

Candidate Vetting Questionnaire

Please complete and return by July 5, 2024

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Name: Terry Vandercook
Public Office Candidacy (Role Title): Greenwood Township Treasurer
Incumbent or New Candidate? New Candidate

1) Tell us why you are running for public office. What are your goals and vision? What qualifications do you bring to the role?

I believe in giving back to my community. If you are able to serve, I believe in serving. I have been in public service most of my adult life. My goals and visions are to execute the responsibilities of the office of treasurer to the best of my ability, while working as a member of the board for the overall betterment of our township. I served over 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. After my military career, I held multiple executive roles in a public / private partnership Economic Development organization. I served on multiple boards and advisory committees in these roles. I have successfully managed budgets of over \$10 million dollars that were comprised of both federal and state allocated funding and grants. I have experience in building consensus and initiating solutions around difficult subjects and community wide concerns.

2) Do you have experience as an elected official? If so, please tell us about that position and experience.

No experience as an elected official.

3) How would you describe your voting history since you registered as a voter? Have you previously voted for candidates affiliated with other parties? If so, please explain.

I have a consistent republican voting history, missing only a few elections over many years. I have not voted for candidates of other parties.

4) Please tell us about your activity as a Republican.

I have not previously been involved in any specific Republican party activities.

5) Describe experiences where you were engaged in service to others, such as not-for-profit organizations, clubs, churches, boards, etc.

20-year United State Air Force retired veteran. Lifetime NRA Member. American Legion Member. CEO of a not-for-profit/public partnership organization. LifeHouse Assembly of God church member (Cadillac, Mi). LifeHouse Assembly of God Security Team Lead. LifeHouse Assembly of God roles to include active in men's ministry and previous member of Pastoral Search Committee. Various boards and advisory committees throughout my public service.

6) You've indicated on your candidate affidavit that your party affiliation is Republican. Do you support all aspects of the Republican platform? Please elaborate.

Yes, I support all aspects of the Republican platform. I believe the Constitution of the United States, and its Amendments, are our country's founding documents; they were then and are now. I take the position of Pro Life and stand for protection of our 2nd Amendment rights. I believe in free-market capitalism and government conservatism.

7) What is the purpose of government?

To responsibly serve and protect the people of the United States of American. To govern with principles that protect our U.S. Constitution and its Amendments. To protect the rights of U.S. citizens. To govern in a way that encourages prosperity across America.

8) Please explain your view on upholding the Oath of Office.

As with my military career, I take any sworn oath very seriously and will uphold the responsibilities of the oath and the office throughout my term.

9) How will you make yourself available to constituents, if elected? What is your plan to ensure your constituents are heard and their concerns are addressed?

I will faithfully attend all board meetings. I will make myself available through other means to ensure constituents have access to the office of treasurer. I will take their concerns to the remainder of the board and beyond Greenwood Township if appropriate.

10) Please explain, in your own words, the role and responsibilities of the office you're seeking, and outline how you intend to address each of the primary duties of that office.

As Treasurer, the role and responsibilities encompass the fiscal health and administration of our township's budget and financial resources. Additionally, as a board member, I have the responsibility to participate in the governing of the township, ensuring the people are heard and respected. I intend to address each of these responsibilities by being present, participative, and proactive.

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer these vital questions. Your thoughtful response aids the Wexford County Republican Committee, our precinct delegates, committee members and constituents in promoting, endorsing and voting to elect Republican candidates that will ensure the will of We The People.

In Liberty!

Emily DeBoer
Chair, Wexford County Republican Committee