

What in your background or experience makes you uniquely qualified to serve as an Avon Township Trustee?

Travis Haley - I have worked as a legislative aid for local state Senator for 4 years where I learned about governing. After that, I formed a consulting group to help with outreach and policy development for political, governmental and non-profit groups. Over the past ten years I have worked for a gaming company where I have been responsible for managing employees and cash accountability. For the past several years I have worked closely with the Township across two administrations in efforts related to finance and budgeting – including service on the new defunct Finance Committee as a member and past Chair. During that time I helped develop the first responsible and balanced budget in years.

Adam Solano - I would first point to my long time residency in the township (since 1996) and raising 4 children here that attended all the public schools. I coached soccer and basketball for AYSO and the Grayslake Park District for years and dedicated a couple of decades of service to my church, The Chapel. I like living here and want to continue to serve in the community.

Next, I would point to my professional experience as a financial advisor and planner. My business has helped thousands of families and small businesses make smart choices with their money - and their debt - for over 30 years. I have received much reward and enjoyment from my work by putting the needs of others first.

Last, I would put forth my leadership experience I within my professional trade associations, my family, my church and our community. I have served on numerous boards and committees and enjoy servant leadership positions. I also enjoy speaking publicly and writing.

Some argue that township governance is redundant and has outlived its usefulness. What is your response to that point of view?

Mr. Solano - When the township's "usefulness" topic has come up between friends, I always ask: "According to whom? Not according to the people actually using the township's services". This is like saying there are too many churches. But, citizens are showing up, walking through the door, and township services are being delivered despite there being plenty of other organizations serving the community in similar ways. The township is in high demand thanks to Supervisor Bauman.

Mr. Haley - Township government is still needed in our area to deliver critical services related to our underserved communities and infrastructure. Avon Township has equipment specifically capable of plowing narrower streets such as those found throughout Highland Lake. Avon also provides emergency support to families in need while working to improve their quality of life. Township government is still very much needed in our area.

What is your primary motivation to serve the people in Avon Township?

Mr. Haley - Over the past several years I have attended nearly all township board meetings and served on the finance committee. I feel that my past and current involvement makes me uniquely qualified to take on this role. The reason why I'm seeking this appointment is to bring that experience and understanding to the Board and continue that service.

Mr. Solano - Pretty simple, really. To help. To serve. To volunteer for a worthy cause. These things never go out of style. I have volunteered in many roles and capacities, but I have yet to do so for my fellow citizens and taxpayers.