



# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL WARD #2 POSITION

## Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name ROBERT ELLSWORTH OLIVER

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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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024.**  
Applications received after 4:00 p.m. will not be accepted.

The application and any correspondence should be addressed to:

**Aaron Smith, Interim City Clerk**  
**City of Ypsilanti**  
**One South Huron Street**  
**Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

## Supplemental Questions

1. To contribute to the growth of the community and to serve my community and increase communication.
2. I have been a member of the community for fifty eight (58) years, leadership vs. follow ship.
3. **Taxes** Not to just lower taxes but instead look at ways to increase revenue without additional burden on residence. (Water Street project) Develop the property to remove it from city books, **Roads**, It ought to be a priority of council to fund and support maintance of roads and drainage systems yearly. **Communication**, This one is on me and it's a promise to take to the residence of Ward 2 so they will know what is going on at council and the things we are working on. Increase communication with other communities.
4. Past or present member of Boards, I have nearly half century in service to the community, Boys and Girls Club, Full Circle Community Center (Chair), Washtenaw Federal Credit Union (Chair), Kiwanis (Treasurer), EMU Dugout Club Heritage Festival Beer Tent (Manager)
5. Increase communication with the community.
6. Ypsilanti is Ypsilanti and it needs to be promoted and not in second place. Positive campaign for the community.
7. More open communication throughout the community. In my life I never thought I had the solution to every situation. My experience has taught me if you listen to your neighbors, listen to the community you will find the solution.

So something not many know about me is for a while I worked in the library at EMU. It was maybe the most interesting job I ever had. In the reference department my favorite question was one where I didn't know the answer so I would say "I don't know, come on, let's go find out".

**My resume will basically be more of a listing:**

**Born: Alpena Michigan October 4, 1938**

**Graduated: Alpena High School June 7, 1957**

**Attended Ferris Institute 9/5/58-6/215/59 studying surveying.**

**Attended and graduated Alpena Community College 9/1/59-6/15/61 Graduated AA Degree**

**Drafted: U S Army 12/5/61-12/4/63 two years**

**Moved to Ypsilanti 1/27/65.**

**Graduated: Bachelors in Library Science January 1967**

**Graduated: Masters Degree Secondary Education June 1969.**

**Post Graduation 30 + hours**

**Employment: Librarian United States Department of Justice January 1967 -July 1969**

**Employment: Ypsilanti Public Schools July 1969-June 1997 Retired**

**Purchased House November 1971.**

**Employment: Contract Employee Ypsilanti Community Schools September 2005-Present.**