

Rick Speck, Running for Township Supervisor in August Primary

Personal background: Full time island resident for the past 34 years, October will start the 35th year. All three of Kathy's and my children, as well as our granddaughter Jenna Battle have graduated from Beaver Island Community School. I have served the community in one capacity or another since 1983. School board treasurer 15 years, BICS business manager 22 years, township board trustee 9 years, township supervisor 3 years in August, BIRHC treasurer 12 years, Beaver Island Christian Church treasurer and or business manager 27 years.

Qualifications: My most important qualification, is the ability to work with all of the individuals, groups, agencies and boards to accomplish those projects, that make the township a better place to live. In just under three years, my administration, has brought several projects to completion and is working on many more.

1. Fair and equitable assessing.
2. The Amvets memorial on the harbor.
3. The administration of the MSHDA grant funding the Forest View senior housing.
4. Five recreation plan for St James Township updated and approved by the state.
5. Completed swap of Whiskey Island for the DNR property on the harbor.
6. Working on obtaining grant funding for feasibility and design study for a fishing pier and boat launch at the DNR site.

In addition the board, under my leadership has lowered the township millage, each of the last 3 years.

If elected, I will continue to pursue projects that will add to the livability of the township, and try to lower the millage even more.