



Sardinia Candidates

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Dear Residents of Sardinia,

As your candidates for Sardinia Town Board we would like to share some issues that are important to us and **to you** as you indicated in your responses to the survey that we mailed to you last month. Thank you so much for taking the time to respond honestly and openly. We can only represent you if we know first hand what your concerns are.

As you make choices in the upcoming election we urge you to educate yourself and choose “good government” rather than those who continue to “play politics” and have self-serving reasons for wanting town board seats.

We will:

- **Lower taxes for everyone by eliminating the fire protection tax and general lighting tax.** Residents have not paid any town taxes for the past three years and will not for the foreseeable future. Monies from the Waste Management host municipality agreement will be used to eliminate these two taxes and benefit all residents in these tough economic times. **We will not do a re-val of properties.**
- **Resolve issues with professionalism and civility.** We will value each person’s contribution and build trust by working in a spirit of cooperation and respect. We will work responsibly with all businesses to assist with land use issues and regulatory compliance, while protecting citizens’ rights, health and interests. We will use extensive water testing and the reports of an independent hydro-geologist to advise on water table and well water issues whenever a new permit or variance application is submitted.
- **Take action on the three water issues facing our town.**
 1. We will meet with the Water Commissioners from Arcade and Yorkshire to determine the availability of water, quality of service and price of supplying water to the proposed industrial park and the Rt. 16/Rt. 39/ Schutt Road business corridor. Then, if feasible, we will form a legal water district and immediately apply for Federal Recovery Act funding to pay for construction costs. This type of grant is very complicated so Felecia Meyer’s expertise in grant-writing will be invaluable.
 2. We will offer town assistance in any way possible and legal to the Chaffee Water Company owners as they work to get their project done. This may involve looking into the possibility of applying for retroactive Stimulus Plan

Funding to help the owners pay down construction debt and thus lower the cost of water to the customers in Chaffee.

3. We will sponsor a town or area-wide landowner's workshop or seminar to aid and educate residents who are negotiating contracts for mineral rights, natural gas or other subsurface resources so that landowners can demand protection for their wells, as well as fair and just payment as they sign contracts. Cooperative Extension or Farm Bureau could provide the experts; we would provide the place and publicity.
- **Promote open and accountable government and fiscal responsibility, as well as encourage good citizenship.** We will be fiscally responsible by separating accounting and auditing functions as well as by investing safely and wisely. We will provide financial reports available to citizens in both the Town Clerk's and Supervisor's office. We will continue privilege of the floor at Town Board meetings, respectfully listen to citizens' concerns and in turn ask citizens to present their concerns and issues as clearly and respectfully as they are able. We will encourage people to volunteer and work with community organizations to promote a healthy community that cares about each other. Tony Korcz is a fine example of a citizen who takes community service seriously as he has served his country in the Air Force and now in our fire company and as a lieutenant for the Chaffee-Sardinia Emergency Medical Squad
 - **Use zoning to protect and promote our community.** We have nice residential areas included in our hamlet residential zoning districts. We need to use our zoning ordinances and local laws to preserve these areas for good quality of life. Sardinia is blessed with very fine agricultural lands and beautiful wildlife areas that must also be protected through our zoning. We must help our agricultural community thrive. **We want Sardinia to have a reputation as a fine place to live and raise a family.**
 - **Continue to provide and support a high level of services to all citizens.** Sheila Vrenna, if elected Supervisor will establish regular office hours and will work with committees to properly fund the budget lines for Tiny Tots, Youth, Seniors and Recreation programs. Sheila will work cooperatively with the Highway Superintendent to establish a schedule for equipment replacement and regular maintenance of equipment so that town roads are always in good shape. She will recognize and honor the work of all employees and volunteers who work hard to benefit the town.

Thank you for taking time to read this. **We would appreciate your vote for "good government" in November.**

Sincerely,

*Sheila Vrenna for Supervisor
Anthony Korcz for Councilman
Felecia Meyers for Councilman*