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City of Boardman
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RE: City of Boardman – Council Member

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the City Council. Public service has been the focus of my professional career, and I am committed to helping guide thoughtful decisions that strengthen our community today while preparing responsibly for the future.

Since March of 2020, I have served as Fire Chief for our Fire District. In this role, I oversee all emergency operations and fire prevention efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents. I am responsible for developing and implementing policies, leading strategic planning initiatives, and managing the district's budget to ensure resources are used efficiently and responsibly. These responsibilities require sound judgment, transparency, and the ability to balance immediate operational needs with long-term planning—skills that translate directly to the work of a City Council member.

As Fire Chief, I regularly collaborate with local agencies, regional partners, and community stakeholders to address complex challenges and deliver effective public services. This experience has given me a deep appreciation for the importance of communication, collaboration, and practical problem-solving in local government. I understand how critical it is for leaders to listen to residents, work cooperatively across organizations, and make decisions that reflect both community priorities and fiscal responsibility.

I believe strongly in the values that make our community a great place to live: public safety, responsible growth, and a shared commitment to supporting local families and businesses. Economic development and infrastructure investment must be approached thoughtfully so that growth strengthens our community while preserving

the character and quality of life residents expect. I am committed to working collaboratively with fellow council members, staff, and community partners to support sustainable economic opportunities and long-term community prosperity.

Serving our community has been one of the greatest privileges of my career, and I would welcome the opportunity to continue that service on the City Council. I am confident that my experience in leadership, policy development, emergency management, and budget oversight would allow me to contribute meaningfully to the council's work and to the future of our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Hughes