

IVI-IPO 2006 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 710 NUMBER REQUIRED: 480

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates

Maine Township Collector: Elected 1993, served to 1995.

Maine Township Trustee: Appointed 1995; elected 1997 and served to 1998.

Maine Township Highway Commissioner: Appointed 1998; elected 2001; re-elected in 2005 and currently serving.

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

NONE

C) What is your primary occupation?

Maine Township Highway Commissioner

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.

- Des Plaines Elk's Club
- Knight of Columbus Father Linden Council
- Italian American War Veteran's
- Boy Scouts of America
- Vice President, Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii Church
- Italian American Policemen's Association
- Maine Township Regular Republican Organization

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

As an elected official and republican leader, I will bring responsible and experienced leadership, which the Maine Township Republican Organization needs to successfully rebuild.

As an elected official since 1993, I've administered award-winning services and balanced budgets. I've been an active party member & leader for nearly 40 years; 12 years as Township Deputy Committeeman. Served as District Chairman, Area Chairman, Precinct Captain. Recognized for outstanding leadership and commitment by the Illinois GOP, Cook County GOP and the Republican National Committee.

F) What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.

Township Campaign Coordinator for hundreds of federal, state, county, and local GOP candidates, collectively.

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

I have the overwhelming support of over 20 local GOP elected officials and party leaders.

H) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

As Committeeman of the Maine Township Regular Republican Organization (MTRRO), I will focus on a vigorous five-point plan to restore significance and viability back into MTRRO by:

1. Raise MTRRO out of thousands of dollars of debt within one year's time.
2. Rebuild the precinct volunteer ranks in all 137 Maine Township precincts, which are now at an all-time low.
3. Restore integrity and legitimacy back into the MTRRO candidate endorsement process.
4. Re-establish a viable public presence for the Maine Township Republican Party by re-opening an active GOP headquarters and coordinating efforts with other local GOP clubs and organizations.
5. Unit all local GOP elected officials of Maine Township under one GOP banner.

My opponent, the incumbent committeeman, is directly responsible for the five significant problem areas, which are highlighted above. My opponent's poor decisions, lack of leadership, and vision have caused MTRRO to sink into the political abyss. My successful track record, both governmentally and politically, make me well qualified to take over the leadership of our local party.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?

The campaign budget is \$25,000 and I have raised \$28,000 to date.

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

I have an all-volunteer team of campaign workers. I have secured the active support of 100 volunteers and over 70 of those volunteers circulated petitions, collecting a total of 1,715 signatures on my behalf, though I only needed 480 to place my name on the ballot.

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1. Currently, there is no provision in the law for replacing a ward or township Committeeman who leaves office during her/his term. Should there be such a mechanism and, if so, what mechanism should exist?

Yes, I believe there should be a provision in the law for the replacement of a ward or township committeeman. The mechanism that I would suggest would allow for the precinct captains of that said ward or township to be granted one vote each for a successor. The result of that vote would be submitted as a recommendation by the local party organization to the Party's Central Committeeman Chairman for his/her approval.

2. What are your views on slating, the selection of candidates by the party or party committees prior to a primary or non-partisan elections? If you are opposed to slating, will you participate in slating sessions?

I support the slating process by the party or party committees.

3. Does a committeeman have a responsibility to support the party's candidates after they have been selected in a primary election?

Absolutely, that is the primary responsible and function of a party committeeman.

4. What could improve the current operation of the central committee of your party's Cook County organization?

The central committee needs to be more involved in the selection and election of fellow committeemen to ensure that qualified and responsible individuals are elected to lead their party.

5. What is your position on the current slate of your party's County organization?

I fully support my party's slated candidates for county-wide office.

6. Have you or would you send letters to government officials soliciting jobs or promotions for individuals?

No, I would not send letters to government officials to solicit jobs or promotions for individuals.

7. Have you formed or would you form a township organization? Discuss structure, meetings, membership, staff and budget.

Personally, I've been a member of my township's GOP organization, in several different leadership capacities, and have worked actively for the past 38 years. As committeeman, I feel it is crucial to continue our township's tradition of running a visible, vibrant and all-volunteer township organization. The organizational structure would be as follows: deputy committeeman, board of directors, district chairmen, area chairmen, precinct captains for every precinct, and general members. Meetings would be held on a monthly basis. The budget would be set according to recruitment programs, voter registration drives, volunteer training, election cycles, charitable programs, etc.

8. How do you propose to finance your township operations?

Our finances will be generated through the fundraising efforts of the organization's many precinct captains and volunteers. Multiple fundraisers would be held regularly throughout the calendar year.

9. What plans do you have to enhance voter registration and voter turn out in your township?

Firstly, all precinct captains and volunteers within the organization will be trained and certified by the County Clerk's Office as Deputy Registrar's. They would then be responsible to go door to door in his/her assigned precincts to register new voters. At election time, volunteers will be assigned the task of going door to door to each voter in his/her assigned precinct on behalf of our party's candidates.