

November 3, 2009
Official Election Results

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP FIRE/RESCUE MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed by Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 on general ad valorem taxes within Onekama Township, Manistee County, Michigan, be renewed at one (1) mill of the taxable value of all property in Onekama Township (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2009 through 2013, inclusive, for the purpose of funding Onekama Township's fire department operating, capital improvement and capital acquisition purposes, including the purchase of fire fighting and emergency response equipment; and shall Onekama Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$140,024.00? This is a renewal of the previously authorized one (1) mill for fire department operating, capital improvement and fire fighting and emergency response equipment acquisition purposes which expired in 2008.

Yes **162**

No **16**

RECALL PROPOSAL-NORMAN TOWNSHIP CLERK

Statement of Reason:

Failure to vote in favor of an Ordinance authorizing ORVs to operate on the roads located within Norman Township at a speed not greater than 25 MPH, and in a manner that would not interfere with traffic on the road or street, pursuant to the Michigan State Legislature's authorization, located at MCL 324.81131.

Justification of Conduct:

There's much more to Norman Township than ORVs. Public safety, quantity and quality of services available to township residents, quality of life, fiscal responsibility, honesty and integrity also have to be considered when deciding if I should continue to serve you as a member of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is entrusted with making many decisions that must be made in the best interest of the township as a whole. Those decisions are not always easy and not always pleasing to everyone. The supporters of an ORV Ordinance would have you believe that a Board member's competence or incompetence rests with a decision about whether or not to allow ORVs in Norman Township. Please consider all the facts before voting.

Mary Soule, Clerk.

Shall Mary Soule be recalled from the office of Norman Township Clerk?

Yes **209**

No **311**

RECALL PROPOSAL - NORMAN TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Statement of Reason:

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Justification of Conduct:

This issue is much greater than my voting against an Ordinance authorizing ORV's to operate in Norman Township. This issue is about how I represented you, the voters, of Norman Township with my vote on a very controversial issue.

As a Township Board, we sent a survey to Norman Township residents regarding their feeling(s) about this issue. There were 218 surveys returned, and only 98 of the 160 YES responses were from Norman Township Registered Voters.

There are 1441 registered voters in Norman Township...and 98 of them said they wanted me, as a Norman Township Board member, to vote YES on the authorizing vote with regard to the ORV Ordinance.

Those 98 registered voters represent less than 7% of all Norman Township registered voters. So by voting AGAINST the Ordinance authorizing ORV's, I was representing that share of 93% of our registered voters who either just did not return the survey, or who Truly did not want the ordinance passed.

Mary Kay St. John, Norman Township Treasurer

**Shall Mary Kay St. John be recalled from
the office of Norman Township Treasurer?**

Yes **220**

No **299**

RECALL PROPOSAL - NORMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Statement of Reason:

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Justification of Conduct:

After listening to both sides on the issue of allowing ORV's on the roads of our township and talking with different people that would be tasked with enforcing an ordinance, I have come to the conclusion that it is in the best interest of all the residents of our township not to allow ORV's on the shoulder of our roads.

Thank you for your past support and I hope to continue to serve our community in the future.

Dan Gosack, Norman Township Trustee

Shall Daniel Gosack be recalled from the office of Norman Township Trustee?

Yes **230**

No **290**

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Village Council for Copemish, Michigan, have the authority to sell park land, commonly referred to as: "the ball field" in either a public or private sale, upon terms and for such sale price as the Village Council shall negotiate and deem in the Village's best interests, with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited in the Village treasury?

Yes **26**

No **21**