

# **SPEAK Des Plaines**

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**Name:** Ed Beauvais

**Candidate for:** Maine Township Highway Commissioner

## **Describe the roles and responsibilities of the position you are seeking.**

I would be responsible for maintaining/improving roadway infrastructure, improving the quality of life of Township residents and solving issues as they arise quickly and efficiently. This position is also responsible for determining if line items of the Highway Department are budgeted for correctly and making additions and cuts where necessary. Working with other government agencies, Township Officials and in collaboration with residents is essential to be successful in this position!

## **What experience and background do you have which qualifies you for this position?**

I have worked at the Maine Township Highway Department as a front line worker seasonally for 10 years. I participated in plowing, sewer reconstruction, repaving projects, chipping and all other duties a Highway Department employee was involved in. I was also a Township Code Enforcement Officer who worked within our unincorporated neighborhoods with residents and other Township officials to improve living conditions. I have 4 years of budgeting experience and have volunteered as a flood volunteer, mentor and been involved in many youth programs throughout the Township. Currently I am a municipal inspector who understands Zoning and Code compliance is an integral part of the community image. With my time at Maine Township people do and should come first!

## **If elected, what are your top three priorities?**

1-Meet with and be available to residents of various neighborhoods in the Township to brainstorm about beautification projects the Highway Department can be involved in especially along major thoroughfares to improve our neighborhood image.

2-Seek additional grant funding to assist with the all so common issue of flood control in the unincorporated area.

3- Work to ease congested neighborhood street parking and work directly with code enforcement to uphold the community standards.