

# Woodridge First Party



## NEWS

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### THE WATER REFERENDUM

It is time for the Woodridge First Party to clarify several points regarding its stand on this vitally important issue:

- 1) The First Party's position has been, is now, and will be: "Purchase the Water Works When Proven Economically Feasible" -- nothing more and nothing less.

The First Party has NEVER, repeat, NEVER taken the position that we should not buy the Water Works, contrary to what some people believe, or have "read into" the statements of the First Party.

- 2) The recent referendum the village residents voted on February 1 was merely a means to allow you, the village residents, an opportunity to express YOUR POINT OF VIEW--a chance to vote on an important issue, rather than have the Mayor and Board ram through another ordinance without consulting or communicating with the village residents.

This referendum could have been brought about by means of a special or extra legal committee or group set up by the administration--if they were in fact interested in obtaining or ascertaining the wishes and desires of the residents. Since the administration made no effort to set up a committee, the referendum was forced by the Woodridge First Party.

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### ANOTHER WOODRIDGE FIRST ! Party Elects Candidates

Sunday, January 26, 1969 marked a turning point in village political affairs. For the first time in the village's ten year history, a free Democratic Political Caucus was held. The Woodridge First Political Party held this caucus to select their Mayoral candidate, candidates for Trustees, and Village Clerk.

The Party membership, members from all sections of the village, met and nominated individuals whom they thought would best represent them, the Party, and the village in the village government. After a question and answer session of the individuals who were nominated and the full Party membership, secret ballots were cast for Woodridge First's Mayoral candidate, and four candidates for Trustee along with a candidate for Village Clerk. These candidates will stand against the opposition in the village's general election on April 15, 1969.

The candidates are as follows:

For Trustee:

Pat Burns, 6409 Winston Drive

Wm. Cagel, 2538 Ravinia Lane

Wm. Riley, 6406 Halsey Drive

Patrick Maloney, 7602 Larchwood

For Village Clerk:

Loraine Pietrini, 7804 Valley View

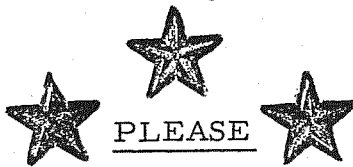
For Mayor:

Charles Martin, 6323 Bradley Drive

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3) A thorough analysis of the First Party position will show all intelligent voters that the First Party believes the village residents should have an opportunity to look at, and digest the true and authenticated facts, not merely listen to statements of opinion by a financial "consultant", but above all else, not have to be subjected to the drivel being issued by the administration as "fact sheets" that even after a close inspection show not one single fact!

- A) What will the eventual cost be? Will we buy for \$2.5 million, 4.5 million or 10.5 million?
- B) What condition is the system in? What have the maintenance costs been? (Some sections are now 10 years old.)
- C) What are the projected maintenance and replacement figures? Will there be any special assessments?
- D) What provisions are to be made for the development of the industrial area and future residential sites?
- E) Who, exactly, will manage and operate the Waterworks and what will his salary be?



THINK THINK THINK THINK

DO NOT BE MISLED BY THE VAGUE HALF TRUTHS BEING PRESENTED AS "FACT" BY CERTAIN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

ELECTION TIME IS APRIL 15 ---- REGISTER NOW AND VOTE!!!!

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We, the Party, are truly gratified that enough interested citizens from all sections of the village have joined Woodridge First Party to make this event possible. We hope that in the coming weeks all citizens will become interested enough in village government to join a party, study the issues, and listen to all candidates that are interested enough to commit themselves to run for office, so that on April 15 each voter can honestly and intelligently make his own decision as to what is best for Woodridge.

The past (and we might add somewhat sordid history of village politics) shows that when a man decides he wants to be Mayor of the village, he gathers around a few select people whom he wants as Trustees. He decides to promise to the residents, and any workers that he can "con" into working for him and his Trustees, anything that they think will get them elected and proceed to run for office. Once elected, all platforms are forgotten, he knows that the people are busy with their everyday life and will not "bother" him as long as he doesn't inadvertently "stir up too many waves" and he will do as he pleases until the next election comes around.

The Woodridge First Party, a strictly village party, with no alignments with National, State, or County political parties, (no alignments are permitted by the party's by-laws and rules) is here in the village to stay as a permanent living organization. The Party has grown in membership in the last several months and will continue to grow.

We proudly place our candidates before the voters as true representatives of a large group of people elected in the true sense of the democratic process of selecting leaders. They were selected honestly and have dedicated themselves, with the Party, of bringing Honest Government, by the people and for the people to the village of Woodridge. We urge you to get to know them, you will find that their aims and aspirations are the same as yours, and above all, they want to get to know you and hear what your ideas are for the government of the village. They want to be your representatives.

**EDITORIAL****Pledge No. 1**

On Saturday, February 1, 1969, 1153 residents of the village spoke for all of the people of the village, on the referendum for the purchase of the Woodridge Sewer and Water Company.

1002 voted yes for the purchase at a price of \$2,500,000.00  
151 voted no

These are unofficial returns that have not been certified as of this writing.

Those residents who were qualified to vote and for various reasons did not go to the polls and vote, should pause and consider their reasons for not doing so.

Woodridge is your village. The largest single investment that you will make as individuals was made when you purchased a home. The village is where you chose, for whatever period of time, to live and raise your children; and yet, for each one's personal reasons they chose either to vote or to stay away from the polls.

You all take an active part in your family life, your occupation, your social and religious activities, your schools, because these are the things that make your life full. Your village is a very important part of your life because you have made this village your home. Therefore, you must exercise your rights as a resident of this village.

As we have seen, so many times, if you, each of you, do not become involved, your apathy will result in nothing more than permitting the "other guy" to make decisions for you. Obviously, then, things are going to be done the way the "other guy" wants them done, and be damned with what you want for yourself and your family.

Would you let someone else tell you how to run your home? If not - why let someone else tell you how to run your village?!!  
Come forth and be heard-----Don't let others speak for you!!!

We, the candidates of the Woodridge First Party, pledge to the residents of Woodridge that at the present time we are not engaged in any business or personal activity that will in any way conflict with the interests of the Village Government or the interests of the village as a whole.

We further pledge that after we are elected to office we shall not engage in business or personal activities that will conflict with the interests of the Village Government or the interests of the village as a whole.

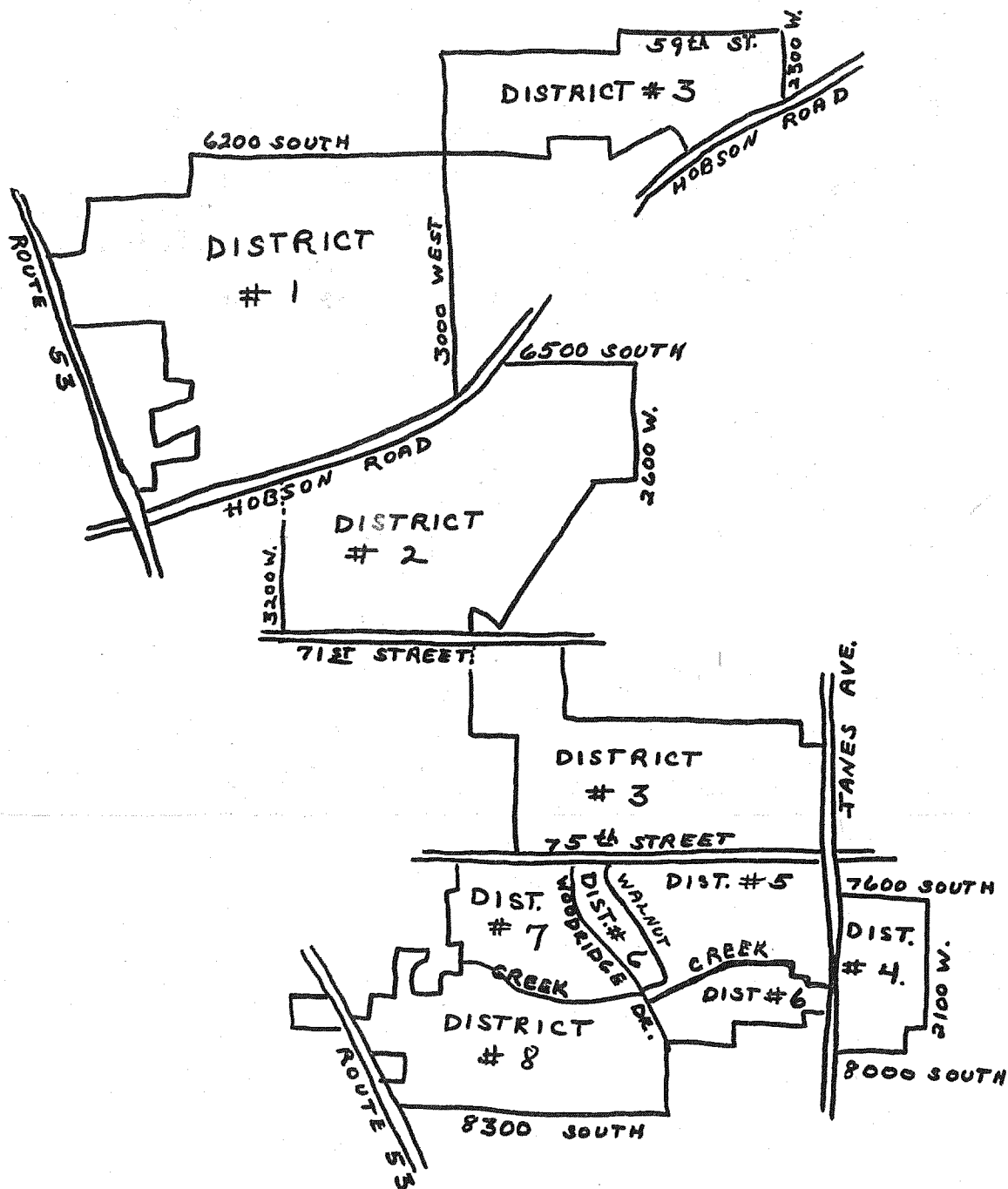
Due to the growth and expansion of the village of Woodridge each of the candidates specifically pledge to all the residents of the village that we are not presently connected or associated with a realtor and/or developer and, if by chance or necessity of livelihood, we do become associated with a realtor and/or developer, we shall resign from the office to which we are elected.

We further pledge that we will always be mindful of the principle in making any appointments to the various branches, commissions, and committees that make up the Village Government.

We believe that elected and appointed officials must serve the people with no thought or desire of personal monetary gain from our elected or appointed position of government when private enterprise desires to transact business of any nature with the Village Government.

**Please Note !! ...**

It has been brought to our attention that many residents of the Village have associated the Woodridge Minute Man News with a nationally known organization called the "MINUTEMEN". The Woodridge First Party has never had any connection with this organization whatsoever, nor do any of our present members have or had any connection with the organization in question. To keep the record **straight**, we've changed our name to the Woodridge First Party News.



DIST. # 1 - TOM SWEENEY - 6410 WINSTON DR.	-	968-1458
DIST. # 2 - NICK HAVILAND - 6929 MARTIN DR.	-	969-0334
DIST. # 3 - BRUCE SHUERGER - 7215 CATALPA	-	964-1364
DIST. # 4 - TONI BURKE - 7821 S. VALLEY VIEW	-	971-3125
DIST. # 5 - WALLEY HANSEN - 2530 CROBTREE	-	969-2770
DIST. # 6 - ADELORD COTEY - 7837 CATALPA	-	968-1572
DIST. # 7 - DAVE CALLAHAN - 7734 WESTVIEW	-	969-1676
DIST. # 8 - BOB RENAUD - 2732 EVERGLADE	-	964-1838