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Address: 421 W Briar Lane

Years in the Village: 23 years

Political Experience: Village of Allouez Trustee since 2014

Education: Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Illinois State University

Current Occupation: Pricing Manager at Kenan Advantage Group (Klemm Tank Lines)

Reason for running:

I am proud to be part of Allouez and want to help maintain the services residents have come to enjoy, preserve the “feel” of our community, and encourage responsible growth.

I want to continue to work with the incredible group of front-line employees, department heads, and volunteer committee members working together to best serve the residents of Allouez.

It may sound like a cliché, but I enjoy being a trustee and would like the opportunity to serve the citizens of Allouez for another term.

Unique Qualities that makes you a top candidate:

I bring an analytical perspective to the group of trustees we have today. In my full-time job, as well as in my role as a trustee, I use my degrees in mathematics and business administration to review data and identify patterns for budgeting, planning, and forecasting purposes to “do more with less”.

I do not hesitate to dig in and question proposed expenses, but I am also mindful of the need to balance costs with services from both a short-term and a long-term perspective. One of the most important — and difficult — roles for trustees and staff is to produce a budget that allows Allouez to provide superior services to residents while holding the line on spending.

Rising expenses associated with maintaining an aging infrastructure can make controlled spending a difficult task. As the village staff and trustees question proposed or actual costs, we regularly challenge vendors and municipal partners to make sure items are properly justified. I am proud to be part of this approach and will do my part to ensure it continues.

3 top issues/concerns regarding the village and proposed resolution

Development

We need to provide developers with incentives that encourage them to move to or expand within Allouez. I have worked hard with trustees and staff to create a welcoming environment for businesses that provide the products and services residents have identified as important. We have the right location and resources to bring in responsible growth. However, these opportunities must emphasize balancing the developers' requests with residents' expectations of the benefits provided by these projects.

Roads

Road repairs are a high priority for Allouez residents. This is why the board and staff utilizes an annual study of village road conditions to determine which projects the village can complete within budgetary limits.

As part of the continual focus on spending money in a responsible manner, the Village of Allouez team developed a plan for bidding and scheduling projects with contractors earlier in the year, reducing costs while expanding the scope of each project. Not every road can be repaired immediately, but we need to continue to focus our attention on this issue that remains so important to Allouez residents.

Building on Our Successes

Although the village must look toward new initiatives, it's equally important to build on what's worked in the past. As a trustee, I've been a part of several initiatives that I feel are good examples of such cornerstones.

- Completing an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections for a \$60,000 annual reimbursement for law enforcement activities related to the Green Bay Correctional Institution
- Entering into a partnership with the Greater Green Bay YMCA to create a new facility for the residents of Allouez and the surrounding area which would also see a new Allouez Community Center created as part of this proposed development
- Working as part of the Finance/Personnel ad hoc Committee to provide more year-round attention to the budgeting and planning process
- Continuing our push to publicize the wide-spread support to have the Green Bay Correctional Institution decommissioned; the possibilities for this property and the positive effect it could have for the residents of Allouez are far-reaching
- Providing pedestrian crossings along Riverside Drive that give residents safer, easier access to the Fox River Trail
- Being a lead partner with Green Bay, De Pere, and Brown County on the initiative to plow the Fox River Trail, encouraging year-round exercise and enjoyment of this great community feature
- Holding public information meetings to garner resident feedback and increase resident involvement on village projects

- Commissioning a corridor study to create a development template for Riverside Drive and Webster Avenue
- Refinancing bonds to allow for cost savings within the annual budget
- Renewing multiple three-year contracts with the Brown County sheriff's office for law enforcement services within Allouez

I hope I can add to this list over the next three years and help improve the quality of life for everyone in the Village of Allouez. If you'd like to share your thoughts on the village's future, please contact me at matthew.harris.trustee@gmail.com.