



2017 LUCAS COUNTY VOTERS' GUIDE

Providence Township Trustee

Term of Office: 4 years

To be elected: 2

- Q1. *In the position you seek, what do you consider are the most important issues to be addressed, and what would you do about them?*
- Q2. *What do you bring to the position that another candidate cannot?*

Lee Bialecki

No Response Received

Dave Heitzman

Education: In addition to High School & College Courses, over the past 25+ years I have acquired training in many business specific areas such as, business management, business finance, customer relations, and marketing.

Current occupation: Business Owner

Website: www.dynodaveheitzman.com

Qualifications:

Being successfully involved in business ownership and management for more than 25 years, I have learned the importance of areas of employee management, productivity, customer relations, and financial budget management. I was born and raised in Northwest, Ohio and have lived in Providence Township for 20 years.

Questions:

- 1)
 - a. Everyone I speak to tells me that the residents are not kept informed as to what is going on. I plan to make sure that the Trustees put a system in effect to keep our residents informed of what decisions are being made. Whether it be through video recorded Trustee meetings posted on our website, emails to our residents, and / or printed information. This will help keep everyone informed on financial decisions being made, giving residents a voice in our township.
 - b. Accountability is a major problem in our township. Purchases need to have backup proof that they are justified, and work load needs to be tracked to make sure our residents tax dollars are being used to the fullest. I plan on resolving this by bringing accountability to our township.

- 2)
 - a. Experienced business management.
I have learned the importance of employee management, productivity, customer relations, and financial budget management, through being successfully involved in business ownership and management for more than 25 years. I will use these skills to build a more productive, and resident friendly Providence Township .

Stephen N. Kendall

Education:	Otsego High School, 1972 University of Toledo, B.A. Communication, 1976 Bowling Green State University, M.A. Communication, 1985
Current Occupation:	Director/Administrator
Qualifications:	40+ years managing budgets, projects and people in private business and public organizations Township Trustee, 2005-present Lifelong Providence Township resident Active participant in township meetings/activities for 37 years Charter member Zoning Commission, 1988-2005 Zoning Commission Chair, 1998-2005 Land Use Plan Committee Chair, 2002-2005 Otsego Schools Endowment Foundation, 1992-2000, 2012-present, President, 1996-1998 Represent Providence Township at: Lucas County Plan Commission Ohio Dept. of Transportation Lucas County Health Department Advisory Council District Integrating Committee (infrastructure planning/funding) Ohio Township Association Lucas County Township Association Member: Otsego Alumni & Friends Organization Otsego Schools Facilities Committee Bowling Green State University Administrative Staff Council 1999-2011, Chair, 2006-2008 President's Advisory Council (BGSU) 2000-present University of Toledo Professional Staff Council, 1997-1999

1) Issues:

Budget Management – Maintaining a balanced budget through efficient use of all township resources with an emphasis on fiscal oversight to ensure cost-efficiency and high quality on all township projects and services is the number one priority. This includes effective planning and purchasing, pursuit of grants to supplement township dollars, a dynamic road replacement/maintenance plan, department activity reports at each meeting, and continuous and annual reviews of all township operations to ensure citizens are receiving the highest return on their tax dollars.

Road and Drainage – Providence Township is responsible for maintaining more than 40 miles of roads and related drains and tiles. We need to begin replacing more road miles per year than we have in the past. The efficient use of collected taxes is one source to address this ongoing issue.

We utilize these dollars to address current needs and also to use as the necessary "local contribution" when applying for matching state funding through the District Integrating Committee and Ohio Public Works Commission.

We have been successful in achieving significant matching dollars due to the past and current quality of our planning, application and management of these projects.

The three mill levy on this year's ballot will be used for this purpose. It will enable us to begin fixing our roads in a more timely and efficient way.

Fire and Rescue Services – Supported by two levies, maintaining these services at the highest possible level for our residents is imperative.

The levy dollars are used to provide part-time paid and volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician staffing levels around the clock.

These levy dollars also provide for the purchase and maintenance of equipment and supplies.

We have been successful in receiving grants and have negotiated contracts with other jurisdictions to provide additional funding. These efforts will continue.

Full and Open Communication with All Residents – Residents need to know how their tax dollars are being spent, how issues are being addressed and feel completely comfortable knowing their trustees are willing to listen and respond to their concerns.

To address this the township updated its website to include more information, links to local schools, county agencies, cemetery regulations and costs, township elected official and employee contact information, meeting minutes and greater accessibility.

An annual newsletter and additional social media platforms are in the planning stages.

Trustees meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

A public comment section is on the agenda to allow citizens an opportunity to speak at every meeting.

Vision/Quality of Life – One of the main reasons I sought the position of trustee was to improve the township’s approach to planning for the future rather than living in the past and simply maintaining the status quo. This includes all aspects of township activities – water, fire and rescue, roads, cemetery, land use, police protection, zoning and quality of life.

Simply doing things the “way we’ve always done them” isn’t a recipe for success.

Residents have expressed the fact that they like the “rural feel” of the township and would like that to be maintained by the trustees being proactive rather than reactive.

Appropriate planning for potential development, providing police protection and the possible introduction of a public water supply are good examples.

Our ability to be prepared for these and other issues is being achieved through ongoing planning and efficient resource utilization in every area of township activities.

It also includes active participation in county and regional committees and awareness of what other entities are doing and how that will impact Providence Township and its citizens.

- 2) - the ability to listen to and work for the best interests of *all* township residents to make Providence Township the best it can be for everyone
- 12 years of experience as a township trustee
 - Leadership – 7 years as Chair of the Board of Trustees
 - 12 years of experience bringing grant funding and matching funds to supplement the township budget for roads, fire and rescue equipment and other township facilities and equipment
 - 12 years of experience working with three fiscal officers to continue fiscal accountability to ensure efficient and effective use of township money and maintain balanced budgets
 - 35+ years of involvement and knowledge in a wide range of township issues
 - 35+ years working in collaboration with elected officials and public administrators from a wide range of jurisdictions and agencies
 - 35+ years representing the township on various committees and commissions
 - 35+ years involvement in school district and other community activities
 - 40+ years managing budgets, projects and people in private business and public organizations
 - Township representative to the District Integrating Committee (infrastructure planning/funding)
 - Township representative to the Lucas County Health Department Advisory Council

Providence Township Fiscal Officer - Unexpired Term

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Julie Ludwig

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