

Running for Tiffin City Council – Al Havens

1. Why are you running and what are your priorities if elected?

I am running to further projects that have been started in the community. I want to see continued growth in a fiscally responsible manner.

2. How would you facilitate a continued favorable economic environment for your community?

Continue to try to attract commercial interests to provide revenue to offset residential property tax load. Ensure that necessary infrastructure is provided to continue community growth.

3. How do you feel about the current government regulatory environment and how might you improve what is currently in place?

I feel that the local regulatory environment (the only thing in which I have impact) is appropriate.

4. What are your thoughts on TIF funding for projects that enhance economic growth and are you favorably disposed as to how this has been utilized by current and past councils?

In the 7 years that I have been on the Council, I believe that TIF funding has helped to ensure the steady growth of our community.

5. How do you plan to address the issue of affordable housing in your community?

The Council has stressed to developers that there is a huge need for affordable housing throughout Johnson County and within Tiffin. Given the price of land and the higher labor costs, there is no easy way to build new housing that is affordable. As new housing is built, however, the existing pre-owned housing may provide lower cost housing as current residents trade up.

Home building generates substantial local economic activity, including new income and jobs for residents, and additional revenue for local governments.

According to an NAHB study, the estimated one-year impacts of building 100 single-family homes in a typical local area include: \$28.7 million in local income, \$3.6 million in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and 394 local jobs.

The additional, annually recurring impacts of building 100 single-family homes in a typical local area include: \$4.1 million in local income, \$1.0 million in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and 69 local jobs.

6. How do you plan to engage our membership to further enhance our area?