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TODAY'S DATE

March 10, 2009

RUNNING FOR:

President of the Village of Deer Park

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NAME (additional background appears at the end of this profile)

Bob Kellermann

AGE (OPTIONAL)

67

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WHO OR WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO RUN FOR OFFICE IN 2009?

At the request of numerous residents, I am running to restore fiscal responsibility to the village management. Since May, 2001 under the current leadership, the situation is as follows

A) Since Scott Gifford became Village President, the village has spent \$ 2.2 M more than was collected, despite increasing revenues from commercial retail developments. The cash balance decreased from \$ 3.4 Million (04-30-2004) to \$ 1.6 Million of 01/2009.

B) Putting aside needed Road and Drainage repairs, was the spending of the villages cash reserves for the Vehe Farm a wise decision?

C) After 5 years, the Vehe Barn Phase II Exterior and Interior Building Renovations at contract of only \$ 1.0 M is \$ 1.0 M over contract and still NOT completed.

D) No one checked out the bonding company with the State of Illinois as required by the Illinois Public Construction Bond Act. If the bonding company defaults, this will cost the village approximately \$ 1.0 M dollars which could have been recovered from the bonding company.

E) The nine year 2002/2003 Road Program, is only 30 percent completed. When you drive on the village roads, the condition of the roads speak for themselves.

My objective is to provide conservative leadership based upon sound financial and managerial principles.

HOW HAVE YOU PREPARED TO RUN FOR THIS OFFICE?

My experience as a current trustee to define the existing problems, and as a former trustee and treasurer (1981-1985) my experience will enable me to address the issues and to provide solutions. Leadership with a positive attitude is a must.

DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

None

DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ANY CORPORATE OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF DEER PARK?

None

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WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE TOP 3 CHALLENGES IN DEER PARK IN THE NEXT 4 YEARS?

Fiscal Management - A five year business plan based upon a balanced budget objective will restore fiscal responsibility to the village. Decisions will be made on planned operations with known information. The emotional form of governing with limited information has to come to an end because the village is running out of funds.

Transparency – FULL DISCLOSURE OF VILLAGE BUSINESS, NOTHING LESS.

Community Focus- Presently, resident input into the decision making process is limited. Last year my forum on Roads and Drainage was a first for the village, and the residents provided common sense solutions which resolved several long term problems. Open forums on the Vehe Farm, roads, parks, drainage, etc. would be held to get the residents opinions. The village should represent the residents. See our website for more details.

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 3 GOALS FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS?

1. The Vehe Farm Barn is a major special interest project. The special interest projects were 100% funded while the Village Road Program was only 30% funded. The result our village cash reserves decreased from \$ 4.6 M at the end of 2001/2 to \$ 1.6M as of 01-30-09. A decrease of \$ 3 .. 0 M in cash reserves while the village roads, drainage, and parks have deteriorated. Deficit spending for seven years is a dangerous trend.

2. During the 2002/3 fiscal year, the village developed a nine year program to repave all village streets for a total cost of \$ 3.4 M. The Village Engineer now reports that the road program to repave our village roads will cost either \$ 12.6 M over 10 years, or \$14.6 M over 15 years. In either case the village is now in a position of having to make difficult decisions regarding funding for roads versus other needs.

3. As Village of Deer Park President, I will represent the interests of all the residents. I will focus on providing open leadership to our village residents. Special interest projects, such as the Vehe Farm and development of the Deer Park Town Center ball field should have had more input from the residents, including a referendum. Other villages in the area bring such major expenditures to a vote by the residents.

WHAT ARE THE MOST POSITIVE THINGS YOU SEE IN DEER PARK?

As a 36 year resident, I know Deer Park is a great place to live. The residents are terrific with beautiful neighborhoods, parks, shopping and entertainment options. As a trustee in 1981 - 1985, I can assure you this was the objective of our founders. I would like the opportunity to continue the trend for the next generations.

AT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE TRANSFORMED?

The community should have the trust and confidence in the Village of Deer Park government. Residents, Officials, Trustees, and Village administration should work together to provide the best for the whole

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community. Change with accountability, Transparency - Open Government, and community focus are the keys to success.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENT/INFORMATION.

With my 28 years Military Service, I was the Assistant Chief of Staff, Resource Manager (RM), in the 85th Division Army Reserves with the rank of Lt. Colonel. As the RM I was the primary staff officer for all federal funding and the table of organization. For eight years I worked within the General Accounting Office and Federal Regulations requirements to secure federal funding, and always maintained a positive budget as required by law. Having attended General Accounting Office courses and been a presenter in the federal budget process to protect the taxpayer, complete documentation per regulations is a FACT OF LIFE to prevent Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.

The wisdom to hire a Lobbyist at a \$ 60,000 cost has to be questioned. The Village Staff had the 2009/10 year Road Program at the November, 2008 Board of Trustee's meeting. The village staff should have prepared the documentation which would have saved the village money. I know the one page fax does not conform with my knowledge of General Accounting Office and Federal Regulation requirements.

I cannot understand the Lobbyists concept as it applies to Deer Park. Residents state Deer Park has Chicago Potholes. Does Deer Park now have Chicago politics?

IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU ACCESSIBLE TO VOTERS?

I can be reached through email and my office phone most easily.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (BEGINNING WITH MOST RECENT)

1978 to present: Robert Kellermann & CO., Accounting and tax service
Military Service, 28 years reserves, Rank Lt. Colonel

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Personal Background:

YEARS IN DEER PARK

36 years

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PREVIOUS RESIDENCIES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

CURRENT MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE (PAID, ELECTED, VOLUNTEER)

Village of Deer Park Trustee, Roads and Drainage

PREVIOUS MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE (PAID, ELECTED OR VOLUNTEER)

1981 to 1985 Village of Deer Park Trustee & Treasurer

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS (MEMBERSHIPS, BOARDS, NETWORKINGS, ETC.)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU WISH WE HAD ASKED?