

Here's Your Guide to Township Office Candidates

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This guide was prepared for **The Observer's** readers by the League of Women Voters of Farmington City and Township. Questionnaires were sent to the candidates for office in Farmington Township who were asked the question "How do you interpret the responsibilities of the office you are seeking?"

The party whose candidates are listed first is the party whose candidate for Secretary of State received the most votes in Nov., 1964. This is the method by which candidates are placed on the ballot.

Democrats

SUPERVISOR
ALDO VAGNOZZI, 40, 26193 Kiltartan, Farmington, graduate of Wayne State University, presently editor of the Michigan AFL-CIO News. First hand knowledge of government at various levels from precinct delegate to national convention. First place finisher in the recent charter commission election.

"I approach the job of Supervisor on the basis that it is the closest link the citizen has to government. I would devote major effort toward serving those citizens by making it possible for them to effectively communicate with their local government and to gain a hearing for their problems."

CLERK

ELIZABETH O'CONNOR, 41, 31078 Berryhill Rd., Farmington, high school graduate, housewife. Secretary of Wayne County Friend of Court, five years; Farmington Girl Scout Leader, six years; President Kendallark; Farmington Democratic Precinct Delegate, four years; married, two children.

"In addition to conducting routine matters efficiently, to assure that voter registration is made more convenient; to publish Township Board meeting agendas well in advance so that interested citizens are made aware of business to be discussed; as Board member, to vote on zoning matters to maintain Farmington's uncongested atmosphere."

TREASURER

JOYCE T. HUNGERFORD, 31, 22231 Cass, Farmington, high school graduate, attending Wayne State University majoring in Business Administration—Accounting, secret-

ary for Havis-Glovisky Associates, Architects AIA. Secretary to personnel manager, Hudson's; secretary to assistant head, business research, General Motors, nine years, responsibilities office operation, correlating research, supervising personnel, held offices, various service clubs.

REPUBLICANS

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WENDALL BROWN, 64, 29221 Ardmore, Farmington, AB, University of Michigan, various post graduate studies. Practicing attorney, own firm. Former Assistant Attorney General, Assistant Prosecutor, Legal Aid, Prisoner Grand Jury, Investigated Highland Park Police Department; Past President Farmington Board of Education; former Township Trustee.

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Three Compete for State Representative

TERM OF OFFICE: 2 years. SALARY: \$10,000, plus \$1,250 expense allowance, plus mileage. At the time this guide goes to press a bill to raise legislative salaries has been passed by the Legislature but not signed into law. The bill would provide a yearly salary of \$12,500, plus \$1,500, plus mileage after the first 100 miles of a state car.

All candidates were asked to answer, in no more than 75 words each, the following questions:

1. "What state services should be expanded and/or reduced? Why?"
2. "Should Michigan's tax structure be changed? If so, how?"

LEONARD P. BARUCH, 43, Democrat, Southfield, Detroit Public Schools, J.S. and Graduate work at Wayne State University. Director of Detroit Public Schools, Librarian of Cooley High School. Not interested in all civic affairs and have developed and served as the president of a civic association. My training and employment has given me opportunity for much administrative leadership.

1. "We need a firm tax base for properly allocated funds to our State school districts. The constant tug of war which takes place in the state legislature over school funds only tends to further create chaos in all school planning. The public image which Michigan wishes to create as a vacation land can only be implemented if more thought and action is directed in the area of recreational facilities. The State Police are called upon to do increasing tasks and we must provide the manpower to properly staff the organization."

2. "We must abolish certain nuisance taxes which are basically inequitable and establish a graduated income

tax. Forty-one (41) states have an income tax, thirty-nine have graduated income taxes. This system may not be the answer—but it is our advantage to explore every avenue available to resolve the financial problems that confront us as a state."

RAYMOND L. BAKER, 59, Republican, Farmington, Graduate of Lake Orion, Mich., High School; Detroit Institute of Technology, College of Pharmacy, now at Wayne Univ.; Registered pharmacist; State Representative for past six years (three terms). "Six years as a state representative plus several years in local government I feel makes me well qualified to succeed myself in this office."

1. "During the past six years Michigan has made great strides in the field of education, mental health and social welfare. In fact Michigan has become one of the leading states in the country in these areas. The programs should be continued and expanded where necessary. In my opinion the next legislature should take a cold hard look at traffic safety, crime, strengthening of local government, water pollution and preservation of natural resources."

2. "Unfortunately the state surplus of money in our treasury will probably run out next year. This past legislature took pride in spending more money than recommended by the Governor during the past session but took no steps for providing for a sound tax program for a year or two in the future. While I have always opposed a state income tax, I feel the time is coming when this will be necessary. At the same time I feel taxes on property

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CURTIS H. HALL, 59, 33890 Braebury Ridge, Farmington, Incumbent, Central Michigan University. Seven years teacher and athletic coach in our local school system. Board of Education member, president for two years. Served on Board of Appeals for 10 years.

"The office of Supervisor is the key to good Township Government. As such, the existing officer must of the day to day responsibilities of government fall upon him. As chairman of the Township Board his leadership determines to a great extent the direction which the Township will take. As Township representative to the County his efforts affect the community beyond the boundaries of his home Township."

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