence in Education – A Community Commitment. We need to get back to core values where the students learn to respect others and themselves. I’d like to see community service brought to the curriculum where students, parents and community members work together on local projects.

MICHELLE PALMER

Failed to reply

**REPUBLICAN**

JAMES SPINOLA

MICHELLE PALMER

HARVEY FRABLE III

THOMAS J. MURPHY

D.O.B.: NOT GIVEN

Effort

EDUCATION: St John’s University

CURRENT OCCUCPATION: VP – Compliance Officer for a Boutque NY Broker/Dealer.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 12 year member of the Pleasant Valley School Board

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Federal and State unfunded mandates, and the inability of State politicians to pass a timely budget that provides annual consistent funding for education. District budgets are predicated on State subsidies and should not be left in limbo due to political wrangling.

We work hard to contain expenses year round, yet provide a quality education. I am proud to say, Student Achievement rises annually. Our excellent staff works tirelessly to accomplish this ongoing goal.

**Pocono Mountain School District**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for Two)

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

## **DEMOCRAT**

BILL FORTE

Scotrun

D.O.B.: 4/30/1947

EDUCATION: East Stroudsburg Univ. – B.S. – 1969

East Stroudsburg Univ. – Masters H.PE

Univ. of Scranton. Masters in Education & Administration

Marywood University – Superintendents Letter of Eligibility

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired – P.M.S.D. – 36 yrs service H.PE Teacher – 16 yrs – Football Coach – Wrestling Coach, Tennis Coach, Asst. High School Principal, High School Principal, Asst Human Resources Director for Administration and Personnel, Administrative Director of Support Services. Currently on School Board at P.M.S.D.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: We must continue to provide a quality education for all of our students. We must focus on educating our students to improve the quality of their lives by opening new possibilities to succeed. Our schools are challenged to provide the opportunity for every student to be the best they can be preparing them to be productive members of society.

ED MAYOTTE

Skytop

D.O.B.: 6/18/1945

EDUCATION: 1967, St. Anselm's College, Manchester, NH, B.A.; 1974, Summer School of Hotel Management, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Hotelier

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: President and General Manager of Skytop Lodge Corporation; Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau – Chairman; Pennsylvania Governor's Travel & Tourism Council, Past Member; Barrett Township Vacant Property Review Board, Chairman; Barrett Township Sesquicentennial Committee – Co-Chair;

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library Fundraising Steering Committee Member //

ANSWER TO QUESTION: I am seeking the office of school director to help introduce fiscal responsibility into our school system while improving education. I feel opportunities abound for reductions in fixed costs and capital improvement areas, developing meaningful measurement systems to monitor student development. Aid in providing children with the best possible education based on a three legged stool concept: Accountability for teachers, students being accountable for their education and parents being accountable for their children's education. //

## **REPUBLICAN**

ED MAYOTTE

BILL FORTE

## **Pocono Mountain School District**

Region II (Jackson, Tobyhanna Eastern, Tobyhanna Western

Tunkhannock)

**School Director**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for Two)

### **DEMOCRAT**

RICKY D. SMITH

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 1/18/1954

EDUCATION: Wilkes University, B.A.; Wilkes University, M.B.A.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: VP Strategic Programs and Projects, Sanofi Pasteur, Inc., Swiftwater, PA

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Tobyhanna Township Supervisor, 6 years; Tobyhanna Township Planning Commission, 2 years; Pocono Mountain School Board, since 1994

ANSWER TO QUESTION: With the present economy, the biggest challenge is to continue to deliver quality education at a level of taxation the taxpayers can afford. Realignment and delivery of programs to utilize personnel and resources in the best possible way are key to dealing with this problem. "No Child Left Behind" continues to plague all school districts. We have become a nation that seeks "average" as the ideal while the rest of the world teaches excellence.

HENRY BOCKELMAN

Pocono Pines

D.O.B.: 1/13/44

EDUCATION: 1965, Dutchess Community College, AAS; 1969, Parson College, BA

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired Police Officer

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Currently Board member, 19 years

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Meeting the unfunded mandates from State and Federal governments in a time of serious economic downturn. In addition the gross inequity in the distribution of tax funding from the state. These are our Districts' most serious problems due to the burdens it places on taxpayers, yet the Board has little it can do to solve this problem. If you cut taxes, you have to cut programs and the students suffer. Students who have no voice or vote as it relates to their education are at the mercy of the board and voters as to the quality of their education. They represent the future of our country as we compete in a global society, yet the legislature still chooses to dodge dealing with providing adequate funding for public education.

**REPUBLICAN**

RICKY D. SMITH

HENRY E. BOCKELMAN

**Pocono Mountain School District**

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

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for Not More Than Two)

**DEMOCRAT**

ELLEN MERCADO

Failed to reply

**REPUBLICAN**

DOROTHY SIROLLY

Tobyhanna

D.O.B.: 7/27/1954

EDUCATION: Penn State University, B.S. Education

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Former teacher, former merchandise manager

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Community Leader: Pocono Farms Community-Board

Pocono Mountain Public Library-Trustee, Habitat for Humanity/Thrivent Builds-Volunteer coordinator

Local Tax Commission-appointee, PMSD Strategic Plan Committee, League of Women Voters

Pocono Mountain Music Boosters-Officer, Coolbaugh 4-Judge of Elections, School Board meetings-

regular attendee for 19 years

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Education should be an equalizer for children who work hard. I paid for my own college education. As a former teacher, I remain an avid believer in the power of education. Pocono Mountain School district can provide a good education, but areas need improvement. For instance, more after-school programs, run by non-profits, would keep children safe until parents get home from work. I want to lower taxes by halting major renovation projects and excessive spending.

**Stroudsburg School District**

**School Director at Large**

(Delaware Water Gap, Hamilton Northern, Southern,

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

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

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Four)

**DEMOCRAT**

WILLIAM WHITE

Stroudsburg

D.O.B: 12/25/1942

EDUCATION: Mansfield B.S.; ESU M.Ed +21

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Teacher for 38 years; 36 in Stroudsburg;

Still involved in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls intramural basketball program and coach of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys program for the last 40 years; Director of Great Pocono Basketball Tournament; Dale Marsh Contribution to Youth Award; Perryman/Keglovits Award Law Day Liberty Bell Award

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Our district will continue to face enormous financial challenges! Increasing demands for excellence in education is accompanied at the same time by ever-present fiscal pressures. The renovation project must follow the same constraints. The superintendent, working with the board and the community, has the responsibility to administer within the financial limits established by the community. Accountability and transparency to our community remain an absolute mandate in the years ahead.

RICHARD PIERCE

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 3/14/1960

EDUCATION: Graduate of Stroudsburg High School; graduate, numerous builders' certifying courses, Penn State University; fully certified in all phases of construction. Fully knowledgeable concerning best building practices, codes and regulations.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Thirty years as owner/operator of Richard Pierce Builder, Inc. a commercial construction company.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: I have operated a successful commercial construction company for over thirty years. I have had many years experience dealing with architects, project supervisors and contractors. I am knowledgeable regarding construction layout, land use, environmental abatement and wetland management.//

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The proper management of the proposed \$92,000,000 high school renovation/expansion project. I'm qualified to provide disinterested oversight of this costly project. Every other recently constructed school in the district has required hundreds of thousands of dollars in corrective work *after* the buildings had been approved for use. I believe I can contain if not reduce the cost of the high school and help avoid costly mistakes as well as insure lower future maintenance costs.

LAURIE WOODS

Stroudsburg Borough

D.O.B.: 3/11/1961

EDUCATION: 1983, ESU, B.A.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Revenue Operations Supervisor, Jersey Central Power and Light, 22 years

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Stroudsburg School District School Director, 3 years; Served on the Transportation and Finance Committees; Member of the Joint Operating Committee of Monroe County Technical Institute.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: There is one common denominator to the various problems we face in Stroudsburg. That is, fiscal responsibility. To that end we must make our expectations clear to administration and hold them accountable. In this economic climate we owe it to all stakeholders to be frugal. I am afraid we are over extending ourselves to the point where program will suffer. Our community should feel comfortable and respected at public board meetings.

JOHN DeVIVO

Saylorsburg

D.O.B.: 5/19/1969

EDUCATION: 1991 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, Bachelor Music Education;  
2005 Wilkes University, Masters in Education

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Elementary Music Teacher, Pleasant Valley School District

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: 16 years as an educator, currently the Music Dept. Chair

ANSWER TO QUESTION: As always, the most serious problem is one that will never be completely resolved. It is the delicate balance between being fiscally responsible and giving our students the finest education possible. My experience as an educator, temperament, open mindedness, as well as my listening skills are well suited to making the important decisions which affect our community. I do not take very radical views and plan on being fiscally conservative.

## **REPUBLICAN**

WILLIAM WHITE

RICHARD PIERCE

RODNEY BAECHTOLD, JR.

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 9/5/1958

EDUCATION: 1981 ESU, B.A. Economics, 1998, Lehigh, M.B.A.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: V.P. General Manager

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 25 + year's business experience

Managed \$150+ million product lines.

Developed strategic business plans.

Successfully lead teams to develop and market new products.

Successfully justified multi-million dollar capital projects.

Knowledgeable of Construction methods, Mechanical systems and blueprints.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: A lack of business and fiscal management experience increased taxes

17% since 2007. Construction debt requires more taxes.

SASD must prioritize resources for student programs and construction.

We must...

Live within our means and fund programs by priority and affordability.

Eliminate waste, reward merit, and employ best educational technologies.

Stop assuming; raise taxes every year.

Correct deficiencies in Special Education to improve performance and meet policy obligations.

I want to control taxes and FUND Education.

LAURIE WOODS

## **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 township or borough and how would you propose solving it?" Terms are four years for mayors and council members and six years for supervisors unless otherwise noted.

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 One and Two**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

### **DEMOCRAT**

LOREE GUTHRIE

Canadensis

D.O.B.:

EDUCATION: B.A., B.S. – East Stroudsburg, U., M.A. – Marywood U., M.S. – East Stroudsburg, U., Ed.d – Temple U.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: assistant superintendent, Pocono Mt – School Dist. (retiring from the dist. June 30.)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: extensive experience in grant writing, extensive experience in the budgeting process, developed district Strategic Plan, served on state board for Pupil Services, researched, organized, and start a number of unique educational programs and initiatives, life long resident of Barrett Township, participated in many cost savings studies

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Probably a serious problem facing Barrett Township is one which is reflective of current times everywhere. That is, the creation and support of a vision for the future of the township. This vision must be based on sustaining the delicate balance between conservation and controlled growth; additionally, the vision must be founded on realistic goals and objectives whose success can be measured. However, these goals and this vision must clearly reflect the wishes and concerns of the citizens of Barrett Township.//

KAREN L. TETOR

Canadensis

D.O.B.: 5/26/1955

No longer seeking this position.

## **REPUBLICAN**

PAUL STOTSENBURG

Cresco

D.O.B.: 6/10/1939

EDUCATION: Quakertown Community High School, 1957 Vocational Woodworking

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Retired construction superintendent. Knowledge of township planning and building codes. Road and site management including planning and development. Required to follow plans and budget from start to completion of projects.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: We need to balance a formula to renew businesses and industry. More communication between supervisors and business to work together for benefit of township. Need to prioritize township needs over wants. Supervisors need to work and maintain the uniqueness of Barrett Township in ways for our youth to remain here and not move away.

MICHAEL J. STIRR

Canadensis

D.O.B.: 1/2/1941

EDUCATION: Graduate-Churchman Business College, Attended-ESU/Penn State Extension

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Past President, Pocono Mountain Jaycees; Advisory Board, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pa.; Executive Experience: budget preparation & approval, labor relations, employee benefits, negotiating, insurances; Barrett Ambulance Corps, Treasurer; PARC member.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: I would cite the three paramount challenges to be: a: Excess spending tied to a limited tax base. The need is to control spending through budget development/adherence. b: Safeguarding the rural integrity of our five villages. Achieved through planning for open space,

blending of residential and business properties. c: Assurance of prompt proficient responses to all 911 calls so important to our outlying area. The solution is continued expedient life saving and protective services with a re-evaluation of Barrett Township's commitment to "Emergency Medical Services".

**Tax Collector (Barrett One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

PHILIP SHALLER

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Judge of Election (Barrett One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JUDITH STILLINGER

**Inspector of Election (Barrett One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

**Tax Collector (Barrett Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

PHILIP SHALLER

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

**Judge of Election (Barrett Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JANIS FABOK

**REPUBLICAN**

DIANE PRICE

**Inspector of Election (Barrett Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Chestnuthill Township**

**Chestnuthill One, Two, Three, Four**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

CHRISTOPHER W. ECKERT

Effort

D.O.B.: 5/3/1960

EDUCATION: Farleigh Dickinson Univ. – Certified Public Manager

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Commander, NJ State Fire Marshall's Office – Arson/K-9 Unit

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Chestnuthill Twp. Planning Commission – 6 Years

President, Birches West Property Owners Association – 6 Years

West End Fire Company, Officer 17 years total (Chief 4 years, President 2 years)

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Chestnuthill Township has experienced extraordinary growth. Growth must be managed through careful planning both for residential and commercial development.

Additionally, other aspects of the area must keep pace; roads, water supplies, sewage disposal and emergency services. I support reconstruction of the intersections of Route 209, 115 and 715. This would add turning lanes and widen chronic congestion areas caused by growth. I will work to fund projects through grants that lessen the burden to taxpayers.

**REPUBLICAN**

CHRISTOPHER W. ECKERT

**Tax Collector (Chestnuthill One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JUNE O'NEILL

**REPUBLICAN**

JUNE O'NEILL

**Auditor (Chestnuthill One)**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

KATHY LUTZ

**REPUBLICAN**

NANCY PARKS

**Judge of Elections (Chestnuthill One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

**Inspector of Elections (Chestnuthill One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

**Tax Collector (Chestnuthill Two)**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JUNE O'NEILL

**REPUBLICAN**

JUNE O'NEILL

**Auditor (Chestnuthill Two)**

**(6 Year Term)**

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

KATHY LUTZ

**REPUBLICAN**

NANCY PARKS

**Judge of Elections (Chestnuthill Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JULIA CARTER

**REPUBLICAN**

MARIE MECKES

**Inspector of Elections (Chestnuthill Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for one)

**DEMOCRAT**

WILLIAM O FOSTER

**Tax Collector (Chestnuthill Three)**

**(4 Year Term)**

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JUNE O'NEILL

**REPUBLICAN**

JUNE O'NEILL

**Auditor (Chestnuthill Three)**

**(6 Year Term)**

**(Vote for One)**

**DEMOCRAT**

KATHY LUTZ

**REPUBLICAN**

NANCY PARKS

**Judge of Elections (Chestnuthill Three)**

**(4 Year Term)**

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

**Inspector of Elections (Chestnuthill Three)**

**(4 Year Term)**

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

**Tax Collector (Chestnuthill Four)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JUNE O'NEILL

**REPUBLICAN**

JUNE O'NEILL

**Auditor (Chestnuthill Four)**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

KATHY LUTZ

**REPUBLICAN**

NANCY PARKS

**Judge of Elections (Chestnuthill Four)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

MARTHA STOUT

**Inspector of Election (Chestnuthill Four)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

BARBARA SNYDER

**REPUBLICAN**

SHIRLEY PETKUS

**COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP**

Coolbaugh Township One, Two, Three and Four

**SUPERVISOR**

(Vote for not more than Two)

(6 Year Term)

**DEMOCRAT**

ROBERT M. ZITO

Tobyhanna

D.O.B.: 8/26/1959

EDUCATION: 1981, College of Staten Island (CUNY), B.S. Economics

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Owner, RMZ Property & Management Consultants;

Licensed Pennsylvania Realtor

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Coolbaugh Township Supervisor, 2004-Present (Chairman 2006-2007);

Coolbaugh Township Auditor, 2000-2004;

Small business owner;

15 years of community involvement and volunteerism

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Like many other municipalities Coolbaugh Township is faced with a growing demand for services and a diminishing economic pie. During my first term I believe we have met that challenge. Unlike many other municipalities we have not raised property taxes. We are in the process of opening our “Community Services Center”, an initiative which will house social service agencies locally at our Municipal Complex, allowing our residents more ready and convenient access to their services.

CLARE COLGAN

Tobyhanna

D.O.B.: 4/4/1959

EDUCATION: Graduate of Pocono Mountain High School

Operation LifeSafer – railroad Safety Instructor

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Assistant Manager with Raceway Management Co. Inc. at Burger King at Gouldsboro.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Current chairman for Coolbaugh Township Community Partnership Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission.

Vice-Chairman of Environmental Advisory Commission. Former President of Tobyhanna Athletic Association, Former School Bus Driver Instructor, Former Sunday School Teacher

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Meeting the challenge of providing quality services to township residents while maintaining a sound fiscal budget. Our future can be guided in a positive direction by focusing on sound environmental decisions, improved services, smart growth strategies, and Historic preservation. Quality growth will improve our tax basis without making a negative impact.

## **REPUBLICAN**

ROBERT B. HUTCHINS

Tobyhanna

D.O.B.: 8/2/1959

EDUCATION: Wallenpaupack H.S.

Johnson & Wales College, B.S. Cum Laude – Hospitality Mgmt.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Vice-president, Centennial Homes, Inc.

QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE: Eight years experience as current Supervisor.

Five years experience as Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission member, Last Three years as Secretary. Past Board member, officer, President of Community Association of Pocono Farms Vice-president, Centennial Homes, Inc. Associate Broker Real Estate License

ANSWER TO QUESTION: “The Economy”! The current economic downturn has been eroding municipal revenue streams. While the revenues have been dwindling, the costs have not. For eight years as Supervisor, I have had a proven track record as being fiscally responsible. I will continue to commit to belt-tightening and maintaining police and emergency services without raising municipal taxes. I, as one of five supervisors, will fight for fiduciary responsibility without adding burden to the

residents of Coolbaugh.

JUAN JOHN ADAMS

Tobyhanna

D.O.B.: 2/3/1960

EDUCATION: 1984 Queensborough Community College, A.S. 2001 John Jay College

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Legislative Aide State Rep. Mario M. Scavello

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 3 Yrs. Representative for Coolbaugh Township. Dealing with constituents issues.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Four issues of equal importance need addressing...

1. Family sustaining jobs...will work to attract companies which will create better paying jobs that can support a family.
2. Public Safety...will work with Pocono Regional to implement crime reduction strategies which will make our community safer.
3. Infrastructure – will work with PennDOT to fix our roads. Also increase sewer capacity to be able to support use by Businesses.
4. Taxes...continually look at Budgets and where possible Reduce taxes.

**Tax Collector (Coolbaugh Township One, Two, Three, Four )**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

GRATZ WASHENIK

**REPUBLICAN**

DAVE MISSEY

**Auditor (Coolbaugh Township One, Two, Three, Four)**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

DANIEL A. FERGUSON

**Judge of Election (Coolbaugh One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

JAMES KINSLEY

**Inspector of Election (Coolbaugh One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

DONNA KAY KINSLEY

**Judge of Election (Coolbaugh Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No Candidate on the ballot

**Inspector of Election (Coolbaugh Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No Candidate on the ballot

**Judge of Election (Coolbaugh Three)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

DORIS HINES.

**Inspector of Election (Coolbaugh Three)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Judge of Elections (Coolbaugh Four)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on ballot

**Inspector of Elections (Coolbaugh Four)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on ballot

**Borough of Delaware Water Gap**

**Mayor**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

WALTER CONWAY

Failed to reply

**Council Member**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Four)

**DEMOCRAT**

SUSAN CURNOW WILSON

Failed to reply

PHILIP E FARER III

Failed to reply

GEORGE MUNN

Failed to reply

**REPUBLICAN**

WILLIAM BUZZARD

Failed to reply

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

CHRISTINE FARBER

**Judge of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

RUTH A MACWILLIAMS

**Inspector of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

VALERIE L. HIGBEE

**REPUBLICAN**

JOAN B. POWLUS

**Borough of East Stroudsburg**

**Mayor**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

ARMAND MARTINELLI

Failed to reply

**Council Member – First Ward**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

SONIA WOLBERT

Failed to reply

**Tax Collector First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Wards**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

ALBERTA SUE TALLADA

**Judge of Election (First Ward)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

TRUDY PIATT

**Judge of Elections, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Sixth Wards**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**No candidates on the ballot**

**Inspector of Election (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Wards)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Councilmember Third Ward**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote fore One)

**DEMOCRAT**

ROGER L. DELARCO

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 6/1/1958

EDUCATION: 1980, B.A. Economics (honors), E.S.U.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Director, University Store, E.S.U.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: East Stroudsburg Council, 19 years, President 11 years Chairman, Stroud Area Regional Police commissioner 9 years Monroe County Control Center BOD, 10 years, Chairman 8 years Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce, BOD 10 years Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. 2005 award

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The current state of the economy will renew interest in local jobs, retail services and recreation without long drives. We will need to be supportive of innovative ways to stimulate economic growth and revitalization in our community. A local, independent economic development organization could act in tandem with Council and other public agencies to coordinate and plan economic development, provide quality job opportunities to our citizens and enhance the quality of life in East Stroudsburg.

**Councilmember Sixth Ward**

**(4 Year Term)**

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

DONALD REPSHER

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 11/15/1946

EDUCATION: High School (12 Years)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Owner Castings Unlimited, Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 8 years as Councilman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, East Stroudsburg

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: With the economy in the state it is in, there is no reason for higher taxes. I would try my best to keep taxes from going Higher. There are a lot of retired people in East Stroudsburg on fixed incomes and that only puts a hardship on them.

**REPUBLICAN**

HENRY LESOINE II

Failed to reply

**Eldred Township**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

GRETCHEN GANNON PETTIT

D.O.B.: 7/15/1969

Kunkletown

EDUCATION: 1987 Pleasant Valley high School, top 20

2005 East Stroudsburg University, BS Business Mgmt, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economic Honor Society

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Manager 15 years, Mt. View Farm riding instructor/horse trainer

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Lifetime Monroe County resident

30 year Eldred Township resident

20 year 4-H member/leader in Monroe County

5<sup>th</sup> generation Monroe County resident

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I think the most serious problem in my municipality is the decay of historical buildings and lack of community cohesion. I would propose to create a community flyer, to communicate special events, news, etc and also update the township website. I would also like to organize some community fundraisers to help the Historical Society. I would also like to establish a foot path, purchase some street lighting and create a community garden and/or park.

### **REPUBLICAN**

BLAINE R. SILFIES

D.O.B.: 1/30/1951

Kunkletown

EDUCATION: 1976 Associates Degree from Williamsport Community College

1980-2006 Various managerial and business courses through Kmart Corporation, Chrysler Corporation, and General Motors Corporation.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Unemployed Surveyor Instrument Operator

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 8 years elected official – Pleasant Valley School Board, 8 years appointed official to the Monroe County Vo-Tech School

Currently over 10 years on the Authority Board of the Monroe County Career Technical School

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The problems in government today are too vast to mention. We have too much regulation and not enough common sense. If an ordinance doesn't quite fit the application, new ordinances are made. Instead of making new ones, the current ordinances should be applied in a common sense manner.

With that being said, I plan to bring deregulation and common sense to the township. I am looking forward to serving the people instead of the nonsense regulations, and therefore, creating job opportunity for the Eldred Township taxpayer.

### **INDEPENDENT**

GLENN W BEERS

Failed to reply

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

### **DEMOCRAT**

HELEN A. MACKES

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the Ballot

**Auditor**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Auditor**

(2 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

KAREN M ANTHONY

**Constable**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

RICHARD H. SALTER III

**Judge of Elections**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

DONNA M. MACKES

**Inspector of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

VIRGINIA J. ANTHONY

## **Hamilton Township**

### **Hamilton Northern and Southern**

#### **Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

#### **DEMOCRAT**

DAVID FENNER

Sciota

D.O.B.: 7/9/1949

EDUCATION: 1981, East Stroudsburg University, B.A.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Secretary/Treasurer, Laborer, Hamilton Township

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Township Supervisor, 17 years;

Township Secretary/Treasurer, 13 years; Commercial Drivers License

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The continual growth of Hamilton Township and limited resources available to government place ever increasing demands upon township government which require an experienced supervisor. I will continue to serve as a supervisor accessible to all citizens and will provide positive and constructive leadership to provide the citizens of Hamilton Township with the experienced leadership and responsiveness required for effective township government.

#### **REPUBLICAN**

JEFF DESIND

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 4/26/1946

EDUCATION: Conn University – BS Marketing

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Marketing Director

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE:

Business owner, High School Math Teacher, Sr Managing Direct – of an Investment Firm, Military – Air Force National Guard

ANSWER TO QUESTION:

Hamilton township is one of the most beautiful areas of North Eastern PA. Unregulated development, poor Planning and lack of Qualified Leadership are putting both our property values & quality of Life at Risk. My goal is to maintain Hamiltons' beauty along with keeping taxes low. When elected I will update our zoning and land development ordinances so that cell tower operators and Strip Club owners will not continue to take advantage of us.

#### **Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

JUDI WARNER

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

RODNEY L YETTER

**Constable (Northern & Southern)**

**(6 Year Term)**

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

ROBERT REHMAN

**REPUBLICAN**

GEORGE P. LESHANSKI

**Judge of Election (Northern)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

BARBARA MAGNANO

**Inspector of Election (Northern)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JOSEPH MAGNANO

**Judge of Election (Southern)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Inspector of Election (Southern)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Jackson Township**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

DAVID B THOMAS

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 11/25/1964

EDUCATION: Graduated Pocono Mountain, 1982

Graduated Indiana Univ of PA: 1986

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Detective – Stroud Area Regional Police Dept.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Twp. Supervisor – 6 years

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The Economy – Due to current economic situations of residents, municipalities, including Jackson Township are faced with declining revenue & increased costs.

The only resolution is to priority expenditures without raising taxes to maintain infrastructure, equipment and facilities.

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

LEON A FRALEY, JR.

**REPUBLICAN**

LEON A FRALEY, JR

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

MADELINE E EVERETT

**Judge of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Inspector of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Middle Smithfield Township**

**Middle Smithfield Eastern and Western**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JOHN PETRIZZO

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 1/22/1953

EDUCATION: 1970 – East Stroudsburg Area School District – Graduated

1990 – Dept. of Community Affairs – Auditor Training Course

Monroe County Vo-Tech of Basic Fire Fighter Training

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Small business owner

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Served on Middle Smithfield Twp. Original Wastewater Committee.

Served on MST Committee to re-write billboard ordinance

Former Board of Trustees Member Bushkill Fire Dept.

Cognizant of planning and zoning issues.//

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Serious problems change constantly. Lack of prosperity, additional taxes for a police department and adult entertainment location are the issues now. You need to spend wisely. I'd support issues that help the taxpayer, local business owner, improve roadways and create jobs to help our local economy grow. We may need a police force, but we can't afford it now. The entranceway to our community is not the proper location for a gentlemen's club.

**REPUBLICAN**

MITCHELL K. MARCUS

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 5/26/1953

Lake of the Pines East Stroudsburg

**EDUCATION:**

2002 Regis University, Denver, CO, MBA

2000 University of the State of NY, B.S.

1989 Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters (CPCU)

**CURRENT OCCUPATION:**

President, Mitchell Group Inc. – Allstate

Director – Insurance Institute of PA

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer, PAFB

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE:**

Treasurer Monroe County Parks & Recreation Comm.

Director Eastern Monroe Regional Park Comm.

V.P. Lake of the Pines Civic Association

**ANSWER TO THE QUESTION:** One serious problem is escalating taxation due to unwarranted spending on unnecessary projects (ex. taking over state & private community roads). I would resolve this issue by utilizing responsible fiscal management by not supporting unnecessary and unsubstantiated projects (i.e. the current proposed police department). I would encourage responsible business growth in an environmentally conscientious manner to foster jobs and services that will bring in revenue to our township. I would also listen to our citizens.

**Tax Collector (Eastern and Western)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

DAWN M. ARNST

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Constable**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for one)

**REPUBLICAN**

RICK PORVAZNIK

**Judge of Election (Eastern)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

JOYCE B BUSH

**Judge of Election (Western)**

((4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

**Inspector of Election (Eastern and Western )**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Borough of Mount Pocono**

**Mayor**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

FREDERICK T. COURTRIGHT

Mt. Pocono

D.O.B.: 2/28/1965

EDUCATION: BSBA in Business Management, Xavier University (Cincinnati)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Owner, The Permissions Company

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Planning Commission, Borough of Mount Pocono, Strategic Planning Committee, Business Owner, Homeowner

ANSWER TO QUESTION: High taxes: At the local level, party affiliation has no real affect on things but above us things are quite different. Democrats control the purse strings as you go up, and my party affiliation will be a benefit as I rattle as many doorknobs as possible to look for sources of new funding to keep taxes low. Indeed, more doors will open to me as a Democrat, and I intend to try them all.

**REPUBLICAN**

DANIEL MCDAVITT

D.O.B.: 3/17/1948

Mt. Pocono

EDUCATION: 1970 – Washington & Lee University, B.A. – Lexington, VA

Various Professional & Technical Courses

Including Penn State & Wharton Business School

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Verizon – Retired

McDavitt Signs & Awards – Retired

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE:

Mount Pocono Municipal Authority, Borough Council Strategic Committee,

Open Space, Inter-Governmental Greenway Comm.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Infrastructure.

Public sidewalks in bad repair continually have to be replaced, and, as we see more pedestrians sidewalks have to be extended to the north and west. Traffic control and flow improvements will have to be continually implemented and managed. Finding a way to allow the municipal authority to treat additional effluent up to its capacity of 600 gallons/day and then to expand to 1,200,000 gallons/day to fully service the community.

**Council Member**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Three)

**REPUBLICAN**

JEFF WOEHRLE

Failed to reply

MARTIN J WALDENBERGER

Mt. Pocono

D.O.B.: 10/24/36

EDUCATION: BA Ursinus College

MA Lehigh University

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Member ZHB Salford Twp. Montgomery Cty 18 yrs.

Member ZHB Mt. Pocono Borough Current – member Mt. Pocono Borough Council

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The most serious problem in Mt. Pocono is providing for the health, safety and welfare of all our citizens through the enactment and enforcement of Borough regulations, providing funding for police and fire protection, trash collection, maintenance of roads, all while keeping in mind the costs to our citizens.

JOHN P FINNERTY

Mt. Pocono

D.O.B.: 4/19/1953

EDUCATION: Pocono Mountain H.S. 1971 University of New Haven, B.A. 1976

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Township Manager Kidder Twp. Carbon County

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Borough Councilman 24 year, Community  
Manager 16 years

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Continue to improve the “5 Points” intersection and other problems areas. As the crossroads of Northern Monroe County, traffic congestion is a big concern. I will continue to work with the other council members to make sure developers pay their “fair share” for the congestion which they create and the improvements necessary to alleviate the problem. As elsewhere setting aside open space is a big priority.

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

JON PAOLETTI

**Constable**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot.

**Judge of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Inspector of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

RUTH C GROSS

**Paradise Township**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

MICHAEL FLOOD

Failed to reply

**REPUBLICAN**

DENNIS E KEESLER

Failed to reply

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

WILLIAM RACZKO

**REPUBLICAN**

BETH A MARTIN

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

LINDA M. DROSS

**Judge of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

CHERYL PHILLIPS

**Inspector of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Pocono Township**

**Pocono One, Two, Three, Four**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JOHN T. BRAMLEY

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 8/4/1955

EDUCATION: 1973 Pocono Mountain High School

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Owner – Bramley’s Custom Cabinets

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE:

Pocono Township resident and business owner – 31 years

Pocono Township Planning Commission – 5 years

Pocono Township Supervisor, Jan. 2008 – Present

ANSWER TO QUESTION: I would continue to work with local businesses and state and federal agencies to ensure traffic improvements are made on Rts. 715 and 611.

**REPUBLICAN**

FRANK HESS

Failed to reply

**Tax Collector**

**Pocono One, Two, Three, Four**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

PATRICIA J. MICHAEL

**Auditor**

**(Pocono One, Two, Three, Four)**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

PAT ROSS

**Judge of Election (Pocono One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

ARLENE A. ROGERS

**Inspector of Election (Pocono One, Two and Three)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

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**Judge of Election (Pocono Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

VALERIE L. MARRIOTT

**Judge of Election (Pocono Four)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

DIETRICH KATTERMANN

**Inspector of Election (Pocono Four)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JUANITA L. HARRIS

**Polk Township**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

GLENN S GREEN

Failed to reply

**REPUBLICAN**

BRIAN K AHNER

Kunkletown

D.O.B: 9/23/1963

EDUCATION: 1981 Pleasant Valley H.S.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Polk Township employee/road maintenance

QUALIFICATION FOR THIS OFFICE: 14 years, township employee

23 years, Indian Mt. Rod & Gun Club secretary. Past member of the open space committee

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: I believe Polk Township should be more involved within the community listening to the residents of the township, work in conjunction with other groups like the fire company and reaching out to the youth of the community.

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

CAROLYN MEINHART

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

PHYLLIS CHRISTMAN

**Judge of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

DWIGHT IKE CHRISTMAN

**Inspector of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

SHIRLEY M HAYDT

**REPUBLICAN**

ALMA J. GREEN

**Price Township**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

RICK MOSHER

E. Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 8/12/1950

EDUCATION: 1973 ESSC, B S Mathematics

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Logistics Manager

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Twp Supervisor 20+ yrs (sec/treas)

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The current state of the economy is our most serious concern.

The Annual Budget is the Key. It can't be something you look at just once a year. The solution actually occurred over the past several years, when the Board controlled spending during the good times to allow a reserve to cushion times like these. The Boards aim is to be fiscally responsible by not inflating revenue estimates and by scrutinizing all expenditures.

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

KATHY MOSHER KROLL

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Judge of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

BARBARA L. SIMPSON

**Inspector of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Ross Township**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

TINA DRAKE

Saylorsburg

DOB: Not given

EDUCATION: 1991 East Stroudsburg University, B.A.-Chemistry, E.Stroudsburg,PA

1991 East Stroudsburg University B.S. Environmental Studies, E. Stroudsburg, PA

2002 University of Alaska Fairbanks, M.S. Environmental Quality Science, Fairbanks, AK

CURRENT OCCUCPATION: Environmental Scientist/Environmental chemist

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Township supervisor for 6 years

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: Aside from the hard economic times that all municipalities are facing, I believe Ross Township is doing well. I don't believe Ross Township has any serious problems, however I would like to see more support for the West End Regional Park. Currently, only Ross and Chestnuthill Townships along with the Pleasant Valley School District are providing financial support. It would be really great to see Polk and Eldred Townships to be involved in this wonderful park that will service all of the West End communities.

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

SHARON A STEEN

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

DIANE DEBARRY

**Auditor**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Judge of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Inspector of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Smithfield Township**

**Smithfield One, Two, Three**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

VINCENT DELLA FERA

Shawnee on Delaware

D.O.B.: 2/14/1951

EDUCATION: University of Delaware, B.A.;

Graduate studies at Penn State University

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Computer Engineer

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Township Supervisor, 4 years. Liaison to township and regional park committees. Numerous charitable and civic activities.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Municipal government must do everything possible to economize during the current economic downturn to insure that our tax dollars are spent wisely. However, uncontrolled growth remains the single largest long-term problem in our township. We must continue to fight ill-conceived development schemes, while at the same time plan for environmentally responsible smart growth in the future.

**REPUBLICAN**

STEPHEN P. CAREY

East Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 7/18/1949

EDUCATION: B.S., Business Administration/Management, Shippensburg University.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Smithfield Township Roadmaster.

QUALIFICATIONS: 30 year resident with 35 years of financial management experience.

Member of the Shawnee Fire Company (30 years), United Way of Monroe County (20 years), Smithfield Township Emergency Management (15 years), Smithfield Township Supervisor (6 years), and Western Pocono Lions Club.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Smithfield Township needs a leader with vision who can make independent decisions, maintain the delicate balance between growth and preservation, and practice financial responsibility. Our township has become unbalanced on all fronts. The current leadership has allowed our legal expenses to skyrocket. With my background in finance and past Supervisory track record, I will oppose wasteful spending and bring stability back to our township.

**Tax Collector (One, Two and Three)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

SHARON J. GERBERICH

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

**Judge of Election (Smithfield One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No Candidate ion the Ballot

**Inspector of Election (Smithfield One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

THEODORE ZAK

**Judge of Election (Smithfield Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Inspector of Election (Smithfield Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Judge of Election (Smithfield Three)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

MICHELE H. JACABELLA

**Inspector of Election (Smithfield Three)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JEANNE OSTFELD

**REPUBLICAN**

LEE BOWER

**Stroud Township**

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

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

ED CRAMER

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 8/23/1949

EDUCATION: 1967, Stroudsburg High School,1970, United States Navy,1974, ESU, B.S. in Secondary Education

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Stroud Township Supervisor, Chairman, Stroud Township Treasurer

QUALIFICATION FOR THIS OFFICE: Stroud Township Supervisor, 12 years

President, Varsity "S" Association; Chairman, Monroe County Planning Commission;

Chairman, Monroe County Litter Control and Beautification Board; Friends of Cherry Valley,

Rotary Club of the Stroudsburg

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The most serious problem in Stroud Township is the economic situation. Revenues at all levels of government have dropped significantly, yet we need to continue to maintain services to our residents. We must cut unnecessary expenditures and build a fund balance to prevent future tax increases in case of emergencies or economic downturns such as we are currently experiencing. Other issues range from pedestrian and traffic safety, storm-water management, protecting our natural resources, and preserving our quality of life.

**REPUBLICAN**

ED CRAMER

**Tax Collector**

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

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

WENDY BOGART SHIFFER

**REPUBLICAN**

WENDY BOGART SHIFFER

**Auditor (Stroud One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven)**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on ballot

**Judge of Election (Stroud One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

MARINA WOOD

**Inspector of Election (Stroud One)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

ILONA KIERNAN

**Judge of Election (Stroud Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JAMES P LYONS

**Inspector of Election (Stroud Two)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

MAUREEN ROBINSON

**Judge of Election (Stroud Three)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

PIETRO CALCARA

**Inspector of Election (Stroud Three)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on ballot

**Judge of Election (Stroud Four)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

LARAINÉ GRANDE

**Inspector of election (Stroud Four)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

ALFRED F FERULLO, JR

**Judge of Election (Stroud Five)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JUDITH C FISKE

**Judge of Elections (Six)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

MARTIN F. KLOSS

**Judge of Election (Seven)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Inspector of Election (Stroud Five, Six, Seven)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on ballot

**Borough of Stroudsburg**

**Mayor**

(4 Year Term)

Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

CHARLIE BAUGHMAN

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 7/29/1943

EDUCATION: B.S., M.S. Shippensburg University

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Active in a variety of community, county, regional and church organizations over the past 40+years – serve as a civic and professional organizer

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Stroudsburg Borough is in the midst of a downtown beautification and revitalization program. Still, few vacant properties exist while the demands for added services continues; added revenues are desperately needed. Property redevelopment is needed and could be better realized if zoning changes are made in several areas of the town. This proposal is now under consideration. Downtown growth and revitalization are continuing. Reinvestment provides growth to the borough tax base, but the financial horizon for the borough appears static.

**Council Member  
4 Year Term)**

(Vote for not more than Three)

**DEMOCRAT**

BOYD WEISS

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 5/10/1944

EDUCATION: Stbg. High School 1963, East Stbg. University, 1972

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Special Education teacher

QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS OFFICE: Stbg. Borough Council 4 years, PA. State Ed. Assoc. Board of Directors, 18 yrs., Chairperson of Personnel Committee 6 yrs.,

President Intermediate Unit Ed. Assoc. 37 years. Stroudsburg shade tree committee 8 years.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: The continued growth with the increased need and cost for municipal services and limited tax base. We need to encourage industry and business to relocate into the borough in order to relieve the tax burden on residential properties.

MATT ABELL

Failed to reply

JEFF EWEN

Stroudsburg

D.O.B.: 1966

EDUCATION: Purdue, B.S.; East Stroudsburg University M.A., M.P.H.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: history teacher

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Stroudsburg Borough Councilmember; Sewer and Recycling Committees; Borough newsletter editor; Stroud Area Regional Police Dept. Commission member

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Fiscal stability of the Borough.

Steps taken include: Using a different benefits manager to keep health care costs down; implementing an innovative plan for lighting in anticipation of electricity price increases; improving the downtown to promote business growth (increase tax base), increase pedestrian safety, and make the Borough more

attractive for current residents and those looking to relocate from other areas.

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

TERRY MC COOL

**Judge of Election (First)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

ANDREA M MC CLANAHAN

**Inspector of Election (First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Wards)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot

**Judge of Election (Second Ward)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**Judge of Election (Third Ward)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

COLEEN SOLOTRUK

**Judge of Election (Fourth Ward)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

GRETCHEN RAGAZZO

**Judge of Election (Fifth Ward)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

BERNARD FRANTZ

**Tobyhanna Township**

**Tobyhanna Eastern and Western**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for not more than Two)

**REPUBLICAN**

JAMIE B KEENER

Pocono Summit

D.O.B.: 8/18/1965

EDUCATION: 1987, Bucknell University, B.A.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Regional and Certified Planner Manager – Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (Engineers)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE: Township Supervisor 2.5 years. Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission 2 yrs. Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board ('09-'10). United Way Campaign Chair ('08 & '09). United Way of Monroe County, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Balancing revenue and expenses. In these difficult economic times we must be diligent in controlling expenses. Tax revenues are down (real estate transfer and earned income taxes specifically) while residents expect the same services to be rendered. I will not support raising taxes unless it is absolutely necessary to maintain our infrastructure and to deliver necessary services.

ANNE LAMBERTON

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**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

LINDA L. WOEHRLE

**REPUBLICAN**

LINDA L WOEHRLE

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Judge of Election (Tobyhanna Eastern)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Judge of Election (Tobyhanna Western)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

ALFRED KERRICK

**Inspector of Election (Tobyhanna Eastern Tobyhanna Western)**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Tunkhannock Township**

**Supervisor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JIM DAVENPORT

Blakeslee

D.O.B.: 10/18/1931

EDUCATION: Penn State University 1955, Masters Degree, Educational Administration

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Appointed Township Supervisor,

Ski Shop owner, Retired

Pocono Mt. S.D.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Combat Veteran U.S. Army

Korean Conflict service medal

Retired Superintendent of Schools

Pocono Mountain School District

Wildlife Conservation Officer (Retired)

Chairman Planning Commission

Vice Chairman – Tunk Twp Supervisors

ANSWER TO QUESTION:

A serious concern in Tunkhannock Twp is maintaining and increasing amusement revenue from major events in the Township to ease the tax burden on our resident taxpayers in this sluggish economy.

We must preserve the pristine nature of the communities in which we live

We as residents and elected official's must work together to maintain exceptional water quality in our streams and well water supplies.

Elected officials should at all times promote the health, safety and well being of our residents

## **REPUBLICAN**

GEORGE EWALD

Long Pond

D.O.B.: 4/15/1947

EDUCATION: Attended Palm Beach Jr. College

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Vice President/Track Superintendent, Pocono Raceway (employed 39 years)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Life member Tunkhannock Township volunteer Fire Company, 37 years; Pennsylvania Sewage Enforcement Officer, 34 years; Pennsylvania Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, 32 years; Tunkhannock Township Vacancy Board, 10+ years; Pennsylvania Forest Fire Warden, 16 years.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: Finances. In these hard hit times, Tunkhannock Township must tighten its' belt and be fiscally responsible and prudent in administering our Township as a business.

Budgeting and managing our hard earned tax money are my top priorities. Tunkhannock Township's safety, security and financial well-being must go hand in hand. To solve our financial problems we need to find the right mix that will be clear-cut, no nonsense, fair and economically sound for all residents.

**Supervisor**

(2 Year Term)

(Vote for One

## **DEMOCRAT**

HENRY DANNECKER, SR

Long Pond

D.O.B.: Not given

EDUCATION: William Allen High School, Allentown, PA

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: Tunkhannock Township Supervisor, late '90s  
Regularly attended: Tunkhannock Township meetings; Planning and zoning meetings; Environmental Action Committee meetings; Agricultural Committee Member

ANSWER TO QUESTION: When you see a train coming at you, you've got two choices: One, you can get off the track; or two, you can let it run you down. Tunkhannock Township is spending more than it's taking in, and if we don't get the budget get under control, this township will go bankrupt. I think we ought to get off the track and spend our money wisely, and within our means, just like any responsible person.

## **REPUBLICAN**

ROBERT DELESE

Blakeslee

D.O.B.: 11/20/1951

EDUCATION: Freeland High School, Freeland, PA; Sowell Aviation College, Panama City, Fl.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Business Owner; Commercial Pilot

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 37 years in business here in Tunkhannock Twp.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The most serious problem in the Tunkhannock Township is its financial situation. It is on the brink of financial collapse. Being a successful business entrepreneur, I know I can turn it around to become a financially stable township by cutting unnecessary expenses and by trimming the budget without compromising public services. I also feel our zoning laws need to be revised to ease up on some of the restrictions to the public and businesses.

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

LEE NORDLING

**REPUBLICAN**

KENNETH HENNING

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Auditor**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**No candidate on the ballot**

**Judge of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

CARMEN BRODNAX

**Inspector of Election**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidate on the ballot

**PIKE COUNTY**

**DISTRICT MAGISTRATE 3 60-3-02**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JAY R ROSE

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**REPUBLICAN**

JAY R ROSE

**Jury Commissioner**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

GERTRUDE SMITH

**REPUBLICAN**

MARJORIE A WASSMER

**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)

**DEMOCRAT**

FRED S. TAYLOR

D.O.B.: 11/24/1956

Bushkill

EDUCATION: East Stroudsburg High School

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Lehman Township - Operator

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE: 21 ½ years working for Township.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION: A very serious concern to me has to be the deplorable condition of two principal roads in our community, roads that are constantly used by our school buses and all residents. I'm talking about Bushkill Falls Road and Milford Road 001 which have received no attention from the State despite the many requests from the Township and the School Board.

PennDOT must be held responsible for maintaining and repairing these roads to reduce the workload of Lehman Township's Road Crews.

### **REPUBLICAN**

PAUL MENDITTO

D.O.B.: 8/4/1954

Bushkill

EDUCATION: 1976, Academy of Aeronautics, Associates Degree in Avionics, Magna Cum Laude

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Lehman Township Supervisor and Public Works employee.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE:

Township Supervisor, 6 years; Planning Commission, 11 years; Pike COG, 3 years (currently Chairman); Boy Scout Leader, 7 years; Little League Secretary and Board member, 3 years; Local Emergency Planning, 2 years.

ANSWER TO QUESTION: The most serious problem in Lehman Township is the lack of businesses that can provide services and jobs to our residents while creating a non-residential tax base (e.g. bank, grocery store, pharmacy, gas station). The current Board of Supervisors is working hard to create the infrastructure necessary for businesses to locate here. In addition, we are working with the Pike Economic Development Authority to attract these businesses to Lehman Township.

**Tax Collector**

(4 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

### **DEMOCRAT**

ROSEANN E. VAN WHY

**Auditor**

(6 Year Term)

(Vote for One)

No candidates on the ballot.

**Constable**  
**(6 Year Term)**  
(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

JOHN P. FRAWLEY

**Porter Township**

**Supervisor**  
(6 Year Term)  
(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

JAMES MEGLINO

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**Tax Collector**  
(4 Year Term)  
(Vote for One)

**DEMOCRAT**

JOAN HORGER

**Auditor**  
(6 Year Term)  
(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

MARY ANN MEGLINO

Constable  
(6 Year Term)  
(Vote for One)

**REPUBLICAN**

ORVILLE R. KLEPPINGER

**The League of Women Voters of Monroe County**

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