

2025 CONSOLIDATED Primary Candidate Survey

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Name Teresa Sharpe Decker \*

**1. Who are you? Tell us about yourself in 200 words or less.**

Resident of Algonquin Township for over 30 years with my husband Bill where we raised our 2 sons

Algonquin Township Trustee 2021-present

Recognized as Emerging Woman Leader by Illinois General Assembly GOP Caucus

Named as Township Officials of Illinois Director 2023, Board of Directors 2024

Election Judge in McHenry County

Judge 2024 Miss McHenry County Fair Pageant

Worked Management for Corporate & Fortune 500 Companies - MBA

Board Member & Communications Manager for multiple athletic teams & schools

President of Board of Director for Elgin Family Services

*After a wonderful career in corporate management, I have enjoyed my first term at Algonquin Township as a Public Servant focusing on our constituents!*

**2. What are three goals that you want to achieve if elected?\***

3 Goals

Continue to build on my four-year record of fiscal responsibility and holding the line on township taxes

Provide continued transparency for our constituents through open meetings & township communication

Build on our current township programs to furnish valuable services for our constituents

**3. What skills and experience do you bring to the office? \***

As an incumbent Trustee with four years of experience, I have a keen understanding of the functioning of Algonquin Township. I understand the applicable township's laws and applicable statutes. I have intricate knowledge of the functions of the township and have actively participated in the budget process. I have been the representative for my neighbors and constituents to responsibly manage the township's finances, while still making sure to provide essential services for those in need of assistance in our area. As an "auditor" of the Township bills, processes & documents for the past 4 years, I have implemented policy, and I will be able to continue my record of service and accountability.

**4. Why are you running for the position? \***

I am proud of my record as trustee over the past four years. Experience as a Trustee is extremely important - with the learning curve behind me, I will be able to continue providing high quality constituent services in a fiscally responsible manner. I will continue to build upon my record as a more transparent, communicative and accountable Trustee to the people of Algonquin Township.

**5. What would you do to bring greater financial transparency and accountability to government?**

Financial transparency & accountability to the Township have been my two top priorities during my first term. Communications with the public is vital. At a minimum, each board meeting should be audio recorded, if not video recorded. Also, the township website should provide easier access to view board meetings live. In addition, I would like to see more enhanced e-blasts to our residents to let them know of activities at the Township, as better informing them of the roles that township government performs. All elected officials should be held accountable for their decisions/votes. I will continue to ask the tough questions, acting as an advocate for our township's taxpayers, making the decisions in the best interests of our constituents.

**6. What the primary concerns being expressed by voters and where do you stand on these issues?**

Taxes, taxes, and taxes are the overriding concerns of our residents. During the last 4 years, I have not voted for a Township tax increase.

Further, I want to increase the taxpayers' knowledge of the townships and their offerings. We need to do a better job of communicating to our resident the unique services that townships provide - highway services for unincorporated areas, real estate property assessments, senior services, financial assistance for residents in need, recycling and more. Many constituents do not understand the important role that townships play on the local level. Lastly, I want our constituents to know they have a voice in how their money is spent. Above all, the Township works for the constituents, and it should reflect their wants and needs. I am always open in hearing our residents' concerns and priorities.