

Genoa Township Voters,

I will be voting to retain Rick Soucy as the Genoa Township Clerk in the August 4th primary, and I'm asking you to join me in doing so.

When the previous clerk resigned, Clerk Soucy was the only Trustee to step forward to interview for the position at a time when our new board needed stability. Upon his appointment, Rick quickly selected candidates to rebuild the Clerk staff from existing resume submissions. Following interviews, he hired two people with extensive experience within the Clerk world. He then quickly immersed himself in every educational opportunity he could to learn the many aspects and duties that being Clerk entails. These decisive actions culminated in Genoa Township having its "cleanest" election certification by the Board of Canvassers in many years during the May 4th special election, at which Genoa Township had the highest voter turnout of all municipalities involved.

Retaining Rick and continuing to maintain the stability he brought to the Clerk's office when it was most needed will prevent Genoa Township from having to spend thousands of dollars to train a 3rd Clerk and select our 3rd Deputy Clerk in 3 years. It will also retain the excellent staff he has put in place to ensure elections in Genoa are safe, secure and professionally administered.

While other candidates speak in platitudes and drop catchy political soundbites with no details, I have not seen any specific concern related to his actual performance in fulfilling the duties of being Township Clerk. One of the main reasons I supported Rick's appointment to this important position last November was his extensive managerial experience from many years as both a business owner and executive. Hiring quality people, understanding what they need to excel at their job, and possessing the ability to handle unexpected situations quickly and effectively are must have traits when you hold a leadership position. Clerk Soucy checks each of those boxes, while also acting with a calm, thoughtful demeanor and diligently preparing to discuss every agenda item that comes before the Board.

For these reasons, I will be checking the box to retain Rick Soucy as Genoa Township Clerk in the August 4th primary, and I ask you to do the same.

Thank You,
Kevin T. Spicher
Owner, Spicher Services
Genoa Charter Township Supervisor