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Candidate Questionnaire

D) If the economy continues on its current path what is the first step you would take to reduce spending? Would you cut jobs in that effort?

The first step would be to review the proposed budget and make any adjustments to expenditures by controlling non-essential purchases until the economy recovers.

How, specifically, can voters distinguish your approach from your opponents' on economic development? On job growth?

I am in favor of growth especially in the commercial sector and secondly in affordable housing eg apartments & condos for first time buyers & empty nesters.

Please list a few ways you would encourage new businesses to locate to Elburn. Do you believe financial incentives, such as tax rebates, are a good tool for commercial development, or should they be used sparingly?

Tax incentives would be a good thing to explore but more importantly making the downtown more attractive by offering businesses matching funds for rehabbing and updating.

How will the village deal with issues associated with its aging waste water treatment plant (upgrades and/or a new plant and expansion of the facility) and related residential flooding? How do you propose funding these needs?

The sources of the flooding and infiltration are being identified through extensive research and survey information. Once these studies are completed repairs can begin. Funds to upgrade the wastewater treatment have been requested from the grant stimulus package.

Increases in water rates will need to be considered to defray some of the costs of maintenance & repair, however these should be incremental over the next few years.

Continued — w/ regard to job cuts — cutting jobs would be the last way. I would control spending. Cross training employees and unpaid leave would be 1. This approaches I would want to consider

What will your administration do to revitalize the downtown?

I propose that we increase the budget for facade grants to allow more businesses to improve their buildings street appeal. Create a plan to improve sidewalks & add planters and new street lighting.

What other issues do you believe will shape the city over the next four years?

Continue to maintaining the charm of the existing downtown while working with developers to expand the TOD at Metra with connectivity to main street. Welcome new businesses and



residents and continue to provide the best services to those already living in Elburn. Continued effort to work with our congressional officials to bring every available dollar to help support our infrastructure, pursue high quality affordable housing shopping opportunities for our residents, make our town a place to be and meet our friends & neighbors by providing a sense of community.

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