

**WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Agenda for Special Meeting on December 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Whitewater Township Hall**  
**5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690**

Zoom access has been implemented for the public through 12/31/2021.

Topic: Board Meeting

Time: Dec 9, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Contact Information for Board Members:

Supervisor Ron Popp – 231-267-5141 x23 [supervisor@whitewatertownship.org](mailto:supervisor@whitewatertownship.org)

Clerk Cheryl Goss – 231-267-5141 x24 [clerk@whitewatertownship.org](mailto:clerk@whitewatertownship.org)

Treasurer Ardella Benak – 231-267-5141 x22 [treasurer@whitewatertownship.org](mailto:treasurer@whitewatertownship.org)

Trustee (Vacant)

Trustee Heidi Vollmuth - 231-633-9468 [heidivyourtrustee@gmail.com](mailto:heidivyourtrustee@gmail.com)

Whitewater Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Anyone needing these services should contact the township clerk at 231-267-5141 x24.

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Board Members

C. Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

D. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

E. Public Comment

Any person shall be permitted to address a meeting of the township board. Public comment shall be carried out in accordance with the following board rules and procedures:

1. Comments shall be directed to the board, with questions directed to the chair.
2. Any person wishing to address the board shall speak from the lectern.
3. Persons may address the board on matters that are relevant to township government issues.

4. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same matter, excluding the time needed to answer board members' questions. The chair shall control the amount of time each person shall be allowed to speak, which shall not exceed five (5) minutes.
5. In order to avoid unscheduled debates, the board generally will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the board should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement by the board.

**F. Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice**

1. Trustee Applicant Interviews

**G. Board Comments/Discussion**

**H. Public Comment**

**I. Adjournment**

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TO; Ron Popp, Supervisor Whitewater Township

SUBJECT: Trustee Vacancy

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Dear Ron:

Attached is a brief description of my background and qualifications regarding the open trustee position.

My wife and I have been residents of Whitewater Township for twelve years. I am a retired chemical engineer with an MBA from the University of Chicago. Following retirement I purchased and ran an appliance repair business based in Williamsburg for ten years servicing a 35 mile radius around Traverse City. Prior to moving here I had been privileged to work for major companies primarily in the heavy metals sector but with working knowledge and success in every major industrial classification. As an engineer my strength is in the ability to solve problems and not symptoms. As such I had a worldwide reputation for being a go to person for extremely complex issues. Functioning in high stress situations starting regionally followed by nationally and eventually internationally requires one to be able to cogently express oneself in a nonthreatening manner particularly when dealing with foreign languages and cultures. I have personally visited 18 foreign countries and speak minimal amounts of several foreign languages. I have found that the smallest attempt to relate to people by saying even hello in their language will result in their making every effort to speak English. Cultural sensitivity is a key to success. I still receive requests for technical presentations which I decline. People skills are necessary in whomever is chosen to fill this position. I have also been the sole inventor for patents issued in three foreign countries and the USA. I have presented over 35 technical papers with approximately 16 given in countries ranging from Japan to India and areas in between.

In regard to the trustee position the word trustee is most certainly based on the word trust. We citizens need to know our elected officials withhold personal agendas and strive to do what is best for the community and its residents. To me this means if the majority of residents decide in a direction with which I disagree I will work to implement that in a way best for the township. I would welcome the opportunity to have further discussion with any board member regarding any aspect of my ability to fill this position.

Norman D. Bell  
6659 Cook Road  
Williamsburg, MI  
231-944-6180

Signature: Norman D Bell Date: 11/26/21

Witness: Rosemary M Bell Date: 11/26/21



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# WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

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## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Date of Application: 11-21-21  
20:14

Name: Keaton Alfred S  
Last First Middle Initial

Address: 5296 Scofield Trl. City: Williamsburg Zip: 49690

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ same \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) 906-298-0131

E-Mail Address: kakeaton@charter.net

### What Committees and/or Boards are you interested in?

(Select as many as you like)

Board of Review: \_\_\_\_\_ Park & Recreation Advisory Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Planning

Commission: X Zoning Board of Appeals: X : full the vacated

"Trustee position" X

Are you a Whitewater Township Resident? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Land Owner in Whitewater Township? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Qualified Elector of the Township? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

As defined by the 1963 Michigan Constitution, as amended by the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution

Please describe your interest in the selected committee/board and how you feel your expertise and contribution would benefit the group:

For your convenience, I re-scanned a copy of the original "letter of intent" to serve and a resume. The originals were hand delivered to the TWP office and 11/21/21 @ 16:21 an e-mail copy was sent.

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Please provide any other information you wish to share.

(1) COPY OF ORIGINAL "LETTER OF INTENT TO SERVE"

(2) REQUESTED RESUME

(3) ITEMS WERE PREVIOUSLY E-MAILED TO THE TWP 11, 21, 21 @ 16:21

Complete, sign, and return this application to:

Whitewater Township Supervisor  
P.O. Box 159, 5777 Vinton Road,  
Williamsburg MI 49690,  
Fax 231-267-9020

[Email: supervisor@whitewatertownship.org](mailto:supervisor@whitewatertownship.org)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. J. [unclear]", is written over a horizontal line.  
Applicant Signature

11-22-21  
Date 20<sup>th</sup> 11

Dear Whitewater Township Supervisor Ron Popp and Whitewater Township Board,

My name is Alfred Keaton of 5296 Scofield Trail. Recently the Trustee position was vacated leaving a void within the Whitewater Township Board. Functionality of our local government necessitates the board continue with its full membership requiring an appointment of the vacated "Trustee" position. I'm volunteering for that position. I consider myself totally qualified to serve by filling the vacancy as an appointee. It is my intention to run for this position in the next election becoming a duly elected official.

Having been born and raised in Williamsburg, graduating from Elk Rapids High School in 1969 I have lifelong ties to Whitewater Township and the surrounding area. I understand that government functions best when it serves the people wishes who have elected them. I also attached a resume to review. Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

11, 21, 21

Alfred Keaton  
5296 Scofield Trl.  
Williamsburg  
906-298-0131  
akeaton@charter.net



## ALFRED KEATON

5296 SCOFIELD TRAIL, WILLIAMSBURG, MICHIGAN 49690  
PHONE 906-298-0131 • E-MAIL • KAKEATON@CHARTER.NET

### OBJECTIVE

WHITEWATER TWP BOARD/TRUSTEE POSITION

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### EDUCATION

1975-1977	University of Texas @ Austin, Austin, Texas Petroleum Engineer, (correspondence)
1969	Cherryland High School, Elk Rapids, Michigan

### WORK EXPERIENCE

*January 2016 to Present, Keaton Consulting Inc*

Develop workover, completion, and drilling programs and either oversee progress onsite or supervise consultants daily operations reporting back to Corporate office.

*April, 2004 to July, 2016 Whiting Petroleum Corp.  
Michigan Operations Manager.*

Managed Whiting Petroleum's Michigan operations reporting to the Denver corporate office. Duties include, managing our four oil and gas processing facilities, overseeing daily operations of oil and gas wells ranging in depth from 1100' to 14,000' (TVD). Deep water well control certified (Murchison Drilling Control).

Develop procedures, supervise operations, and oversee onsite consultants. Troubleshooting if any problems would arise. Remain in contact with partners working as a team member in the joint operation ventures. Manage the various groups of contractors operations our properties.

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

*Florida Department of Environmental Protection.  
Geological Survey, Oil and Gas Section, Engineer*

- Review and approve drilling projects on and offshore Florida and offshore Alabama. Oversee daily oil and gas operations from Tallahassee along with supervising the field offices at Jay and Fort Myers.

June, 1990 to March, 2002.

*Keaton Consulting Inc.*

- Consulting for major and independent oil and gas producers assisting them in all phases of operations; design, execution of drilling and completion projects. Tasks include staking the wellsite, bidding rigs, well design, preparing drilling and completion procedures along with onsite supervision. Majority of my career has been in the Michigan Basin but, have experience in several other States as well. Many of my projects were wildcat operation such as the Wisconsin rift exploratory well that I did for Amoco/Terra the Patrick 7-22.

While working in Canada, I designed and supervised the first horizontal wells drilled in Ontario followed by numerous oil, gas, and gas storage wells many of which; were drilled with natural gas. Have extensive background in horizontal well design, drilling, completions, and working with mud weights of 18 to 22 ppg on many occasions.

June, 1978 to June, 1990

*Sun Exploration and production (Oryx Energy)*

- While at Sun Exploration and Production my position was Senior Drilling/Completion foreman, Northern District. Duties included onsite supervision of drilling, completions and workovers. Our group was in charge of Sun's Exploration Departments drilling and completions within the Northern Dist. along with, workovers, abandonment, infield development, and construction of leases and roads. Enjoyed working with local, state, and federal agencies maintaining an excellent working relationships.

June, 1977 to June, 1978

*Baker Hughes Oil Tools*

- Michigan area manager; duties included sales and services directly related to drilling application such as liner hangers, stab-in equipment, float equipment, etc.

June, 1977 to June, 1971

*Dowell division of Dow Chemical*

- Service Sales Engineer; duties included direct supervision of all types of cementing operations, fracturing, and acid treatments.

*June, 1971 to June, 1970 Chatman Drilling co  
Roughneck.*



## REFERENCES

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- Mr. Don Sparling Northern Dist. drilling superintendent at Sun Oil/Oryx Michigan Operation.
- Mr Bob Simpson, Operations Manager, Enbridge Consumer Gas Storage, Mooretown, Ontario, Canada 519-862-6016
- Mr. Kerry Baker, Baker Oil Tools 231-384-5427
- Mr. Ed Garrett Florida Geological Survey, Environmental Administrator. 850-245-3123
- Mr. John Keatley, Owner, Midstates Oil Tools. 989-773-4114

## ACCREDITATIONS AND LICENSES

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Correspondence degree from University of Texas at Austin in petroleum Engineering

Annual Blowout Prevention Training.

Annual Hydrogen Sulfide Training.

Licensed wellsite inspector Ministry Natural Resources, Ontario.

First Aid Training.

Surface and Subsea Well Control Certified.

Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Training.

Hazards Waste Response Command Training (Hazwoper 24 hour).

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES.

My 47 years' experience in the Oil and Gas Industry have taken me from working on a rig at the age of 20, to designing, executing horizontal wells, project development to operations manager. I have never lost a well due to improper design, equipment failure or any other reasons, nor ever environmental issues at a well site. Maintaining good working relationship with local, state and federal regulatory agencies and land owners has always been a priority.

#### Skills:

My experience is extensive, from the deeper wells, medium depth, and shallow in all aspects relating to the oil and gas industry.

#### Abilities:

Having earned the respect of my peers for my skills, abilities and knowledge in the oil and gas industry and would appreciate the opportunity to work in your origination should a position become available.

Thank you,



Al Keaton

906-298-0131 (cell)

[kakeaton@charter.net](mailto:kakeaton@charter.net)

Date: 12-1-2021

To: Ron Popp, Cheryl Goss

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From: Linda Slopsema

Subject: Vacant Township Trustee Position

I am a resident of Whitewater Township and a registered voter in the township. Attached is my resume noting my work experience and familiarity with township operations.

I would like to be considered for the vacant trustee position.

I believe you are both familiar with my interest in township activity and my willingness seek out objective information when making decisions. I am detail oriented, hardworking, and willing to research and learn new things.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Linda Slopsema*

Linda M. Slopsema  
9693 Miami Beach Rd  
Williamsburg, MI 49690

12-1-2021

(517) 614-4887      [lindaslopsema@gmail.com](mailto:lindaslopsema@gmail.com)

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**Engineer** with experience in the areas of project management, product design and development, performance requirements, problem solving, quality, and customer satisfaction. Facilitation skills to lead teams through improving the efficiency and effectiveness of business processes to increase profits through reduced cost.

- ## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## 2016 – 2020

EATON CORPORATION (Aerospace)

**2009 – 2015**

## DELPHI CORPORATION (Thermal Systems)

1996 - 2009

## GENERAL MOTORS

## 1985 - 1996

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS

## Township Government Operations

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Member

2019 - 2021

## Township Board Meeting Public Participation

2020 - 2021

## Township Planning Commission Public Participation

2021

Familiar with existing Whitewater Township ordinances and various management/master plans



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I would like to apply for the open position of Township Trustee.

My familiarity with the area dates back from before I was born. My grandmother was the first non-indian girl born in Kalkaska county in 1862, and I have many distant relatives that have lived in this area since then. My parents came up to visit relatives in 1936 to pick cherries during their vacations, and to visit relatives. While they were here they purchased an option to purchase the property where my wife and I live, at the end of Cook Rd. on Elk Lake. They completed the sale and after I was born, I was a "fudgie" until my father had his first heart attack and then I lived here summers and week ends, maintaining the rentals that they had built over the years. Before my father died, we sponsored a little league team for Williamsburg. The second year of our marriage, my wife and I purchased the property from my mother and my aunt (both widowed and not able to keep the property).

We raised three children in the log house at 7791 Cook Rd. and have maintained the property as our primary residence since then. My career lead to other parts of the country from time to time, but we came home as often as we could and built our current house in 1982,

During my career, I exhibited skill in all the items on your checklist. As Research and Planning Administrator, I developed plans and managed projects to build warehouses and offices in 9 locations across the county. I also designed and built a computer network that connected those American facilities with one another and with the Honda Motor Co. in Japan. I was also chosen to plan the creation of a new division at American Honda – the Acura Division that a semi-luxury car introduced into the American market.

During my time at the United Nations, I was First Officer of Planning Systems development. I was leader of a team to create disaster recovery and business continuity plans after 9/11. This involved wide ranging facilities, computer installations, duplicate records, etc. in 6 locations around the world.

My aptitude and personality testing has confirmed that I am analytical, make long-term relationships, continue to learn throughout my life, and a high achiever.

I have consulted to over 1000 businesses, and a few government agencies in my career and I have proved to be an able, analytical, beneficial guide to improving their operations, having saved a few auto dealerships from bankruptcy, assisted law enforcement agencies, saved franchises.

As a long-term resident, I have followed the Township functions for many years. I have attended many meetings to hear first-hand what was going on. I have commented on various subjects after hearing the direction of the meeting, and feeling that I had some thoughtful input to the proceedings. We have voted in every election or ballot issue in the township since we old enough to vote.

I believe that I have the skills and interest to serve the township well as a trustee. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my value to our local government, at your convenience.

Thank you for considering my application.

Best Regards,

Wally Weir

*Wally Weir*



# Wallace Weir

231-645-4438(cell) [wally@torchlake.com](mailto:wally@torchlake.com)

7792 Cook Rd, Williamsburg, MI 49690 231-267-5744

A highly skilled automotive professional with success as a consultant and practitioner. He worked his way from parts counter-person in a dealership to National Parts Manager, and then served in various planning and systems implementation positions in Industry and the UN. Wally has worked in the manufacturing, distribution and dealership levels of the Automotive Industry, as well as consulting to all the major Auto companies doing business the US. Wally's "strengths" as determined by Gallup Talent Plus evaluations are "achiever", "analyst", "relater", "learner" and "winning others over", all of which have helped in his successful career.

## Employment History (References on request)

### **Dealer-FX, Toronto, Ontario Sr. Manager, Product Training and Development**

During a 7-year consulting contract I collaborated in developing a tablet-based service lane write-up tool that is now in use by about 3000 car dealers in the US, Canada, and other nations. Provide training for field consultants to help dealerships improve their operations. Coach and Mentor many employees of a rapidly growing organization. I consulted in about 100 dealerships.

### **Performance Development Associates, Williamsburg MI Managing Partner/Consultant/Writer/Trainer**

As an independent, direct-to-dealer consultant, I have done in-dealership consulting for over 500 GM, Ford, Chrysler, Honda/Acura, Toyota, Mazda, Subaru, VW, Audi, Porsche and Nissan dealers.

I have done corporate work for Hyundai, Mercedes Benz, Subaru of Canada, Nissan/Infiniti, Mazda, BMW, and Chrysler. I have done process development work for dealership operations, either making recommendations for change in the manufacturers' processes supporting dealers, training field reps in helping their dealers improve themselves, teaching company personnel to analyze dealer operations, or "train the trainer" to allow them to teach CSI improvement, customer handling and dealership productivity topics, or serving as a dealership consultant to effect change and improve specific areas of profit improvement, warranty administration, fixed operations, parts sales improvement, CSI, consultative "selling", etc. I have also been an active volunteer (and part-time employee) of Automotive Youth Education Systems

### **United Nations, New York, NY**

#### **First Officer, Planning and Systems Development**

Provide organization with long-term planning and systems development support. Design and implement a HR record management system, Fleet Maintenance support system for Peacekeeping vehicles, and a Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity plan following 9/11.

### **Bill Marsh Chrysler**

Traverse City, MI

#### **Service Manager**

Short term (12 month) position to help a previous employer. The store was in danger of losing their Five Star certification and the warranty audit team arrived 3 days after I went to work. I saved Gold Star by improving fixed first-time number from 39% to 70% in 3 months, and successfully gained a reprieve on the warranty audit. I also developed operating processes that improved customer satisfaction and loyalty, resulting in increased repeat sales.

### **Deiss and Associates Inc.**

Saint Helena, CA

#### **Consultant, Client Manager, Trainer**

As DAI grew from 17 employees to over 75 consultants, I served as a consultant and account/client manager to Honda/Acura, General Motors, Mitsubishi, Mercedes Benz Asian Group, Toro, the United Nations and others. I consulted in over 400 dealerships in this role.

### **American Honda Motor Co.**

Gardena/Torrance, CA

#### **District Service Manager, Assistant National Service Manager, Customer Relations Manager, Zone Service Manager**

In helping to start the new Acura Division, I spent my first year and a half developing programs and processes that helped the dealers sell a relatively unknown brand to upscale buyers. I researched customer purchase psychology and developed consultative selling training to assist dealers make the transition from taking orders to helping customers purchase the right car for their needs. During my tenure in National Field Service and as Customer Relations Manager, we were awarded the J.D. POWER CSI #1 award for 4 consecutive years.