

Dear

I am asking for your vote for re-election as Peaine Township Clerk and would like to share some of my qualifications and hopes for the future of Peaine Township.

I have 20 years of experience as Deputy Clerk for Peaine Township followed by 12 years experience serving as Peaine Township Clerk. My years of service have given me an in-depth understanding of the intricacies of the duties performed by the Clerk.

I have also served on the Airport Committee (now Commission) for 10 years and as recording secretary for the Zoning Board of Appeals for 12 years. Aside from my duties as Clerk I also serve as the FOIA Coordinator for Peaine Township. While working on behalf of Peaine Township I have also cultivated strong working relationships with our Township accountants at Mason & Kammermann, which I hope to continue in the future.

In addition to my experience with Peaine Township I have spent 35 years running two family businesses. Many of my responsibilities as a business owner, such as general book-keeping, payroll, and bill paying, are relevant to my duties as Township Clerk.

I would like to see a sense of teamwork brought to the Peaine Township Board. We have had it in the past and it needs to be renewed. We need a positive working environment.

I would like to see the relationship repaired between Peaine and St. James Townships. I feel that it is essential to our island community to restore a great working relationship between the two townships. We need to work together to bring about necessary changes and improvements in our joint township efforts. We all need to work together, without overwhelming contention, to move forward as a community.

I would like to see a renewed practice of executing township business with efficiency and simplicity. I believe we can cut through to the heart of our issues and resolve them in a timely manner while acting in the best interest of Beaver Island.

I would also like to address the unfortunate abundance of misleading information and pointed smear campaigns against myself and others. I cannot recall either witnessing or experiencing this level of hostility and demeaning campaign tactics in my 32 years of experience with Peaine Township. It truly saddens me that a self-proclaimed team of candidates, and a select group of their supporters, feel the need to rely on negativity and misleading information as the foundation of their campaign. Beaver Island is a spectacular and unique place to live and yet from the tone of their campaign it seems that these people are blind to that, only able to see darkness and opposition embedded in our township and community. I urge anyone who would like to discuss any of the issues brought up throughout this campaign to reach out to me. I would be more than happy to make myself available to discuss any questions or concerns that may exist.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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