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2024 Finance Review Committee Application

The City Council seeks to create a committee of four (4) citizens to work with a Council Liaison and a City Administrator-appointed staff member to develop recommendations on potential future revenue sources, which may include ballot initiatives.

Committee recommendations shall be based on the following criteria:

- Lathrup Village Financial Reports (independent audits)
- Approved Fiscal Year Budgets
- Approved Capital Improvement Plans
- Committee studies on how new revenues (ex: increased fees, millage renewals, special assessments) may impact current staffing levels and deliver sustainable progress towards City goals outlined in approved plans.
- Committee studies on how no new revenues may impact current staffing levels current staffing levels and deliver sustainable progress towards City goals outlined in approved plans.

Time Commitment and Expectations:

- The committee will meet biweekly between June and October 2024. The group may adjust schedules to accommodate holiday schedules.
- Meetings are expected to take place at a recurring location/time, set by the committee, for no more than two hours.
- The committee will create a final report that will be delivered to the City Council by November 2024.

Resumes and letters of intent are required and must be included with the application. The Mayor will review applications and make appointment recommendations for the City Council's approval at a regular City Council meeting on May 20, 2024. **PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN BUDGETING, ACCOUNTING, FINANCE, OR SIMILAR FIELD.**

Name: Jim Bacinski

Address: 27514 Rackham, Lathrup Village, MI 48076

Phone: 248-225-9872

Street, City, State, Zip

Email: jimbacinski@gmail.com

Are you at least 18 years of age:

☒ YES

☐ NO

Are you a registered voter in Lathrup Village:

☒ YES

☐ NO

Have you been a resident of Lathrup Village for 1+ years:

☒ YES

☐ NO

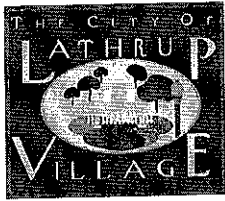
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Do you have interest in serving as Chair or Vice Chair of the task force:

☐ YES

☐ NO

Please indicate if you have any experience in the following areas (people with existing or previous volunteer experience with the City are encouraged):

• Financial Management

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• Public Administration

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• Auditing/Accounting

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• Small Business/Entrepreneur

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• Banking Industry

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• Other _____

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If you checked any of the experience areas above, please elaborate on that experience and how it could be a benefit to the City as a member of this committee (include additional sheets if needed):

I have years of experience in accounting, auditing, taxes

Important Public Records Information: All information submitted in this application is public information and subject to disclosure in response to a public records request made under the Freedom of Information Act. Please contact the City Clerk at 248-557-2600 if you have any questions or concerns about the disclosure of specific information.

Truth and Accuracy: I certify that the information contained in this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information disclosed on this form will be available to the public as part of a Freedom of Information Act request.

Signature: _____

Date: 05/14/2024

Applicants must be in good standing with the City to be eligible for committee, commission, or board appointment. Any outstanding violations or payments associated with the applying individual or individuals' property may result in the submitted application being rejected.

Return completed application to:
Lathrup Village – City Clerk, 27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076

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May 15, 2024

I have a wide variety of experience in most all aspects of accounting, auditing and tax. I feel that I can give the city an alternate interpretation to some of the financial issues.

I have been a resident of LV for 40 years. I have served on the initial board of the Lathrup Village Community Foundation, the homeowners association as well as volunteered for many events.

I have purposely not updated my attached resume to include my current position. I have worked at a Farmington Hills small CPA firm since January of 2013. I am currently negotiating with them for less hours. At age 67, I really do not want to work 60 hours per week during tax season and 40 hours per week all summer. I don't want them to know that I am willing to volunteer my time for my city.

Sincerely,

Jim Bacinski

James Bacinski

Summary

Accountant with extensive experience in private manufacturing and technical facilities as well as public accounting. Expertise in cost and variance analysis, job costing, annual business planning, budget preparation, forecasting, general ledger, accounts payable and accounts receivable, and fixed assets. Proven abilities in monthly and annual closing, inventory control, bank and inter-company reconciliations, and payroll. Manage public clients from month-end through financial statements and all tax returns. Results and detailed oriented, efficient and accurate team leader/player ability.

Professional Experience

2012-Present Self-Employed Lathrup Village, MI

- Maintain accounting and tax service for small businesses.
- Manage family exterior maintenance company.

2011-2012 Keil and Associates Southfield, MI

Senior Accountant

- Various accounting and tax requirements for corporate clients.

2007-2011 Gayle Leipsitz, CPA, P.C. Commerce, MI

Senior Accountant

- Head – up all audits including profit and not-for-profit clients.
- Various accounting and tax requirements for corporate clients.

2004–2007 Perczak and Associates Southfield, MI

Senior Accountant

- Maintain client requirements and needs independently.
- Increased client monthly filing efficiency.
- Suggested new products that increased productivity

1992–2004 Self-Employed Lathrup Village, MI

Accountant and Business Owner

- Participant in start-up of mortgage broker corporation.
- Start-up, successfully operate and sell-off of appraisal business.
- Develop and maintain accounting and tax service for individuals, partnerships and corporations.

2000–2001 Rolar Corporation Troy, MI

Controller

- Successfully implemented various cost-efficiency procedures.
- Managed accounting and office staff.
- Implemented program to reduce and maintain accounts receivable at 50% of its previous balance.

1989–1992 Tuff Machine Company. Warren, MI

Controller

- Full financial responsibility through corporation taxes..
- Successfully implemented fully integrated accounting and computer system including detailed job cost system.
- Implemented profit-sharing plan as a result of record profits

1985-1989 Soramatic Industries Warren,

Controller

- Full financial responsibility including managing office staff.
- Successfully implemented standard cost system resulting in a 10% reduction in cost control

1980-1985 Kalwas & Moon, P.C. Bingham Farms, MI

Junior-Senior Accountant

- Independently worked with clients to complete compilations and reviews through financial statements and all tax requirements.
- Tax research to meet client needs.

Education

1975–1979 Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI

- B.B.A., Accounting .

Interests

Real Estate, tennis, computers.