

March 14, 2024

Meredith DeBruin  
City Clerk – City of Sheboygan  
City Hall  
828 Center Ave  
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Dear Ms. DeBruin,

I am submitting myself for consideration to complete the one-year remaining in the term of retired Council Member, Amanda Salazar. I understand this term ends in April of 2025.

I am a resident of District 3. I reside at 311 Michigan Ave.

Please find enclosed with this letter a resume summarizing my experience, education, community involvement, and family background.

Sincerely,



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If my experience and counsel would be of help to the Common Council and Administration of Sheboygan, I am willing to serve.  
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## **Career Background**

### **Award Concepts, Inc. – St Charles, IL 1997-2018**

Vice President of Operations and Sales/Marketing

P&L and Sales Management responsibility.

Corporate recognition jewelry manufacturing company. Supplier of employee recognition programs encompassing gifts and jewelry. 40 employees

### **Edward Hines Lumber Company – Chicago, IL 1978-1997**

Company was 27 retail lumber-yards in Chicago regional area. I worked in the manufacturing operation of wood floor systems, roof trusses, and wall panels. I began in design and engineering. Eventually progressed up in management and was Division General Manager from 1987-1997. P&L and Sales Management responsibility.

120-employees in peak season. My employees were members of Teamster and Carpenters Unions.

Developed cost accounting systems for product valuation.

I planned and coordinated construction of new floor and roof truss manufacturing facility in Rochelle, IL. 1990-91.

### **Weyerhaeuser Company – DeQueen, AR/ Franklin Park, IL 1977-78**

In Arkansas worked in Forestry and Logging Divisions.

In Franklin Park, wholesale lumber and sheet good sales.

## **Education**

### **Illinois Real Estate License – 2014-2018**

Studied and earned license with thoughts of pursuing career.

Let my license expire.

### **Northern Illinois University - 1979-1981**

Post-graduate course work in Business Law and Education.

### **University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana - 1973-1977**

Bachelor of Science in Forest Science, emphasis on Wood Utilization

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## **Community Involvement**

### **Early Bird Rotary Club of Sheboygan**

Became member in 2020.

### **Making Spirits Bright – 2021-present**

Treasurer of Board of Directors

## **Illinois**

In church membership while living in Illinois (1981-2018), I held various leadership positions in our church congregations. Consistent involvement in ministry to incarcerated youth and adults from 1998-2018.

## **Family Life**

My grandparents resided at 628 Jefferson Ave, Sheboygan. My mother grew up in Sheboygan and left following graduation from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. My mother and father raised myself and two brothers in Bellwood, IL (a near-west suburb of Chicago).

Throughout my youth, my family visited Sheboygan.

My wife, Barb and I were married in 1981. We resided and raised our family in Geneva, IL. When it came time for retirement, we decided to retire to Sheboygan. We purchased our current home at 311 Michigan Ave. in October of 2015 and moved up here upon my retirement in 2018. My wife Barb is an IRS Enrolled Agent tax preparer for H.R. Block. She works at the Block office in Plymouth. This is her 22<sup>nd</sup> year of tax preparation. She received her degree from Northern Illinois University with a major in Statistics and Probability. She also was a mathematics teacher at our local community college.

Our three adult children and their families followed us up to Sheboygan and have relocated in the area. We have 9 grandchildren in this area. In addition, 8 other family relatives have relocated to Sheboygan.

Barb and I own a sailboat that we season at the Harbor Centre Marina and winter at Manitowoc Marina.