

**Carl Fuehring (incumbent)**

Thank you for the invitation to the Friends of Silver Lake meeting. I am sorry to have to miss this meeting, but I am on a trip that has been in the planning for over a year.

I am honored to be serving our community and look forward to continuing to serve.

**1. What are the three (3) most important issues facing the Silver Lake area?**

- 1- Environmental quality of Silver Lake and surrounding dunes, woods and water.
- 2- Safety of visitors and families during congested gatherings.
- 3- Use of tax dollars for projects that complement our local residents and provides needed amenities for tourists and guests.

**2. As Supervisor what steps would you initiate to address each of these issues?**

- Community involvement in solving causes and solutions.
- Involving agencies to enhance solutions.
- Problem solving...putting the tax information and issues forward to solve or mitigate issues.
- Using political and agency connections that could enable projects forward to completion and resolve.

**3. What are your qualifications for the Golden Township Supervisor position?**

- Living in Golden Township most of my life.
- Working and operating a business in Golden Township.
- Listening and being available to meet with any and all citizens, visitors and guests that have - concerns, issues and questions.
- Giving all persons the ability to voice their opinions, without prejudice.
  
- I do not use my position as your Township Supervisor to grandstand.
- I believe that the local board members are the covering body that should be in a position of leadership in our local problem solving and enhancing our local community.
- Using local people that are Township Board members to lend leadership to solving and resolving our Township issues.

**Floyd "Jake" Whelpley (candidate)**

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and tell what I think are important issues in the Silver Lake area of Golden Township that need to be addressed.

**1. What are the three (3) most important issues facing the Silver Lake area?**

- 1- Condition of Silver Lake
- 2- Communication
- 3- Enforcement

**2. As Supervisor what steps would you initiate to address each of these issues?**

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| Silver Lake - | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Determine actual condition of the lake currently.</li> <li>2- Look into options for improvement.</li> <li>3- Find outside agencies for help and advice.</li> <li>4- Stop ignoring the issue.</li> </ul>                      |
| Communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Hold regular office hours.</li> <li>2- Meet with community groups and businesses.</li> <li>3- Listen to public comments and opinions for ideas.</li> <li>4- Follow up on opportunities for township improvements.</li> </ul> |
| Enforcement   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Review ordinances for clarity and simplicity.</li> <li>2- Make them more enforceable.</li> <li>3- Hire an enforcement officer.</li> <li>4- Find enforcement options.</li> </ul>  |

**3. What are your qualifications for the Golden Township Supervisor position?**

- County Road commission employee for 14 years building and maintaining roads.
- County Road Commissioner for 12 years, 4 as chairman. During that time we won two court cases against the MDNR over road issues.
- Served on county planning commission, parks and recreation commission.
- Zoning Administrator for Golden Township for 24 years attending many training sessions and built zoning from starting to one of the best ordinances in the county. Other administrators called me for advice. I was also Pentwater Village Zoning Administrator 5years.
- Currently Golden Township representative to Hart Area Fire Board, and Chairman of the township road committee, township planning commission secretary, and member of the zoning board of appeals. I was on a committee with Walkerville's mayor and Elbridge Township supervisor that persuaded the county board to pay for a study of fire service in Oceana County. A result of that study is we now have two ladder trucks in the county.
- I have worked with groups and individuals to accomplish plans and programs for the betterment of boards and commissions in Golden Township and Oceana County. I have faced controversial issues and will use my experiences to do the same as Supervisor.

**Rob Draper** (candidate)**1. What are the three (3) most important issues facing the Silver Lake area?**

- a. Police presence especially during the summer months.
- b. Protecting our township from overreach by the county, state, and federal governments.
- c. Making a good balance between farming, residents, businesses, and tourist.

(I do want to make it clear that all aspects of this township need to be treated fairly.) We are a farming area which is very important but we are also a resort area and that includes residents, businesses, and tourist.

- d. I will add, that blight needs to be dealt with also.

**2. As Supervisor what steps would you initiate to address each of these issues?**

- a. To work closely with the other TWP board members and the Sheriffs dept. to make sure that we can supply the Oceana County Sheriffs department with what they need to give Golden Township coverage year in and year out as needed.
- b. To be very involved with everything that goes on in the township and work closely with the other board members to make sure we aren't giving up our rights to just get a couple of supposedly free things. This goes way deeper than I can explain at this time. If you are a patriot like I am you may understand more about these issues. For example, the green new deal is an overreach and a way for the powers that be to take control. If you want to talk to me about this at a later date, I will be available.
- c. To communicate with the farmers, residents, businesses, and the DNR to work on making sure this is the best township in Michigan. I will hold office hours so that people can bring their issues in to talk about on a timely manner.

**3. What are your qualifications for the Golden Township Supervisor position?**

I have been the Zoning Administrator for going on 11 years which has evolved in many ways since I took the job and through doing that job, I have been very involved with not only the zoning but all aspects of the township and have worked closely with all the TWP. departments including the TWP. attorney. Since I came into the zoning department, I have worked with the county health department to do with well and septic's, Building department, Drain Commission, Sheriff, DNR, EGLE, and we have come together as a team to deal with the issues that come up. It is important to have a great working relationship with all these agencies. I also have a vested interest in our township parks and want to keep them in good shape. I have been in the building trade for many years which helps me to understand how to work with many people at one time to make things happen as well as knowing about the care that all our facilities need. I do want to emphasize that it isn't just me, it's the entire township that needs to work together and the board is a team with 5 votes. I can make tough decisions when needed and I am a leader that knows how to listen, I believe that I've proved that in my zoning administrator job. I am not an elegant speaker, but I know how to take the lead and get things done, and I believe that I have a good repour with the people that work at the township. I do want to say that this township is a farming and resort township and we shouldn't try to turn it into a gated community. We are unique and should treat it that way.