

State of the Village of Edgerton
Delivered by the Mayor
January 6th, 2020

Local Government is in place to 'serve' its community, not to be served by the community. We are in place to serve the many not the few. As mayor I will be having office hours at Village Hall. Feel free to stop and visit *your* Village Hall, we have good staff in place that are willing to help you. We may not always be able to accommodate you completely but we can always listen.

There is an excitement in the village over my proposal of developing the Town Park beyond where it is today. I want Brent Dennis on a visit to Ohio to come and give us some insight on a process to move forward. **Let's do something in Edgerton that will live beyond us.**

Areas that I want local government to examine/explore this year are as follows:

A) Partnering with local groups in the area of unsightly properties and approaches to the village. I have begun to contact church groups that are willing and waiting to receive permission from owners to help clean areas up. Possibly using school groups as well, receiving partial school credit?

B) Put in place a plan for a Sidewalk Program that will prioritize safe passage for our students to get to and from school. Presently, of 7 arteries that lead to our school, 4 have no sidewalk on either side of the street, 2 has a sidewalk on one side of the street. Our children are walking on the roads, in the dark, at times on icy snowy roads while traffic is flowing by. We can work to do better for our students.

C) Asking Council along with the Mayor to lower our salaries over the next two elections by \$2,000 for the Mayor and \$1,000 for Council to generate funds that can be used for Park & Recreation Projects. When fully implemented it would produce \$8,000 a year.

D) I am wanting to involve Council Members to be more of an investigative arm of local government through active Committees that will help gather information for our Village Administrator & Fiscal Officer to free them up and possibly speed up the legislative process for Council.

E) Although a former Village Administrator promised to roll back the income tax increase once the debt was erased, it hasn't happened. There is not consensus on Council to change it. But I want to apologize to the community for not following through on the promise.

F) Update our Village webpage and create a Facebook page to partner and communicate with the taxpayers of Edgerton.