



Name: Matthew Harris

Address: 421 West Briar Lane

Years in the Village: 26 years

Political Experience: Village of Allouez Trustee since 2014

Education: Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Illinois State University

Current Occupation: Pricing Manager at Kenan Advantage Group (Klemm Tank Lines)

Reason for running (no references to past or present board members or actions):

I am proud to be a resident of Allouez and want to continue to serve my neighbors by working with the village's dedicated employees, department heads, and volunteer committee members.

Unique qualities that make you a top candidate:

I bring an analytical perspective to the village's current group of trustees. In my full-time job as well as my role as trustee, I rely on my experience in mathematics and business administration to review data and identify patterns for budgeting, planning, and forecasting purposes to "do more with less".

I never hesitate to dig in and question proposed expenses and am mindful of the need to balance costs with services from both short-term and long-term perspectives. One of the most important — and difficult — roles for trustees and staff is to produce a budget that allows Allouez to provide superior services to residents while holding the line on spending. Rising expenses associated with maintaining an aging infrastructure can make controlled spending difficult, but staff and trustees regularly question proposed and actual costs and challenge vendors and municipal partners to ensure items are justified. I am proud to be part of this approach and will work to ensure it continues.

3 top issues/concerns regarding the village and proposed resolution

Roads

Road repairs are a high priority for residents, and staff and trustees study conditions annually to identify projects the village can complete within budgetary limits.

As part of its continual focus on fiscal responsibility, the Village of Allouez solicits bids and schedules projects with contractors early in the year, which reduces costs while expanding the scope of every project. We can't repair every road immediately, but we can commit to focusing on an issue so important to Allouez residents.

Development

We need to provide developers with incentives to move to or expand within Allouez, and I have actively worked with trustees and staff to create a welcoming environment for businesses able to provide the products and services residents desire. We have an ideal location and the resources for responsible growth, but we must balance developers' requests with residents' expectations of the benefits new projects can provide.

Green Bay Correction Institution

There is widespread consensus that the Green Bay Correction Institution (GBCI) should close, and we need to continue to work with state, county, and local agencies to establish a concrete plan for that to happen. Closing GBCI will create numerous opportunities for development, but ending operations will not be as simple as just locking the doors. We need a thorough, well-designed plan that will ensure the safety and well-being of the people who work at the facility, those who are incarcerated there, and the community at large.