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## Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

### Information Request Form

Candidate Name: **Perry Beard**

Street address: **208 Indian Road**

City / State / Zip: **Battle Creek, MI. 49017**

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

County: **Calhoun** Length of residence: **66 years**

Phone: **269-209-6974** E-mail: **pbeard9@sbcglobal.net**

Website: **NONE**

Campaign committee name & address: **Committee to elect Perry Beard as trustee**

Occupation: **Retired from Darrell Burke Construction**

Candidate for which office: **Trustee** Incumbent? **No**

Please list endorsements received to date: **None**

### *HBA of Western Michigan – local candidate informational questions*

Have you ever run for elective office? **Yes, I was elected twice for this same office**

#### Mission Statement

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What is your background (education, employment, other relevant experience)?

I graduated from Pennfield High School in 1971. Earned the Eagle scout award in 1971. I attended KCC taking classes in business management and computer sciences. I was a 12-year member of the Pennfield fire department. I worked 25 years at the Kellogg Company leaving in 1998 as a business manager in Building 100. I then spent 18 years at Darrell Burke Construction retiring after 18 years. I taught two cycles (2018 and 2019) on construction for the MYCA program (Michigan Youth Challenge Academy) at the CACC.

What are your top priority issues if elected / re-elected?

The township budget will be critical because of the Covid-19 issues with people being out of work and state cuts. We still have issues with our roads and the maintenance with them that needs to be followed up on.

Why should the residential construction and remodeling community support your candidacy?

When employed with Darrell Burke Construction I attended the Home Builder meetings and still support the Home Builders Association in what it does for our communities and our construction business's.

Why should the residential construction and remodeling community NOT support your opponent's candidacy (if applicable)?

I do not believe any of the other candidates have any background in the building industry or have been involved in the building industry.

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Today the home building and remodeling community is confronted with a wide array of complex issues. Who and/or what organization in your community do you use for advice and counsel?

I still have many contacts in the building industry and know how to contact the HBA if needed. I am pro-builder to include all fields needed in the construction of new homes and remodeling.

Government regulations, policies, ordinances and codes continue to be a top concern of the residential construction and remodeling industry. What would you recommend to reduce regulations to promote and support the need for additional housing in our area?

Supporting the HBA is the first thing I have done and will continue to do. I would support the HBA as best I could as a trustee, if elected.

What is your philosophy on residential development, impact fees, property taxes, etc.?

We need more residential development, so our cities, townships and villages need to work with there local builders to get their costs as low as possible.

What else can be done to encourage and support new housing development?

We need more training in the trades as well as training on how to start and run a business. We need to get some younger people interested in the construction fields. We should try and get our local high schools interested in the trades.

What is your position on the rights of property owners with regard to development, redevelopment and remodeling?

There are current codes and rules for builders and homeowners to follow. There are also Zoning codes to follow and to request variances from.

How would you define positive growth in housing for our area?

Very low. I think Annie Stetler and Joe Newman are the main new home builders in our area. It appears the local remodelers are very busy and backed up on work.

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How can the HBA of Western Michigan assist you if you are elected?

If elected, I would want to assist HBA in any way I could to increase the amount of building in our township as well as other areas.

**The Government Relations Committee thanks you for taking the time help the HBA membership to make an informed decision on election day. Please return your form to the address above or email to [JeffT@hbawmi.com](mailto:JeffT@hbawmi.com) or fax to 269-375-6493.**

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