

## **Township – Pauline Bennett – Addison Township**

**Pauline Bennett** has dedicated three decades to serving her community as an elected Township Clerk, building a career defined by integrity, transparency, and an unwavering commitment to public service. Her journey in municipal government began in the early 1990s as a Planning Commissioner, where she discovered a passion for local government and community engagement. In 1996, she ran for and was elected Township Clerk — a position she has proudly held for 30 years.

Throughout her tenure, Pauline has demonstrated steadfast dedication to the Clerk’s profession. She earned her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation as well as Zoning Administrator Certification, further strengthening her expertise in statutory responsibilities and land use matters. Long before it became common practice, she prioritized transparency by uploading meeting minutes, board packets, and agendas online to ensure residents had open access to public information. She continues to champion digital record retention initiatives and environmentally responsible development practices, recognizing the importance of protecting communities served by well and septic systems.

Pauline’s leadership extends well beyond her township. She has been an active member of her County Clerks Association and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, valuing the shared knowledge and collaboration these organizations provide. Her deep involvement with the Michigan Township Association (MTA) began at the local chapter level, where she served as President before advancing to the MTA Executive Committee. In 2023, she was elected President of the Michigan Township Association — a historic and proud moment she dedicated to her fellow clerks across the state.

Committed to youth and community development, Pauline has served on the Oxford Addison Youth Assistance Board since the late 1990s and continues to advocate for young residents, including efforts to secure funding for new recreational opportunities.

Known for leading by example, Pauline promotes honesty, responsiveness, and professionalism in every interaction. She fosters a welcoming environment for residents of all backgrounds and political affiliations and takes great pride in training and supporting her election workers to ensure smooth, successful elections. Her leadership philosophy is rooted in service — to residents, to voters, and to the oath she has upheld for 30 years.

Pauline Bennett’s career reflects sustained excellence, principled leadership, and a lifelong commitment to the democratic process.

