

Village of Empire Deputy Clerk

From: Terry Bacon <trbacon48@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 9:06 AM
To: Sue Palmer
Cc: Clerk Deputy; Derith Smith
Subject: Application for Citizen Task Force re Wastewater System
Attachments: 2023_04_07 Application to serve on Empire Wastewater Citizen Task Force.pdf; Untitled attachment 00060.htm

President Palmer

Attached is my application for appointment for the Village's Citizen Task Force. I may bring a different perspective, as one who has supported (and even signed up our property on Wilce Street for a grant application) a Village Wastewater system, but is a strong advocate that a wastewater system should not impose an unreasonable burden on the many residents (especially long-time residents) that may not be able to bear the costs for systems that are not currently environmentally necessary. A Task Force that is looking into financially viable and reasonably affordable lines up with my priorities.

As a part-time resident, but full-time taxpayer, I may represent a constituency of the Village that often goes unrepresented in such a Task Force (or committee). I recognize, of course, that you will have a number of other well qualified applicants.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Application to Serve on Boards and Committees

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Name: Terrance R Bacon Date: 4/7/2023

Address: 10201 Wilce, Empire, 49630 (PO Box 297) and 2028 S Terrace Lan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Occupation: Retired (formerly Attorney)

Home: _____ Cell: 616-634-4586 Work: _____

Email: trbacon48@gmail.com

Position(s) Applying For: Citizen Task Force on Wastewater System Study

Are you a Village of Empire resident? YES NO If so, for how long? Part-time since 1973; (voting residency in 2015); approx 1/2 year since retirement.

What other Boards/Commissions or positions have you served on or held? None in Empire. Various, as an attorney.

Could you regularly attend scheduled Board/Commission meetings? YES NO Conflicts: Can drive to Empire in winter—weather permitting

Why do you wish appointment to this position? I may bring a different perspective to the Task Force. I have long supported a wastewater system in Empire, if it can be cost effective to acquire and operate. My spouse and I even signed on to submitting a grant application for a partial system quite a few years ago. No such utility, however, should be undertaken (absent environmental need), if it would impose an unreasonable financial burden on potential ratepayers or Empire taxpayers, including those who have lower financial income/resources. I have been a taxpayer since 1973.

Educational background, experience, area(s) of expertise: BA (1970) MSU (major: Math), with highest honors; JD (1974) UM, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif.

1970-71: High School Math teacher (Northville Mich); 1974-76: law clerk for Chief Judge of US District Court (WD Mich); 1976-2017:

Attorney at Grand Rapids law firm (now known as Varnum Law), focus on commercial litigation around the U S (some municipal litigation) and professional responsibility. Eventually was the General Counsel for the law firm (advising approx 150 lawyers).

I was admitted to practice law in all Michigan Courts, the US Supreme Court, the US Ct App (6th Cir), and various federal district courts.

Expertise—being willing to: think about and research issues/situations/options; listen to other viewpoints; recognize the expertise of others; and compromise to advance a common purpose. NOT an expert typist, but frugal in spending other people's money.

Signature: Terrance R Bacon

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Name: Bill Dickinson Date: 12 Apr 23

Address: 10146 W. Michigan St., PO Box 355, Empire, MI

Occupation: Retired

Home: 326 5117 Cell: 231 ~~326~~ 835-0144 Work: -

Email: bill.dickinson@hotmail.com

Position(s) Applying For: Waste Water Task Force

Are you a Village of Empire resident? YES NO If so, for how long? Born here; As of late, 21 yrs

What other Boards/Commissions or positions have you served on or held? -

Could you regularly attend scheduled Board/Commission meetings? YES NO Conflicts: Any unforeseen

Why do you wish appointment to this position? To participate in determining the feasibility for a village ^{waste} water treatment system for protecting

Educational background, experience, area(s) of expertise: people and our local ecosystems.

Ed: Degree in the physical sciences

Engr: High tech systems used for research

Signature: Bill Dickinson

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Name: Bruce Taggart Date: 7 April 2023

Address: 10168 W Front St

Occupation: Handyman at The Secret Garden

Home: _____ Cell: 517-402-5094 Work: _____

Email: BruceFTaggart@gmail.com

Position(s) Applying For: Wastewater Task Force

Are you a Village of Empire resident? YES NO If so, for how long? Property owner since 1987. Three properties on Front St.

What other Boards/Commissions or positions have you served on or held? _____

Could you regularly attend scheduled Board/Commission meetings? YES NO Conflicts: _____

Why do you wish appointment to this position? Long-standing personal and financial interest in wastewater, septic, and sewer in Empire.

Educational background, experience, area(s) of expertise: Extensive remodeling and maintenance experience

Signature: B. Taggart

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Name: W. John Bruder Date: 11 Apr '23

Address: 11358 S Lacore Rd; Empire

Occupation: Fruit & Vegetable Farmer / retired orthopedic surgeon

Home: _____ Cell: 231 620-0913 Work: _____

Email: wjohnbruder@gmail.com

Position(s) Applying For: Wastewater Report Update Task Force

Are you a Village of Empire resident? YES NO If so, for how long? since July 30, 2020

What other Boards/Commissions or positions have you served on or held? local Physician representative
none; Copper Ridge Board - T.C.

Could you regularly attend scheduled Board/Commission meetings? YES NO Conflicts: _____

Why do you wish appointment to this position? I favor a wastewater management plan that stimulates community growth and is financially feasible for the Village of Empire

Educational background, experience, area(s) of expertise: B.S. Chemistry - Western State
College - Colorado; M.D. Wayne State University School of Medicine '73;
Orthopedic Residency Erlange 2007-08; Chairman Dept of Orthopedics
Munson Hospital 1997-2016.

Signature: W. John Bruder

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Name: Sam Barr Date: 4/15/2023

Address: 1155 Zelmer Rd, Box 231

Occupation: Chef

Home: 231 326 5190 Cell: 231 534 5279 Work: None

Email: office all Ready Has

Position(s) Applying For: Member wastewater Committee

Are you a Village of Empire resident? YES NO If so, for how long? all most 40 years also grow up in Empire

What other Boards/Commissions or positions have you served on or held? Village Pres, Pres Pro Tem, Street Admin member of Planning Comm, also have served on all village Committees

Could you regularly attend scheduled Board/Commission meetings? YES NO Conflicts: _____

Why do you wish appointment to this position? To make sure all voice of Empire are heard

Educational background, experience, area(s) of expertise: managed Seval Local Bussiness in Empire and Glen Arbor, I have and assosated Degree in Hospitaly Mangement. also have many extended Education in Govenment, Bussiness and Emergency mangement

Signature: Sam U. Barr

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Name: John Lambkin Date: April 3, 2023

Address: 10154 W. Lambkin Lane Empire

Occupation: Retired

Home: Cell: 616-648-0779 Work:

Email: jr.lambkin@comcast.net

Position(s) Applying For: Citizen Task Force

Are you a Village of Empire resident? YES NO If so, for how long? 6 years 5

What other Boards/Commissions or positions have you served on or held? Village trustee (80's) Planning Commission

Could you regularly attend scheduled Board/Commission meetings? YES NO Conflicts:

Why do you wish appointment to this position? To seek a fair and balanced committee on all things concerning our Village

Educational background, experience, area(s) of expertise: Master Electrician, 27 years working on wastewater systems at Amway Corp. I have a great overall view of how these systems work.

Signature: 

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Name: Lance Roman Date: 3/31/2023

Address: P.O. Box 248; Empire, Mi 49630

Occupation: Professional Engineer

Home: 231-334-4590 Cell: _____ Work: 231-326-5194

Email: lanceromanx@aim.com

Position(s) Applying For: Waste water/sewer study committee

Are you a Village of Empire resident? YES NO If so, for how long? No, Property owner since 1984

What other Boards/Commissions or positions have you served on or held? Glen Arbor Planning Commission, Chair
Empire Airport Authority, President

Could you regularly attend scheduled Board/Commission meetings? YES NO Conflicts: Yes

Why do you wish appointment to this position? Concerned with Empire environmental quality and future
growth of our community.

Educational background, experience, area(s) of expertise: BSEE, BSCE (U of M Engineering), registered
Professional Engineer, State of Mi, 23 years Glen Arbor Planning Commission, 2 years Empire
Township Planning Commission, 35 years Empire Airport Authority, 45 years business experience,
Roman-Jones, Inc, President. Served on Boy Scout Commission, Secenic Trails Council.

Signature: Lance Roman

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Name: Paul W Skinner Date: 04/07/2023

Address: 10126 W Front St. Empire MI 49630

Occupation: Business Owner

Home: _____ Cell: 231 620 1829 Work: _____

Email: Paulskinner@charter.net

Position(s) Applying For: Wastewater Committee

Are you a Village of Empire resident? YES NO If so, for how long? 20 Years

What other Boards/Commissions or positions have you served on or held? Planning Commission

Could you regularly attend scheduled Board/Commission meetings? YES NO Conflicts: _____

Why do you wish appointment to this position? I've sat on the three previous wastewater feasibility studies

Educational background, experience, area(s) of expertise: I attendended several community training courses

While chair of the planning commission. I'm also familiar very familiar with the technology Involved in wastewater treatment, I've experience applying for funding with entities such as USDA rural Development etc.

Signature: P W Skinner

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Name: Wayne Aylsworth Date: 4-5-23

Address: 11532 S. Reynolds St. Empire, MI 49630

Occupation: Business Owner

Home: _____ Cell: 231-499-4930 Work: _____

Email: ayls1@hotmail.com

Position(s) Applying For: Waste Water Committee

Are you a Village of Empire resident? YES NO If so, for how long? 43 yrs.

What other Boards/Commissions or positions have you served on or held? Trustee/President/WWC

Could you regularly attend scheduled Board/Commission meetings? YES NO Conflicts: _____

Why do you wish appointment to this position? Understanding of waste water systems.

Educational background, experience, area(s) of expertise: Automotive Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, + owner of a waste water system.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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From: Thomas Isleib <isleib@ncsu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:55 PM
To: deputyclerk@villageofempire.com
Cc: Sue Palmer

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I would like to be considered for appointment to the Empire citizens' committee to consider a municipal sewer.

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Empire, MI 49630

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Empire, MI 49630

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(919) 601-7459

Sent from my iPhone