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SUMMARY

More than fifteen years of local government experience with expertise in the following areas:

- Operations and Project Management
- Labor Relations
- Customer Service
- Union Negotiations
- Strategic Planning and Operations Analysis
- Financial Operations and Budget

An innovative leader with demonstrated organizational, analytical and communications skills. Experienced in managing change and specializing in turnarounds. Achievement-oriented with foresight; a dedicated team player who can work independently within the organizational framework.

RELEVANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Township Administrator, Township of Wantage

2019-Present

Wantage is a township with a population of 11,200 covering approximately 69 square miles. It is in Sussex County, New Jersey (population 148,000). Wantage has over 800 farm parcels and over 225 lanes miles of roads.

Duties and Responsibilities as Township Administrator:

- Chief executive officer of a municipal government with 40 employees and a \$7 million budget. Oversight responsibility for the following functions: roads, stormwater drainage, parks, recreation, planning, zoning, finance, general services, and personnel.
- Administration of the Townships day-to-day operations as well as identification and resolution of long-range issues.
- Preparation and administration of the Townships operating and capital budgets.
- Negotiation with public and private sector entities on a variety of issues ranging from economic development and growth to service contracts.
- Responsible for the Townships compliance with County, State and Federal regulations such as health, environmental and Labor Laws.

Achievements:

- Restored morale and built a high-performance employee team.
- Restored financial integrity to the Capital Budget and Open Space funding.
- Replaced general obligation bonds with long term financing.
- Upgraded out dated security camera system to ensure safety and well being of employees of the township. Updated outdated computer system with newer technology to ensure a safe cyber work space.
- Awarded over \$2,000,000 in Grants for variable projects including Pickleball Courts, Stormwater Management and Road Improvements.

Borough Administrator/Director DPW/Water and Sewer Manager**Sussex Borough****2015-2019**

As one of Sussex County's smallest communities with a population of 2100 and one square mile Sussex Borough is unique. Sussex Borough maintained its own Water and Sewer System that provided service to 800 homes and commercial buildings

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Chief Financial and Administrative Officer for a Borough of 10 employees. My direct responsibility included management oversight of 10 employees and the following functions: Labor-Management Relations, Finance (accounting, budget and procurement), Administration (planning, operations analysis, general services and personnel), and the Department's the Borough's Water and Sewer utility.
- Accounting for \$2.4 million in revenues and ensuring compliance with local and federal law as well as generally accepted accounting principles.
- Development and implementation of a \$3.5 million operating budget.
- Oversight of the Borough's 800 water and sewer user fees which generate \$2,500,000 annually.

Achievements:

- Dramatically updated an outdated Water Treatment Plant including updating CAD cards, updating outdated lift pumps, improving the flocculation basins, updating the security system to comply with Federal Laws and ensure cleanliness within the Water Towers.
- Dramatically updated the Boroughs Sewer system by replacing outdated sewer pipes, updating the sewer system station with updated and more efficient lift pumps and updating the CAD system for the sewer pump controls.
- Developed and implemented a long-range plan strategic plan to ensure the Water and Sewer system operates efficiently.
- Led the development and introduction the update of a cloud-based Water meter reading system which led to a \$1,000,000 increase in collections due to outdated broken meters.
- Received more than \$5,00,000 in Grants to help sustain an efficient Water and Sewer System.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Hardyston Township NJ**2007-2015**

Hardyston Township is in Rural Sussex County New Jersey over 44 square miles. Hardyston Township is home to 6 well-known golf courses and one of them ranked nationally.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Direction of the Township owned Parks and Shared Service Town Parks.
- Management of the day-to-day efforts of 5 employees and a budget of \$350,000.
- Ensures safe and secure playgrounds.
- Ensures each field was safe and free of debris for youth sports.
- Oversaw the upgrades to Playground facility and youth sport fields

Achievements

- Recognized at Mayor and Committee meeting for excellence of park maintenance.
- Developed/implemented a schedule to be more efficient
- Great working relationship with youth Sports groups to ensure all fields and park met all standards within the program.

Laborer Sparta Township**2005-2007**

Sparta Township is the 3rd largest Municipality in Sussex County. Sparta Township is home to one of the most prestigious lakes in New Jersey Lake Mohawk. Sparta Township was my first Township job.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Manual Labor, Paving, Storm Drain repair, Snow Plowing and Mowing

EDUCATION

Walden University

BA Public Administration

Emphasis on financial operations, organizational development, and Federal Law.

Sussex County Community College

AA in Criminal Justice

Majored in Criminal Justice

Certified Public Works Manager M-1994

Continuing Education

Completed courses in planning, project management and information systems project management through Rutgers University

PERSONAL

Married, proud father of 2 sons. I am very involved with my community; I served as the President of Wallkill Valley Youth Football and Cheer, President of Wallkill Valley Youth Basketball Program, I was part of the Hardyston Township Recreation Committee and served on the Hardyston Township Board of Education. In 2022 I received the First Annual Wallkill Valley Youth Football and Cheer Ranger Leadership Award.