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VILLAGE OF GLEN CARBON: MAYOR & TRUSTEE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: **Ben Maliszewski**

Position Sought: **Glen Carbon Village Trustee**

1. Please provide us with some basic information. Tell us briefly about:

- a. Your family: Wife—Denise, Beth and Ryan Matthews—3 children;
Megan and Kevin Vosburgh—2 children; Joe and Lexi Maliszewski—
3 children; Kevin and Alaina Maliszewski—2 children.
- b. How long you've lived in Glen Carbon: 45 years
- c. Your education: BSBA—Accounting, MBA—Business Administration,
CPA
- d. Your employment: Retired

2. Why are you seeking this office? **To fulfill a public service responsibility.**

3. What education, skills and experiences have prepared you to deal with the complex financial, technical and legal issues that regularly come before the village board? **My previous jobs included Corporate Controller, Purchasing**

Manager and Continuous Improvement Coordinator. I negotiated multi-million dollar purchasing contracts both domestically and internationally.

4. What, if anything, should the Village of Glen Carbon do to retain, expand and attract 'head of household' jobs? **The Village needs to continue its effort to improve the quality of life for its citizens, provide a wide range of recreational, educational and arts and offer governmental services at the lower than average cost.**

5. Identify and prioritize the three most important ‘large capital’ projects in the village of Glen Carbon. Please justify your prioritization. How do you propose to pay for these projects? Parks—provides a full range of “free” recreational activities. Water and sewer infrastructure improvements to support both residential and commercial growth. Improve road systems to provide an easy transportation system throughout the Village.

6. What are your thoughts on village finances?

a. Are there opportunities to cut expenses?

Specifically, where are those opportunities? There are always opportunities to reduce expenditures through converting to electronic means of information transfer and bill payments.

b. Is there a need for new or additional revenue? Yes.

Specifically, where would it come from? Commercial revenue from property and sales tax revenue.

c. Are there areas where spending needs to be increased?

Specifically, where does spending need to increase? Parks and infrastructure improvements.

Specifically, where would the money come from? User fees and bonding.

7. What do you believe is the role of a village board trustee in the village administrator form of government? Oversight of Village operations.

8. Governor J.B. Pritzker recently signed into law HB 3653. How do you recommend the village prepare for the unfunded financial burden when this law goes into effect? Review the priority of public safety expenditures.

9. If you're the incumbent, what have been your significant accomplishments during your term? If you're the challenger, what do you believe have been the significant disappointments of the incumbents, and how would your term in office be different? As an incumbent, I assisted in the review and improvement of internal office operations. Also, I have participated in the keeping the annual real estate tax levy at a financial responsibility level.

10. Will you commit to not raising the village's property tax levy? No.

11. Glen Carbon has placed a moratorium on collection of school district impact fees. Are you willing to continue extending this? At this time yes.

12. If elected, what would be your top three priorities?

Park and recreational expansion;

Financial oversight;

Conversion to ecological operations.

13. At the end of your term in office, how will you know if you've been successful? By the successful acknowledgement of change.

14. Are there any changes you would like to see regarding:

a. how the village board functions?

Interactive meetings;

b. how committees function?

Interactive meetings;

Improved communication with Village Board.

c. how departments function?

Coordination with other village services. i.e.—Fire Protection District and Village Library.