

Dear Council Applicant,

Attached is the brief 7 item questionnaire that I spoke to everyone about via phone. It is an attempt to both streamline the interview process and give current Council members more insight into each applicant. To be clear, these questions were developed by me and this is not a joint effort. That is to say that this is not an official Council sanctioned part of the interview process. Although my plan is to make the answers available to all of Council once they are returned. Although it is a short turnaround time, I would like your answers back by Monday at noon.

Questionnaires should be returned electronically to Kathy Hoskinson our Clerk of Council at: khoskinson@ci.pataskala.oh.us

I believe that the questions are self-explanatory, but I am always available to speak to you. My cell # is 614-805-7387.

Finally, let me thank each of you for caring enough to apply for this job. It is an extremely busy and exciting time for Pataskala. As a result, serving requires significant time and effort and I am personally grateful that we have so many qualified citizens willing to step up!

Sincerely,

Tim Hickin

Pataskala City Council Applicant Questions - Broering

1) Is there a cause, event or subject that made you apply for this opening?

There are a few smaller events that led to my application:

- When we first moved to Pataskala, my son had locked himself with keys and cell phone in my mother in law's van. In a panic, she flagged down the next vehicle who drove by, which happened to be Mayor Compton. He called the on-duty police officer who came over and unlocked the van. A few weeks later, Mayor Compton stopped by and asked how Andrew was doing. That left a very positive impression with me of what this community was about.
- This past year I attended several zoning meetings about some proposed changes that were near my house. At the November meeting, a resident spoke about how he was opposed to rezoning a property near him for more houses and gave a very insightful and educated explanation of what his concerns were and what he thought the community could become. He gave a history of that area, discussed the watershed, and looked ahead to challenges we will face such as climate change and the need for more local food production. After that meeting, I left with a direction of how I could make a difference in our community.

- I was encouraged by several of my neighbors, who are also involved with the city, to apply. They also share a similar philosophy of keeping Pataskala rural and have been very supportive of this.
- 2) Please tell me about your complete history of volunteering in your community. What is your philosophy on volunteerism and how it works with a city?

Active:

- a. Cub Scouts
 - i. Den leader at Pack 4026 at Summit Station
 - ii. Recently took the scouts to a nursing home in Pataskala to perform a magic show and tell jokes.
 - iii. Helped spread mulch at Karr Park
 - iv. Volunteered for several years at Cub Scout Day Camp – last year as a leader
- b. Help teach karate at Van Frasher’s Champion Karate in Gahanna
- c. Sing/Play guitar in choir at church

Past volunteering:

- a. Chaperone for Licking Heights 5th Grade Field Trip to Glen Helen
- b. Volunteering through KEMBA including:
 - i. The Furniture Bank of Central Ohio
 - ii. Habitat for Humanity ReStore
 - iii. Gahanna Parks including Hannah Park and Creekside Park
 - iv. Making Blankets for Ronald McDonald House
 - v. Habitat for Humanity – house building
 - vi. Mid-Ohio Foodbank
- c. Started Environmental Stewardship group at my church
 - i. Energy audit
 - ii. Replaced incandescent bulbs with CFLs
 - iii. Switched to compostable dinnerware and utensils
 - iv. Implemented Recycling program
 - v. Earth Day Cleanup
 - vi. Cool Congregations Program – house meetings
 - vii. Growing plants to give away for Welcome Week at OSU
- d. ESTEEM Mentor at my church (Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission)
 - i. Goal is to keep young adult Catholics engaged and teach them how to effectively use their skills as Catholic lay leaders at their own parishes after they graduate
- e. Raised a community garden plot in Westerville to donate food to W.A.R.M.

I feel that volunteerism is very important to a city. It helps the residents become connected to the city and creates friendships and relationships with people that wouldn’t have otherwise met. It’s good for children to see their parents volunteer and participate with them when possible to build the culture of volunteering. I’ve also found that I get more out of volunteering than the service I am offering. I’ve found that people sometimes don’t volunteer because of a concern of a big time commitment, so volunteer opportunities should be available for a variety of commitment levels when possible to help overcome these concerns. I’ve also found that personal invitation to volunteer makes a bigger impact than a blanket ask for volunteers.

- 3) If placed in this position would you intend to run again when the term is up?
Yes, if I feel that I am making a difference in the community and it continues to fit in my work/family life balance.
- 4) In your opinion what is the #1 issue that Pataskala is dealing with currently? Why?
One of the biggest challenges in Pataskala is anticipating the future needs of the community, particularly with how to handle the rapid growth we are currently seeing and that is projected for Central Ohio and Pataskala and how to balance maintaining Pataskala's rural nature and protecting farmland with housing, schools, and development. Along with that, we also need to anticipate other changes such as affordable and renewable energy, energy conservation, climate change, and emerging technologies. Community planning to anticipate these needs will allow us to better use our financial resources and to get ahead of these changes instead of trying to catch up to them. The draft comprehensive plan is laying the foundation for this by encouraging a walkable community, local food production, and anticipating the needs of residents.
- 5) Please describe your philosophy regarding development and how it affects Pataskala
Based on previous surveys and the draft comprehensive plan, the majority of residents in the community want Pataskala to remain rural. We also moved here in 2014 for its rural feel. However, I realize that Pataskala is growing and we need to have strong guidelines in place to preserve the rural nature but to allow the city to grow. I reviewed the draft comprehensive plan and agree with nearly everything in it such as the establishment of a city core and making the community more walkable. I am a strong supporter of local businesses over chain establishments. This builds strong community character and keeps money in the region instead of exporting it elsewhere. We need to be selective on which opportunities we take and not compromise our values. I believe that constraints placed should not stifle opportunities but pave the way for better design.
- 6) Generally, the departments of the city are listed below. (excluding Finance) Please rank them in order of importance to you:

Drainage/Water and Sewer/Police & Protection/Parks and Rec./Roads/ Development

- 1) Police & Protection
 - 2) Development
 - 3) Roads
 - 4) Water and Sewer
 - 5) Parks and Rec
 - 6) Drainage
- 7) If the annual city budget was \$100 how much money would you assign to each department (I am roughly looking to see what percentage of 100 you would assign to each subject)
- a. Police & Protection – \$30
 - b. Development - \$15
 - c. Roads - \$20
 - d. Water and Sewer - \$20
 - e. Parks and Rec - \$10
 - f. Drainage - \$5