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Village of Mukwonago

Top Three Goals:

1. Support Administration, Department Heads, and Staff through Village Board leadership that is open to ideas, builds public trust, delivers best possible services and encourages public participation.

Big picture: Democracy is in decline or under attack internationally. What can non-partisan local officials do? Build public trust. Transparency and accountability shouldn't be political buzzwords. Actions speak louder than words.

2. Manage and Reduce Village Debt responsibly.

Municipal debt is State regulated. We have a AA Bond rating and conservative reserves. but we moved 14-15% closer to our debt ceiling this year. The 2023 and 2024 projections trend higher.

3. Resolve DeBack Drive Stalemate.

A major non-TID apartment and multi-use development was approved in 2019. Acquisition of additional property rights is needed to provide road access and infrastructure construction. The Village's attempt to move the location after an unsuccessful eminent domain action resulted in additional ongoing litigation.

Question 2: How will you support economic growth in Waukesha County?

Collaboration Cooperation Coordination Connection

I'm a long time Village resident, small business owner and small commercial property owner. The properties, including a restaurant, combined provide over 100 local jobs. I support balanced local economic growth guided by comprehensive planning, understandable zoning and building codes, easy access to Village government and networking with other communities and organizations.

Mukwonago's unique southern tip Waukesha location means part of the Village is in Walworth County and within one mile of the Racine County Border. The large school district and Pro-Health's expansion gives us a broad market area outside the Village limits.

What applies here applies to Waukesha County. The most effective economic development driver is a good place to live for the company owner or for the business's employees. The retention and recruitment recipe relies on good schools, public safety, housing, amenities and events, public services and infrastructure, transportation, and healthcare.

Question 3: Why do you want to lead your community?

I have the personal, community, business, and public service experience.

Over 20 years serving on 9 different Village Committees and Commissions including Economic Development, Comprehensive Plan Revision, Downtown Strategic Planning, Hwy 83 Advisory, and Downtown Development Committee Chair. Organized Citizen Town Hall Style meetings in 2017

Elected Village Trustee in 2019 with most votes in a 5-person field

I believe the Village of Mukwonago leadership challenges are:

- Debt Management
- Balanced growth and development including housing.
- Stabilizing Administrative and Staff Personnel.
Personnel changes 2019-2022 include a New Administrator-2022, New Clerk-Treasurer-2019, Interim Village Administrator-2021, 3 Community Planners
- Continue to expand and promote public participation opportunities

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