

Sample Candidate Questions for Towns, Townships, and School Boards

Town Council	Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running?	General
Town Council	What is the greatest challenge facing the jurisdiction and scope of this office and how would you address it?	General
Town Council	If elected, how will you promote diversity and inclusion throughout your community?	Diversity
Town Council	How would you characterize your community's relationship with the county government? Please elaborate.	Management
Town Council	On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being not important and 5 being extremely important, how do you rate the importance of residents and council members working together to address community issues? Please explain your answer	Management
Town Council	Please discuss how you would follow best practices expected in government finance and record keeping?	Management
Town Council	Are there additional challenges facing the town council because of the Covid 19 pandemic? Explain.	Covid
Town Council	What steps can be taken to improve the quality of life for the residents of your community?	Diversity
Town Council	What are your top three priorities for the community and how will you address them?	General
Town Council	Why do you want to serve as a Council representative for your town?	General
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Town Council	What can the town council do to increase the transparency of the Town Council's actions on behalf of the citizens' of the community?	General
Town Council	What can the town council do to increase affordable housing in your community?	Housing
Town Council	What is the relationship between your community and the local township government?	General
Town Council	Are the transportation service in your community adequate to meet the needs of the residents?	Transportation
Town Clerk Treasurer	What suggestions do you have to improve the overall operations of the Clerk-Treasurer's office?	General
Town Clerk Treasurer	What improvements will you bring to the management and organization of the town's finances?	General
Town Clerk Treasurer	What can the clerk-treasurer's office do to increase the transparency of the town government's actions on behalf of the residents of the community?	General
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running.	General
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Please discuss how you would follow best practices expected in government finance and record keeping.	Management
Town Clerk/Treasurer	How will you meet the requirements of the open-door policy for all meetings and actions of the town's business?	Management
Town Clerk/Treasurer	How would you characterize your town's relationship with the county government? Please elaborate.	Management
Town Clerk/Treasurer	What is the greatest challenge facing the jurisdiction and scope of this office and how would you address this challenge?	General
Town Clerk/Treasurer	What improvement(s) can you make in this office to assist the residents of your community?	General
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Are there additional challenges facing the clerk-treasurer's office because of the Covid 19 pandemic? Explain	Covid
Town Clerk/Treasurer	What three personal/professional skills or strengths make you the best candidate for this office?	Qualifications
Town Clerk/Treasurer	What experience do you have with financial management?	Qualifications
Township Trustee	Explain the role of township trustee within township government, including-accountability.	General
Township Trustee	What is the most important challenge facing township government? What can the township trustee do to meet this challenge?	General
Township Trustee	How is your township adequately serving its residents?	General
Township Trustee	What is your opinion on township consolidation.	Consolidation
Township Trustee	Do you believe your township is adequately serving its residents? Please discuss.	Management
Township Trustee	If elected, how would you improve communication between the township trustee and the public?	Management
Township Trustee	In your opinion, what is the most vital resource your township trustee currently offers? Please explain your answer.	Management
Township Trustee	If elected, what programs will you implement to ensure your residents are provided the support needed to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic?	Management

Township Trustee	If elected, how would you improve communication between the township trustee, the board, and the public?	General
Township Board	Explain the role of the board within township government.	General
Township Board	What is the most important challenge facing your township and how will you meet this challenge?	General
Township Board	How can the board work with the trustee to improve township services?	Management
Township Board	What is your opinion on township consolidation.	Consolidation
Township Board	In your opinion, what type of assistance program is most needed in your township? If this program already exists within the township, explain what you will do to enhance it if you are elected. If this program is not currently offered by your township, explain the importance of implementing the program.	Management
Township Board	If elected, how would you improve communication between the township board, the trustee, and the public?	General
Township Assessor	Please explain to voters the importance of the office for which you are running.	General
Township Assessor	Why are you running for this office?	General
Township Assessor	What changes or improvements would you make to this office, if elected?	Management
Township Assessor	Please discuss how you would follow best practices expected in government finance and record keeping.	Management
School Board	Why are you running for school board?	General
School Board	What in your view is the current school board doing right in its guidance of the district during the Covid 19 pandemic? What are your recommendations?	Covid
School Board	What safety and security issues should the school district be addressing?	Safety
School Board	If elected what are the most pressing issues you want to address during your first or next year of service?	General
School Board	What do you see as public education's strengths and/or weaknesses?	General
School Board	What are the skills and experiences you will bring to the board?	Qualifications
School Board	How should school districts attract and keep teachers?	Management
School Board	How is equitable school funding achieved?	Management
School Board	What would you like your state legislator to know about public education?	Management
School Board	When developing new policies and procedures how would you balance expert recommendations and parental input?	Management
School Board	How should schools address the increase in students with mental health concerns?	Health
School Board	Please describe your experiences, if any, dealing with people who are different from you socially, racially, economically, or politically.	Diversity