

Election 2007: Ogden town council; vote for two

David Feeney
Ogden Town Council



Office sought: Town of Ogden Town Council. Endorsed by Republican, Conservative and Independent. Length of term - 4 years.

Pertinent information: David Feeney, 67 Sandstone Drive, Spencerport, 58. Graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School, Bryant & Stratton Business Institute, Buffalo. Project Manager for The Kimmel Company. Wife, Joanne, two grown children, and one granddaughter. Previously held positions: Currently Ogden Town Council Member, 8 years. Ogden Zoning Board (chairman for 3 years), Chairman, Open Space Committee. Volunteer and community service - St. John the Evangelist Church - Finance Committee, Parish Council, Festival Committee. Interact Committee that helped bring senior citizen housing to Ogden, Spencerport Junior Baseball for 19 years.

Two issues of primary importance:

Open space has been an important topic in our town and something we have been working on for the last few years. Responding to the wishes of our residents we have developed an open space plan with the help and guidance of Behan Planning Associates. We are now in the process of constructing and implantation of this plan. Throughout this process we place an emphasis on creating a plan from our communities response to a public survey that was sent to all Ogden residents. This plan as it states will provide flexible options to land owners, support the agricultural community, protect and preserve community resources and provide physical and visual community connections to resources.

The second issues is also a very important one, keeping the tax rate stable. With the cost of fuel, asphalt and salt to maintain our roads going through the roof, the cost of gas for our police cars and the double digits increase of the health care for our town employees, it has been a challenge. The supervisor, the councilmen and the department heads are constantly trying to find solutions to overcome these issues and to keep our tax rate flat again this year.

Reasons for seeking election:

I am seeking reelection because I enjoy the challenge and serving my community. With my business experience I know how to work within a budget and with my background in the construction industry I know what it is like to work with a team to achieve a goal. Some things that need to change for our town is the center of our village. The town needs to step up and help the village anyway we can. Morgan Management has shown the village, the town and the school officials a 5-year plan to redevelop the plaza with some great ideas. These are some local investors that care about our community. I have seen this plan and I don't think it will be easy, but I think if we all come together we can make it work.

What I wish you had asked:

No answer submitted.

Anthony McCollough
Ogden Town Council



Office: Ogden Town Council. Political Endorsements: Democratic, Working Families Party. Length of term: 4 years

Pertinent information: Anthony McCollough, 42 Colby Street, Spencerport, 50. Education: Edison Technical and Industrial High School Rochester Institute of Technology. Employment: Retiree of Delphi Corporation with 26 years of service. UAW Local 1097, Rochester City School District, Adult Education Instructor, Haas Factory Outlet Div of NYMAT Machine Tool Corp. Family: Wife, Michelle; daughter, Ariel. 3 sons, Marcel, Miles, Malcolm. Volunteer and Community Service: Sunday School teacher for New Life Fellowship, Spencerport School Board Finance Committee, 7 year Cub Scout Leader, 11 year Junior Achievement Mentor, Toastmasters International, Communication and Leadership.

Two issues of primary importance in Ogden:

Tax growth could be slowed by getting more citizen input and critical evaluation of expenditures, exploring options of sharing the expense of town equipment with other local municipalities and reducing the expense of benefits by participating in larger benefit groups.

Land Use: Use of land needs to be balanced between new homes, business and existing farmlands. A limited moratorium on new building in certain areas could be imposed to slow the loss of farmlands so that smart community planning can take place.

Reason for seeking election:

I was recommended by my union president to my current running mates as a good candidate and after listening to the issues in other areas of the community I felt that I could help address the needs that are there. Water problems exist in several areas of our town in both the quality of water (drinking) and poor drainage. We need to do more to help the residents in those areas than what is currently being done for them.

What I wish you had asked

Why would someone who is affected by only a few issues in the community be interested in running for Ogden Town Council?

Ogden geographically is a large community and issues that exist in one area could pop up in others. We are all together in this and someone has to come to the fore to help address the concerns. I have a large stake in the community having 4 children and I would like them to be safe anywhere they should go. I feel that it is my turn to stand up for the community because I believe I am qualified to bring fresh thinking to the town of Ogden.

Wayne McCrossen
Ogden Town Council



Office: Ogden Town Council. Political Endorsements: Democratic, Independence, Working Families Party. Length of term: 4 years

Pertinent information: Wayne McCrossen, 333 Whittier Road, Spencerport, 54. Education: Jefferson High School, Rochester; Rochester Institute of Technology. Employment: Owner and Operator of Max Printing, Member of GCIU/Teamsters Local 503-M., Family: Wife, Deborah; daughter, Kayla. Volunteer and community service: 25 year member of the Native American Cultural Center; Masonic Lodge #154 member, Past Lodge Master; Damascus Shriners; Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Issues of Primary Importance in the Town of Ogden:

Development: I am also in favor of a temporary moratorium on new development until we have the opportunity to review our current methods. The drainage problems have gotten out of hand in many areas and currently nothing is being done to solve the problem. We need to have more of an open space plan in place before we can continue to move ahead making the drainage problems worse than they are at the present time.

Government Spending: In speaking with residents of the town many feel that they do not get services for the amount of taxes they pay. The highway department has a brand new building and new trucks. Town officials continue to raise their salaries large amounts of money every year and yet my fellow residents on Canal Road do not have drinkable water. Our town government does not have its priorities straight. The residents come first.

Reasons for seeking election:

No resident should be told that their problem is not a problem of the town. I have been one of those people and it is not a pleasant place to be in. If I do not have an answer for someone who comes before the board then you can be sure I will try to find one. Our residents deserve to be respected and acknowledged.

What I wish you had asked

When elected to the town board, what will be your first priority?

To look further into the Canal Rd. water contamination problem. No one in this day should be forced to buy water for drinking. There are 57 houses that the Monroe County Department of Health recommended get public water. There is more funding available to help with this problem and we will be pursuing all avenues until we find a solution. It is an insult to these residents to have their homes reassessed and taxes increased.

Mal Perry
Ogden Town Councilman



Office sought: Re-election to Ogden Town Council. Endorsed by Republican and Conservative parties. Length of term - 4 years.

Pertinent information: Malcolm Perry, 484 Whittier Road. Education: Associates degree in construction technology; B.A. Secondary English Education with History minor, Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester. Post graduate studies, English, SUNY Brockport. Served as Ogden Councilman - 5 years. Community Service: Ogden Planning Board, Ogden Historical Society, Chili Historical Society, Chairman, Ogden Republican Committee, Member, Pearce Memorial Church. Employed at Delco Products, Division of General Motors ITT Automotive, Rochester, Industrial Engineer. Industrial Health and Safety, Senior Environmental Coordinator, Liaison to Ogden Senior Center, Liaison to Parks and Recreation Department.

Two issues of primary importance:

Fiscal Responsibility - At face value this is a simple issue, when in reality it requires strong attention to detail and commitment to established policies. I am always impressed by the intense effort put into establishing the annual financial budget and then equally impressed by the consistent effort to meet and be guided by it. Some of the ways we achieve this goal is to adhere to the systematic replacement of equipment, analysis of all labor costs, and continued effort to increase income for the town. Every department has this challenge.

Growing the Parks and Recreation Department and Senior Center - I am the Ogden Council liaison to these areas. We are constantly upgrading and maintaining both with the intent of serving as many people as possible in our community. It is rewarding on a summer evening to see "wall-to-wall" people of all ages in the park using swings, skate park, pavilions, and sport fields. The goal with the senior center is to involve as many as possible in the wide variety of social events, age-specific speakers, entertainment or enjoying a wholesome economical hot meal. These are both great services to the town.

Reasons for seeking election:

What I wish you had asked:

To me these are one and the same. Having an interest in studying history and a stronger feeling of "love for country," it was a natural for me at this time of my life to be involved with the Ogden Town Council. As one of eleven children growing up on a farm in Pennsylvania, we were taught by our parents that we must try to give back to those who gave to us. For many years I "received" while living and raising family in both Spencerport and the town of Ogden. I still feel I have some "giving back" in experience and background to my community.