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**What are your top three qualifications to
run for public office?**

- My background in land planning and landscape architecture puts me in a beneficial position for Erie and its current growth.
- I have been a manager in some capacity for the better part of my working career. I've had to answer to city officials and/or owners above me and I did so honestly.
- I have the ability to find compromise in difficult situations.

What are three issues you would like to address as a trustee?

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & TRANSPARENCY-The Town has to be more responsible when it comes to your tax money. We cannot continue to spend more than we have on tasks that Town staff should be able to perform. Hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on consulting firms is not sustainable and The Town must be accountable for its expenditures. Your governing board should always be transparent for how they spend YOUR tax money.

BALANCE IN PLANNING- We need to achieve balance between residential, commercial and open space. We need to make the right decisions and make sure what is planned is what we can live with. Development and zoning codes are put in place as a guide for The Town (and developers) to follow. Any deviation needs to be seriously considered before any decisions are made....and don't forget the details, details, details.

Finally, ERIE FIRST- If our neighbors aren't willing to negotiate fair deals for our Town then there should be no negotiations. We don't live in any of the surrounding Cities. We live in Erie and our Town comes first.

What is your vision for Town of Erie?

Erie is in the throes of a very exciting time in its history. People move to Erie for its small-town charm. With the mass migration to Erie we need to find a healthy balance for the town's needs and amenities and continue to preserve the small- town atmosphere we all know and love. The current wish list for Erie is attainable, however, we must be fiscally strong, have our vision in place, and

abide by strong planning and infrastructure.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

Gather all the information available. Determine if a compromise can be made and negotiate an acceptable outcome. If a negotiation cannot be made then a determination of what is best for the Town of Erie and its citizens will be made.

What distinguishes you from your opponent(s)?

Being at the bottom of the ballot seems fitting. Every job I have ever had I've worked my way up from the bottom. I have no preconceived notions of what this job entails, but I do share the vision of a brighter future for Erie.

How do you define the role of a trustee?

A trustee has been given the task to carry out the mission, or goals, of The Town. They are responsible for implementing those requests that constituents have deemed important to Erie. It is NEVER about party lines and ALWAYS about what's best for the town and its constituents. A trustee not only has to seek the best course of action for The Town, but they also must find compromise with differencing opinions and assist in finding the best solutions. It's looking at all the details and making decisions that will have a positive lasting effect on the Town of Erie.

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