

Williamstown Candidates for May 8, 2018 Primary

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Williamstown Mayor Candidates

Office Williamstown Mayor

Name **Jean Ford**

Party Non-Partisan

Biography

Graduate Williamstown High School, Ohio School of Banking, Employed Savings Company, 17 years, First Bank, Marietta, 8 years Williamstown City Council, 7 years. Current Williamstown Mayor, 21 years, Owner-operator, Mel's Diamond House, Serves WV Woman's Commission by appointment of WV Governor, serves on Board of Ohio Valley Regional Council, Wood County Development Authority, Williamstown Kiwanis, Mid- Ohio Valley Mayors Association.

1. What do you want to accomplish as mayor of Williamstown?

Safety for my Community and a safe place for children to play is one of my priorities along with working with Police Chief Graham to keep drugs under control in our town. Secondly moving forward in building our new elementary school and working with the WV Department of Highways to enhance traffic patterns at intersection of Route 14 & 31.

2. What do you think would encourage more residents to be involved in the civic life of the city?

Salary increases for both Mayor and Council positions. A project which will involve everyone in town, such as a disaster recovery plan. This plan will involve all Citizens, Churches, Businesses, and Organization. Each will play a part.. The goal is to be prepared to keep our town safe. Project is upcoming. Also, we are working on getting a Community Center.

3. Without repeating information in your biography, what experience, training, or education do you have that makes you the best candidate for mayor?

My involvement in City Government for over 28 years has experienced about every situation that any Mayor would face. Myself and Council have developed one of the best small town reputations in the State West Virginia. With more projects ahead that will make our town a more appealing place to live, my experience as mayor, is needed more.

Office Williamstown Mayor

Name **Paul Jordan**

Party Non-Partisan

Biography

51 years old, Married, father of three, step father of two, Employed by Finley Fire Equipment for 26 years as Regional sales manager, served with the Williamstown Fire Co for the last 30 years hold the Rank of Deputy Chief, have served on Williamstown City council for 8 years. President of the Wood County Fire Fighters association.

1. What do you want to accomplish as mayor of Williamstown?

Open up communication with Department Heads work to support their day to day needs to secure good work environments with employees and interact with our citizens. Increase awareness and work on emergency needs within our city on preparedness, storms, floods etc. Work toward future needs on infrastructure with our city water, sewer services.

2. What do you think would encourage more residents to be involved in the civic life of the city?

Encourage Open communication with city officials and city council. Input on committees invite them to be involved on projects that will affect our committee, also by getting involved in our children's events to gain knowledge of needs on city involvement.

3. Without repeating information in your biography, what experience, training, or education do you have that makes you the best candidate for mayor?

Working day to day with people with the Fire Department and my job, I feel I have the ability to bring open communication to the Mayor's office, with the management positions I have held I feel it will help me to work through issues faced and support our City Council Members and department heads make good decisions to support our City.

Williamstown City Council Candidates

Office Williamstown City Council

Name **Ron Erb**

Party Non-Partisan

Biography

Graduate Williamstown High School Class of 65, Printer for 40 years

1. What do you want to accomplish as a member of city council?

For the past 18 years I have been a part of team of 3 other council members and a mayor, to guide Williamstown with the best of our ability. I would like to thank you for your past support.

With your vote in May, I will continue to lead Williamstown into the future.

2. What do you think would encourage more residents to be involved in the civic life of the city?

Candidate did not reply

3. Without repeating information in your biography, what experience, training, or education do you have that makes you the best candidate for city council?

Candidate did not reply

Office Williamstown City Council
Name **Jim Parker**
Party Non-Partisan

Biography

Jim Parker has been an active community member since 2000. Jim is an area manager for Smith Concrete. He has been involved in community groups, events and projects in the 18 years, he has resided in Williamstown. He was instrumental in the Williamstown Pool project, is an active member of the American Legion, and helped establish the annual Lighted Christmas parade.

1. What do you want to accomplish as a member of city council?

Jim's primary intent for running for this position is to serve as an advocate for the people of Williamstown, to stabilize the foundation of the community to ensure this wonderful town remains a great place for people to raise their families.

2. What do you think would encourage more residents to be involved in the civic life of the city?

I think to encourage participation from Williamstown residents there needs to be a more welcoming atmosphere. Encouraging residents to be involved and listening to their ideas about how we can keep the City of Williamstown a great community.

3. Without repeating information in your biography, what experience, training, or education do you have that makes you the best candidate for city council?

If honored to serve the people of Williamstown, he would serve as a vital and active communications link between the people and the city. Jim has worked in management roles in his professional career for over 20 years. He has the experience needed to understand the needs and desires of many individuals in order to get business done in a

Office Williamstown City Council
Name **Marty Seufer**
Party Non-Partisan

Biography

Lifelong resident of Williamstown. Married to wife, Barbara, and father of four children and grandfather to five grandchildren. Employed as Wood County Administrator and serve as Wood County Planning Director. Past president of Wood County Master Gardeners and West Virginia University Extension Service Master Gardener of the Year for 2015. Received Williamstown Lions Club Community Service Award in 2013.

1. What do you want to accomplish as a member of city council?

I remain committed to holding down fees and costs to our residents. I have never, and will never, vote for any unnecessary fee or rate increase. We need to maintain our parks and keep our playgrounds updated. I will continue to support our police department to provide Williamstown with the best possible protection.

2. What do you think would encourage more residents to be involved in the civic life of the city?

If the city is able to work with the Board of Education to establish a community center in the newer section of the Elementary School on Williams Avenue once the new school is built, it would be a resource for our senior citizens, various clubs, youth sports and

many other venues. This would bring the community together.

3. Without repeating information in your biography, what experience, training, or education do you have that makes you the best candidate for city council?

I have several years' experience on council and will not need a learning curve. I have a history of being a team player who is not afraid to stand up for what I believe. My door is always open and I am only a phone call away for anyone who needs my assistance. I love Williamstown!