

Biography for Village Clerk of the Year Candidate Becky Austin

Becky became Clerk of the Village of Vermontville in 2020, where she had previously served as a council member. Becky's tenure began with immediate challenge, taking office following the resignations of all village staff. As a new Clerk in the dawn of remote meetings and virtual trainings, she faced further adversities navigating this role.

Becky obtained her MiPMC designation after completing the Clerk's Institute. She also finished a Michigan Master Planner course, with a goal to achieve certification as a Zoning Administrator. She regularly attends training through the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and the Capital Area Municipal Clerks Association. Becky's community involvement is illustrated by her work with the Eaton County Recycling Program and the Women's Club of Vermontville. She also serves as a volunteer at the local food pantry.

Becky's achievements of which she is most proud include diligent budgeting and acquisition of grants. She was instrumental in the receipt of a nearly \$300,000 grant to assist with much-needed funding for water infrastructure. She is also proud of her efforts to "bridge the gap between residents and the County Building Department", as the Village of Vermontville performs its own zoning.

Becky considers her problem-solving, communication and organizational skills among her greatest strengths. She goes above and beyond to provide information to those seeking it, and is committed to obtaining more knowledge as Clerk. Becky acknowledges that her outstanding performance is not hers alone, but is shared by the Village of Vermontville as a whole.

Becky was nominated by Rodney Harmon.

