

**VOTER GUIDE – AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND**

**Tuesday, August 7, 2012**  
**POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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You may VOTE in ONLY ONE PARTY'S PRIMARY - either Republican or Democratic – for ALL partisan offices on ballot.  
**Note: Candidates are ordered within each office by party with Republicans preceding Democrats.**

**7 Candidates for TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR for ONE 4-year term**

<p><b>CANDIDATES for SUPERVISOR</b></p> <p><b>ONE 4-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i></p>	<p><b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b>  <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b></p>	<p><b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b>  <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</b></p>
<p><b>Republican</b>  <b>DONNA GUNDLE-KRIEG</b>                      1060 Orban                      Milford, MI 48380</p>	<p>I am running for Supervisor because I have a passion for Highland, and am the best person to lead the township during the major personnel transition that will occur after this election.</p> <p>I have a strong background in human resource management from the University of Michigan. This includes leading personnel, budgeting, mediating, communicating, and dealing with legal issues.</p> <p>My more recent background as a political journalist is also relevant, since I have become very familiar with local government and always ask the tough questions. I have a BA in Communications from Wayne State University, with a minor in Political Science and Master’s level Business courses from Eastern Michigan University.</p> <p>My husband and I have lived in Highland for 16 years with our two children, who are away at college. My community experience includes leadership activities in my subdivision, at Holy Spirit Church, Relay for Life, and West Highland Christian Academy.</p>	<p>Budget, public safety, taxes, and property values are important. However, in order to handle these issues, Highland Township’s top three priorities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Building a positive and dynamic new staff to serve the taxpayers.</b> My professional human resource experience will help me to set expectations, training, and positive goals for all employees;</li> <li>2) <b>Communicating effectively by asking questions and encouraging passionate debate from the board, and between other government entities.</b> My specialty is effective two-way communications, and I will always be available to residents, business owners, and employees;</li> <li>3) <b>Finding the balance between the rural nature of the town, and the needs of small businesses.</b> The majority of the township residents express the desire for Highland to remain rural. This can happen without ignoring the needs of small businesses. In particular, the township business ordinances need to be updated.</li> </ol>

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<p><i>Republican</i> <b>RICK HAMILL</b> 1000 Tallpines Dr. Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p>Profession: Retired from Beach Tree Farm/Paradise Designs. Landscape design and construction company. Currently Facilities manager for Highland Twp Library.</p> <p>Marital status, family: Married to Christina for 36 years</p> <p>Educational background: Bachelor of Business Administration from Western Michigan University. Graduate School of Hard Knocks.</p> <p>Related community/political involvement (past 4 years): 2 1/2 years with the Highland Downtown Development Authority. Currently serving as the Design Committee Chairperson. Re-design and installation of plantings at Highland Twp Library 2011.</p> <p>What qualifies me to serve in the position? As a Design/Build business owner for 31 years, I have a solid background in personnel management, facilities management, finance/budgeting, community planning/design, construction/engineering, contracts/bidding, customer relations and marketing (the skill set a township supervisor should possess). I have the “toolbox” fully stocked and ready to work!</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the decline in property values that must be reversed. Actively seek small business partners to move to our community to improve the township bottom line. No bedroom only community can survive into the future.</li> <li>2. Encourage local business to locate here and prosper having the township as partner in growth rather than an adversary which will increase property values. Our current governing body has a very unfriendly business attitude. The correction of that perception can only be done from the top down. I will use my position as personnel director to put an end to this through positive training programs for all employees and commissions.</li> <li>3. Prudently manage township finances for the best possible use of tax dollars. I will use my skills as a business owner to apply the profit motive to government to manage all functions and monies with a need for return for the tax payer.</li> </ol>

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<p><i>Republican</i> <b>CATHERINE KRISTIAN</b> 3330 Lakeview Dr. Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p>I have been a resident of Highland Township for 17 years. My husband (of 21 years) and I have raised our two sons here. I am running as a Republican and have a Facebook page; catherinekristianforsupervisor. My education includes a Bachelor degree from Central Michigan University with my concentration in commercial/corporate design, and business management. I've worked in two major Michigan corporations, within the building and facility management departments, in the area of project management for 12 years. I have gained excellent skills in research, planning, development, budgeting, personnel management, accountability, and professionalism. I currently chair the board for two northern Oakland County non-profit groups that focus on education and family. I would like to bring to this office my leadership abilities that promote teamwork. I will execute my qualities of honesty, listening skills, and hard work. I will strive to keep the integrity of our Charter Township of Highland.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Highland will have new trustees on the board. I believe it will be important to establish a working relationship that is effective, and together we can accomplish the goals of the township. I will regard each member with respect, and keep a continuous line of open communication.</li> <li>2.) It will be important to keep a balanced budget. I believe it will require accountability when making purchases, contracting services, and looking into additional spending. It should be continuously in line with what the budget allows. It's important to maintain a healthy general fund, and not look for more ways to spend.</li> <li>3.) Highland needs to provide services that the township can expect, but at a cost we can afford. I believe research into ways to provide excellent service, at affordable costs, is essential. This can be accomplished by looking into contracts, new technology, and researching successes of other townships.</li> </ol>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>LYNN O'BRIEN</b>                      3505 Emerald Park Dr.                      Milford, MI 48380</p>	<p><b>Profession:</b>                      The only candidate with both private sector and recent public sector experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‣ Public Servant of 17 years w/the Charter Township of White Lake; experience in planning and zoning, economic development, infrastructure extensions (water &amp; sewer), environmental issues, and special community events.</li> <li>‣ Currently a 'procurement specialist' with a bio-medical firm in A2</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Educational background:</u></b></p> <p><b>Bachelor of Science Degree</b>  <b>Major:</b> Public Administration  <b>Minor:</b> General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internship with the Legislative Service Bureau, Lansing, Michigan</li> <li>• Awarded 'Intern of the Year' (Political Science Department, 1994)</li> </ul> <p><b>Paralegal Degree</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honors Graduate (Cum Laude) 2010</li> </ul> <p><b>Qualities and Skills:</b></p> <p>Public servant; natural born leader; inclusive; professional; open door policy; diversity; speak the truth; economic development; find common ground; look outside the box; approachable; teamwork; get the job done; treat people the way you want to be treated; the borders of our communities do not end at the property lines.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase property values by helping existing businesses to succeed, and redevelop vacant commercial zoned properties by <u>streamlining rules/regulations via ordinance amendments</u>:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‣ Preserve Highland Township's unique character (including open/green space along M-59 corridor)</li> <li>‣ Water and sewer infrastructure extensions in Highland's business district</li> <li>‣ Retain the HDDA to promote the downtown district by supporting local projects which help families of all ages by keeping profits in town</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Improve the culture of the Town Hall by being inclusive and welcoming (including hosting more civic events):                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‣ Utilize the principals of 'participatory government' where partnerships are formed between the municipality and businesses resulting in community events</li> <li>‣ Approach businesses and residents who have had trouble in the past to reconsider Highland Township</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Safeguard health, safety and welfare of the citizenry by supporting public safety initiatives.                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‣ There should be more funding for our first responders and less for general government.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>ARTHUR VAN BROOK</b>                      184 N. John St.                      Highland, MI 48357</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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<b>Democrat</b> <b>DOUG BOURGEOIS</b> 901 Dunleavy Highland, MI 48356	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	
<b>Democrat</b> <b>STEVEN K. VELASCO</b> 2301 Harvey Lk. Rd. Highland, MI 48356	<b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b>	

### 2 Candidates for TOWNSHIP CLERK for ONE 4-year term

<b>CANDIDATES for CLERK</b>  <b>ONE 4-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</b>
<b>Republican</b> <b>MARY MCDONELL</b> 3540 Burwood Ln. Highland, MI 48357	I have been married to Robert for 36 years and we have four daughters: Colleen, Kelly, Meghan (all graduates of Grand Valley State University) and Katlin, (graduate of Northern Michigan University). I hold a Degree in Business Administration, a Master Municipal Clerk Certification from MSU., am a Graduate of Michigan Townships' Association Governance Academy and am Michigan Election Law Accredited. I have been Highland Township's Clerk for 12 years and bookkeeper prior to that. Currently I chair the Township Park Committee, previously chaired the Senior Center Advisory Council for 11 years and I'm the Treasurer of the Oakland County Chapter of Michigan Township's Association. I also enjoy many volunteer opportunities in the community. I am running for clerk for the privilege of continuing to serve the residents of Highland by maintaining a conservative balanced budget, running flawless elections, keeping an open door policy and maintaining Highland's rural atmosphere.	The most critical issue facing the Township is the economy and its effect on our property values and businesses. The Board must continue to be fiscally responsible while protecting the health, safety and welfare of the residents. With the retirement of three dedicated board members, the Township is facing significant changes. I hope to provide continuity to the future Board. The police millage is another important issue. I support the requested millage so that we can maintain current services and bring back a swing shift deputy and patrol investigator. This will increase the efficiency of the department by providing more timely investigations and coverage in the most critical shifts. The Board will be looking at the DDA's proposed streetscape project in the near future. I support the DDA's efforts for the project if they can stay within their budget without the need for township backed bonds.

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>LINDA VANCE</b>                      140 Woodruff Lake Rd.                      Highland, MI 48357</p>	<p>I am running for the position of Clerk because I believe that I have the skills and passion to advocate for the best interests of the whole community. Highland Township has been my chosen home for twelve years for its welcoming environment to raise my family. I have twelve years experience performing clerk's department duties including electons; ten of which at Highland Township. I earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, while working full time and raising two daughters. In addition to my college education I have completed specialized courses offered by the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association to increase my skills in governmental budgeting, auditing and financial statement reporting. I have also completed several grant writing courses which led to grant awards for my current employer.</p>	<p>The priority issues facing Highland are maintaining Public Safety in a declining revenue environment caused in part by vacant commercial and residential properties. Public safety is a priority in any community. Our police force has lost 5 officers in the last three years due to budgetary shortfalls. The police fund is running with no reserve and a .75 mills millage request is on the ballot in August, without this increase further cutbacks are possible.</p> <p>In light of declining revenues from the state and mandates without funding I will work hard with SEMCOG in championing our cause to state legislators for increased funding and grants. I will further use the power of organizations we belong to including the Downtown Development Authority to leverage our assets to be attractive to incoming residents and businesses. This will increase the tax base benefiting both the township and public safety budgets.</p>

## HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

### 2 Candidates for TREASURER for ONE 4-year term

<b>CANDIDATES for TREASURER</b>  <b>ONE 4-year term</b> <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</b>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>JUDITH COOPER</b>                      4731 Desert Bridge Ct.                      Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p>I've been a Highland resident for over 40 years and have the pleasure of serving as Highland's Deputy Treasurer for the last 10 years. I was also Deputy Treasurer at White Lake Township. I have Public Treasurer Certifications at both state and national levels. My background includes bank management and investment experience, as well as involvement in various decision making board situations. Professional memberships include APT US &amp; C, MMTA, and OCTA. I currently co-chair Highland Beautification, Treasurer for Highland Hills Homeowners and sit on the Health Ministries Board at Milford Presbyterian Church.</p> <p>It would be an honor to be elected Highland Township Treasurer. I have the experience, the credentials, and a sincere commitment to continue serving Highland. It is exciting to be a part of the ongoing processes that oversees the community you live in. I hope you will consider supporting my pursuit of Highland Township Treasurer.</p>	<p>1. Continuity in the township office as well as the township board. Highland will lose 30% of staff with over 100 years' experience this year. Township board also loses a minimum 3 of 7 board members. I'm running for Treasurer to provide some continuity as a staff person and bring treasurer experience to the township board.                      2. Passage of the Police millage increase. Public safety is basic to local government. This increase would bring back 2 of the 5 positions lost since 2009.                      3. Maintain the fiscally conservative mentality the board currently possesses. Projecting a 3 to 5 year budget reduces surprises and helps make responsible decisions. Considering salaries/benefits, maintenance needs; education and new technology are all line items that can be projected. Forecasting cash flow helps to invest prudently and maximize investment returns. These are all things we can continue utilizing to maintain Highland's history of fiscal responsibility.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>TAMI FLOWERS</b>                      4520 Bretton Ln.                      Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

## HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

### 10 Candidates for TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE for FOUR 4-year terms

<p><b>CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE</b></p> <p><b>FOUR 4-year terms</b> <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i></p>	<p><b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p><b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p><b>Republican</b> <b>MARY PAT CHYNOWETH</b> 3915 Loch Highland, MI 48357</p>	<p>I have decided to run for re-election as a Highland Township Trustee for several reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the current Supervisor, Treasurer and one Trustee not running there will be at least three new members to the Board and I feel that my eight year's experience will be valuable</li> <li>• In the past eight years I have completed the MSU – Master Citizen Planner Program, MTA - Township Governance Academy, continue to take classes, and have gained valuable experience as a Trustee</li> <li>• I care deeply about our community and feel honored to serve in this capacity</li> </ul> <p>Community Involvement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highland Adult Activity Center Advisory Council - Secretary</li> <li>• Highland Election Committee</li> <li>• Relay for Life</li> <li>• Volunteer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sparks in the Park</li> <li>○ Milford Memories</li> <li>○ Huron Valley Promise – Fundraisers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Personal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highland Resident 32 years</li> <li>• Married 42 years</li> <li>• 3 children</li> </ul>	<p>Top issue is the economy's effect on our community; houses in foreclosure and businesses leaving. Declining property values effect the taxes the township receives which has resulted in a deficit in police funding and the need for a two-year .75 millage on ballot.</p> <p>Another important issue; businesses in Highland. In the past few years the Township has worked to improve the business climate by reviewing and/or eliminating some of the cumbersome and out dated township and zoning ordinances and fees, and have relaxed some of the zoning ordinances involving signage, to name a few to make less red tape for businesses.</p> <p>An ongoing critical issue is the management of the township's resources and a balanced budget. Elected official need to be fiscally responsible and good stewards of the tax payers' dollars. As an incumbent I have been part of a board that has a balanced budget each year.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>CHARLES DITTMAR</b>                      112 Meribah                      Highland, MI 48357</p>	<p>Age 49; Resident of the Township for 25 years; Married 26 years with 2 children in college; Employed as an Environmental Scientist; BS - Biology and a MBA. I am running for Township Trustee because I believe I have the experience and knowledge to serve the community well. I have been an elected School Board Trustee for 8 years. I have worked collaboratively with other Board members; but not afraid to ask tough questions publicly and vote based on the facts in the best interests of the entire District, even if it was against the majority of the Board. I approach decisions on a factual basis, evaluating the information and options, and do my own research on topics to gain a better understanding of the issues. I am a good listener, have a calm demeanor, and an independent creative thinker.</p>	<p>1) Growing small business; 2) Future use of Highland Middle School; 3) Strengthening the sense of community. As a Trustee I would work with the Supervisor to ensure that Township government helps businesses navigate the process of “setting up shop” to support getting themselves up and running. Township board members should also be actively engaged in promoting Highland to show business they are supported and help attract new businesses. The future use of HMS property will be a pressing issue, because the school board has set a deadline of March 31, 2013, for the Township to make an offer. I would help to develop a creative offer that includes little to no cash outlay, and keeps this building and property for community use. I will help build our sense of community by working to create unique social gathering events, and partner with our neighboring communities to help each other grow.</p>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>JIM GORMAN</b>                      3493 Ramada Dr.                      Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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<p><i>Republican</i> <b>BRENDA GRANROTH</b> 1640 Lone Tree Milford, MI 48380</p>	<p>I am a Career Development Facilitator at Milford High School and piano accompanist for Milford High School’s choir concerts, musicals and festivals.</p> <p>I have been married to my husband Gary for 30 years and we have eight children – Nicole (28), Jason (27), Kristin (25), Jonathon (24), Amanda (22), Cody (18), Colin (18) and Evan (16).</p> <p>My experiences of raising a large family have included volunteering for many parent and community groups. I feel that it’s very important to be an involved member of the community and school district and now that my youngest is almost through high school, I would like to get involved at the local government level. The best qualities that I would bring to this position are the work ethics and organizational skills that I have acquired from all of the experiences I have had raising eight children and having leadership roles in many volunteer groups.</p>	<p>Issues facing the township will be getting support for the passage of the police millage, funding of the DDA projects and making sure the budget stays balanced in this time of lower property values. The board will need to work together to come up with strategies to face these challenges. I plan to make it a priority to educate myself on each issue that arises to make the most informed decision possible and represent the voters by listening to their concerns and bringing them to the board’s attention.</p>

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<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>BRIAN HOWE</b>                      2135 Woodridge Ct.                      Highland, MI 48357</p>	<p>I am 48 years old and have lived in Highland Township for 12 years and the Huron Valley area for 36 years. I teach Senior Government at Lakeland High School. I have been married for 22 years and have 3 children.</p> <p>I am running for Highland Township Trustee because I want to help bring a common sense approach to our local government. I am a people person that will serve the people as an ombudsman. I feel that the job of as a trustee is to be a link between the citizens and the government.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Being Pro Business- it is the job of the township government to promote suitable businesses and work to get them to locate to Highland Township. It is also our job to promote our local businesses. As a township official I will do everything that I can do to support both of these ideas.</li> <li>2. Being Pro Community- to support our Township Fire Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's sub station. These two departments are so important to the safety of our citizens and I will do everything that I can to support them.</li> <li>3. Being Pro Highland- it is the job of the township government to be a positive part of the community. As a trustee, I will work to make sure that I do my part to keep our community informed and involved in what is going on in Highland Township.</li> </ol>
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>BOB HUSIC</b>                      2225 North St.                      Milford, MI 48380</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	
<p><i>Republican</i>  <b>JOE JOZWIAK</b>                      2747 Cloverdale                      Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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<p><i>Republican</i> <b>BETH LEWIS</b> 3227 Giddings Blvd. Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p>I grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School. I attended Oakland University, Oakland Community College and Cleary College. My Husband and I have been Highland residents for 24 years. I am a “Charter” member of the Highland Community Emergency Response Team. I am currently on the Highland Downtown Development Authority Board and have served as Organization Committee Chairperson. I’m also on the Highland Equestrian Conservancy Board. I have been a Commercial Insurance Underwriter for 30 years and am well versed in the issues facing residents and small business owners. I’m running for Trustee since I love my community and want to make a difference.</p>	<p>One of the most important issues facing our Township is to maintain a balanced budget in the midst of tough economic times. We need to continue to make difficult decisions when necessary and spend wisely. A Trustee is; “an individual placed in a position of public trust with fiduciary responsibilities to manage the affairs of the Township in the best interests of the public.” This is a responsibility I will take very seriously.</p> <p>Another challenge is attracting new business while maintaining our rural, hamlet atmosphere. I want to form a Citizens committee to discuss the type of business we want in our Township and what incentives we can offer them to locate here.</p> <p>We also need to form an aggressive new business mentoring program to assist current business owners. We need to make them aware of the many business assistance programs Oakland County has in place.</p>

## HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP PRIMARY (Continued)

<p><b>CANDIDATES for TRUSTEE</b></p> <p><b>FOUR 4-year terms</b> <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i></p>	<p><b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b> Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Township office and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p><b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b> What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your township and what actions would you, as a township official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p><i>Republican</i> <b>RAYMOND P. POLIDORI</b> 4408 Chevron Dr. Highland, MI 48356</p>	<p>Ray Polidori is running for re-election to the Highland Township Board of Trustees. He has held this office for the past six years. After moving to Highland in 1996, he became a member of the Beautification Commission (1998-present), the Planning Commission (2000-2006), and was a District Representative for Axford Acres (2000-2002)</p> <p>He received his bachelor and masters degree from Eastern Michigan University. Ray spent many years teaching at Fordson High School and later 22 years teaching at Henry Ford Community College in the technical and business departments.</p> <p>His experience as a trustee will provide stability to the Board since at least three new members will be elected in November (7 member total). A common sense approach to decisions has been his philosophy. Maintaining a balanced budget with NIO DEFICITS and being a good steward of tax dollars is of utmost importance.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Balanced Budget: Continue maintaining a balanced budget in spite of reduced tax revenues. Proper allocation of funds is vital and continually reviewing budget items is paramount.</li> <li>2. DDA: Working closely with the Downtown Development Authority to beautify the DDA area. The engineering plans are in place and implementation should occur soon. To encourage businesses to occupy this area ordinances on current buildings must be enforced in a fair and balanced manner.</li> <li>3. Master Plan: Currently, the Master Plan is based on a rural community. This limits the development of new businesses outside the DDA area. With a successful DDA area, more businesses will be attracted to Highland. A revised, less constructive Master Plan resulting in more businesses and lower taxes to residents could occur.</li> </ol>
<p><i>Republican</i> <b>RUSS TIERNEY</b> 6000 Buckhorn Lk. Rd. Highland, MI 48357</p>	<p>I have been a resident of Highland Township for 25 years. I have been married for 30 years. We have four children ages, 14, 19, 19 and 20, all who attended Huron Valley Schools. I am a small business owner in Highland Township.</p> <p>I have been a Highland Township Trustee for 7½ years. I also serve on the Planning Commission and the Sidewalk committee.</p> <p>I believe that managing tax dollars appropriately is the most important responsibility for any elected official.</p> <p>My experience as a parent, business owner and community activist allow me to share those perspectives with other elected officials.</p>	<p>The top priorities in Highland Township are always proper Police &amp; Fire protection and general public safety. Maintaining a balanced budget with declining property values.</p> <p>3 priority issues facing Highland Township are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The development of Downtown Highland</li> <li>• Pathways and sidewalks</li> <li>• Creating a better business environment</li> </ul>

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### THERE IS 1 PROPOSAL ON THE BALLOT.

<b>ADDITIONAL MILLAGE FOR POLICE SERVICES</b>	Shall the authorized charter millage for the Charter Township of Highland for Police Services, established in August, 2008, at 2.7805 mills (\$2.7805 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and expiring in 2014, be increased up to .75 of an additional mill (\$.75 per \$1,000 taxable value) for a period of two (2) years, starting with the December 2012 levy (budget years 2013 through 2014 inclusive), for the purpose of continuing to provide police services in Highland Township? The .75 mill increase will raise an estimated \$494,894 in the first year the millage is levied, of which a portion will be disbursed to the Highland Downtown Development Authority. The amount disbursed to the Highland Downtown Development Authority shall be collected solely from properties within the Highland Township Downtown Development Authority District.
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