



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL WARD #2 POSITION

Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name David Thomas

Residence Address 1076 Mark Ave. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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E-Mail [REDACTED]

Cover Letter & Resume

Please attach a one page cover letter and a resume of no more than two pages to this application.

Supplemental Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of Councilmember for the City of Ypsilanti on separate pages using no more than 3 pages total:

1. Why are you interested in serving as an Ypsilanti City Councilmember?
2. What strength would you bring to the Council?
3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?
4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Ypsilanti community. Address its relevance to the position of Ypsilanti City Councilmember.
5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as an Ypsilanti City Councilmember?
6. What is your vision for our City and community?
7. Is there anything else that you may wish to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

Please return (*in person*) this form, your cover letter, resume, and answers to the supplemental questions to the City Clerk, at Ypsilanti City Hall (1 S. Huron St.) **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2018.**

Applications received after 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted.

The application and any correspondence should be addressed to:

Frances McMullan, City Clerk
City of Ypsilanti
One South Huron Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

CITY OF YPSILANTI

DAVID THOMAS

1076 Mark Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197



November 21, 2018

Dear City of Ypsilanti,

My name is David Thomas and I am interested in filling the vacant City Council position because I would like to be more involved with my community.

I have been a manager at a local printing company for over 20 years and within that time I have led projects aimed at increasing productivity and cost effectiveness. I utilize skills I have attained over my tenure of 35 years at Pollard Banknote Ltd.

Thank you,
David Thomas

David J. Thomas

1076 Mark Ave.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

OBJECTIVE: To obtain a position to continue to use strategic thinking by set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that employees and other stakeholders are working toward common goals.

QUALIFICATIONS

I have been in the printing field for thirty-five. Of the thirty-five, twenty-nine years has been in the Instant Lottery Production field. Prior to the Lottery field I was in heat set web printing with full in-line converting.

The past twenty two years I have been managing a Prepress department in a manufacturing facility located in Ypsilanti Michigan. Duties included developing and maintaining effective work flow processes for continual operations to meet production targets.

- Creative -Designers, Customer Service, Prepress and Print Technicians.
- Client- Customer Service and Project Management.
- CTP Prepress – Electronic and Analog Flexographic Plate making and Color Management.
- Operational – Workflow & Procedures; Capital & Operating Budgets.

EDUCATION

1979-1983 High School Diploma
1983-2014 Various Technical Courses

EMPLOYMENT

1983-1984 Packer, Webcraft Technologies

My responsibilities were to package printed material and help on Press Setups.

1984-1985 Second Assistant Press Operator, Webcraft Technologies

As a second press assistant my responsibilities included mounting paper, filling ink fountains, maintaining fountain solutions and general cleaning duties.

1985-1987 First Assistant Press Operator, Webcraft Technologies

As a First Assistant my responsibilities included press setup, color, registration and front end converting.

1987-1989 *Lead Press Operator, Webcraft Technologies*

As a lead Press Operator my responsibilities included the same as the First Assistant position plus overseeing and training of the press crew.

1989-1997 *Production Coordinator, Webcraft Technologies & Webcraft Games*

As a Production Coordinator my responsibilities were to control and oversee all aspects of any job from conceptual art, mechanicals, proofing, plating, printing, packing and shipping of jobs.

1997-1998 *Production Technician, Pollard Banknote Ltd.*

As a Production Coordinator my responsibilities were to control aspects of printing conceptual art, plating and customer color approvals.

1998- *Prepress Manager, Pollard Banknote Ltd.*

As a Prepress Manager my responsibilities are to manage Game Planing focusing on technical specifications, Technical Art Plate Production and Proofing to support the plants production goals.

Responsibilities as a hands-on manager include troubleshoot all incoming work and schedule jobs to be released in a timely manner.

Help with any problems they may happen and insure a smooth workflow. Train and evaluate department employees and keep abreast of new technology.

Supplemental Questions

- 1) Why are you interested in serving as an Ypsilanti City Councilmember?
I would like to be a part of the legislative process for my home city because I feel that I can utilize my professional skills to help make decisions that affect all of residents and patrons to the cities businesses.
- 2) What strengths would you bring to the council?
In my professional career we deploy lean management techniques such as root cause analysis, work station 5-S etc. I also believe I may provide a fresh perspective.
- 3) What are the three highest priorities and or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?
 1. Property Taxes – We need encourage new prospective property owners to pick Ypsilanti. We need resources or something that we can we offer that is different from or neighboring governments to entice an Ypsilanti choice.
 2. Leaf Collection – People that live in wooded areas are sometimes burdened with having to rake or clear the street of the fall foliage. I would like to discuss bringing back City supplied, curb side leaf suction removal services or authorizing “controlled” burns.
 3. Parking Meters – I would prefer to explore ways to eliminate them, free parking in the business district along Michigan Ave.
- 4) Explain your current and past community involvement.
 - a. Many years ago, when my kids were young, I lived in Augusta Township and my children were involved in youth athletics. There, my family participated in the programs offered by Lincoln Schools / L.A.Y.A. organization. After my sons first year of football, I volunteered to help with the football operations. I was appointed to Football Manager. Tasked with the responsibilities of the three teams’ athletic rosters eligibilities such as birth certificates, DR. physicals etc. Also, being the team’s liaison to League, attending monthly meetings throughout the year. After a year of that, I was appointed to the board as secretary. Sadly L.A.Y.A. fell into financial difficulties and the independent group was disbanded and Lincoln Schools assumed the facilitator roll for the youth athletic programs. This experience was my first time being on a nonprofit public board. While it only lasted short while, I did learn from the experience.
 - b. Currently, I am not affiliated with any community activities.
- 5) What do you wish to accomplish during this appointment term as an Ypsilanti City Councilmember?
 - a. I wish to contribute to the success of the City I live in. I want my neighborhood to have a voice in our local government.

Supplemental Questions

- 6) What is your vision for our City and community?
 - a. I would like to partner with surrounding communities to protect our natural resources. Work with neighboring governments to obtain mutual goals that will benefit all. Work to reduce the homeowners tax burden.

- 7) Is there anything else you wish to add that would help us to get to know you better?
 - a. I moved to Michigan in July of 1997 with my wife and 2 young children due to an employment acquisition. I worked for a company named Webcraft Technologies based in North Brunswick, N.J. they were a printing company. Sometime in 1996 Webcraft sold the "Games" division of their operation, which included a printing plant in Ypsilanti Township. Pollard Banknote Ltd purchased the Games division and moved the operation to the Ypsilanti facility. I moved to Michigan in that transaction. I hold the title of Prepress Manager, a title I have had for 22 years. My total company seniority is 35 years.
 - b. Since I moved to Michigan in 1997 I lived in Augusta Township, Ypsilanti Township, and finally settling in a home in Ypsilanti City in 2012.