

<b>68. Biggest Challenge</b>
Balancing controlled growth, while not being too restrictive
Construction of a new High School. Considering the economic condition of many middle and lower income township residents and the recent rejection of three school levy within and just outside Trumbull County, the HLSD, a mainstay of Howland Township, will have the insurmountable task of passing new school issues.
? I am not sure
Crime
The upkeep of the community.
Maintaining the quality of our school system with the mandate to have open enrollment to ensure state funding. I fear we may lose the elite system to other communities children.
Putting a cap on the overcrowding. I realize all the township is concerned about is getting more money however, many people are not interested in living in a township overrun buy businesses and prefer a more relaxing atmosphere withoug bumper to bumper traffic every weekend. This short-sighted path of destruction will cause a migration of residents north to Cortland or out to Fowler or Vienna just like the Boardman residents moved to Columbiana and Canfield and Poland.
The Trustees need to be more acessible and flexible.Get out in the community. Visit and support businesses.
Keeping the services that we have and real estate taxes low.
economy <input type="checkbox"/>
lack of jobs
Loss of the medical businesses due to cuts in insurance coverages i.e. cuts in tax base.
We need politicians and boprad members that are from howland than care about howland. We don't need people from girard or liberty making desicions for a community that isnt even theirs.
Fiscal responsibility,School building upgrades
retaining and/or attracting industrial tax base to support township services and programs; if the bond issue does not pass, 5 years from now, parents will be looking at other communities for opportunities for their children's education. Also, you need to create a protective atmosphere to keep Howland attractive, BUT must be conducive to business so STUPID things like Sheetz annexing to Warren does not happen.

Due to the economic problems in this area, I would say even trying to maintain the good that we have now will be difficult.
Housing foreclosures and unemployment- if people can't find jobs here they may move elsewhere, leaving empty houses and closing businesses.
The economy, open enrollment, community sustainability/image.
Retaining people as in other areas.. Empty homes are now appearing in all the sub-divisions.□
Howland, as well as the whole area should have affordable, active, over 55 adult communities as found in Florida and Arizona..I am miffed as to why an area contractor has not looked at this style of living.. everything is geared to assisted living, and we are living longer now..Even Sun City is active all over the Chicago area..
hopefully, an FBI investigation of the corruption and nepotism plaguing the township.
To maintain/extend business & commercial development while improving traffic flow and safety.
keeping people from moving into a nicer area
Make a plan for the future that is non-intrusive to the residents. Howland administration should not dictate services such as gas, electric, garbage, etc. Aggregation plans are a nice alternative, but should not replace free choice. Zoning should improve the ability of businesses in Howland to compete, not hinder them based on pure aesthetic considerations.
Keeping population and jobs in Howland
How to keep a quality school system
A NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION
Attracting more business both large and small. An industrial park needs to be developed. We need a new highschool/bond issue.
Fighting annexation and keeping residents here as well as attracting new residents.
speed limit enforcement...people realizing that they had better not speed in Howland or one will receive a citation
retaining families--having a reason for people to stay here
STOP ANNEXING
Affordable utilities and jobs.
Economics

1) Once the economy returns to growth - keeping commercial/retail in tow, since they like to grow haphazardly. □
2) Residential is slowing due to space limitations, thus tax growth will also slow to continue government services. □
3) Keeping Warren City from encroaching any more into the township. How to handle JEDDs will be the next challenge from Warren and/or Niles.
Upkeep of current commercial buildings
Maintaining schools and safety forces as tax base continues to decrease.
For the township to save money
Attracting new business; keeping the housing areas affordable so that middle class areas can be maintained.
Attracting young families to the area especially away from places like Poland and Canfield
population growth, keeping people here who care
keeping young professionals in the area
population decline
Zoning/appearance. Look at Poland/Canfield area. Clean and well thought out areas
getting rid of the leadership that is taking care of their little special interest group, □
stopping the additional loss of territory to Niles and Warren thru unsound zoning restrictions.
regional employment
maintain tax base
keeping youth her
Taking abandoned buildings and either taking them down or selling to a new business
Growth.
job retention in the area
Challenging citizenry to support School Levies.
provide services without raising taxes
jobs tax base school system
new growth and how to adapt to that growth
Energy costs.
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Traffic/growth. Howland Corners and 48 near 82 is becoming very crowded. There are many accidents in both areas.
holding people here with the economy
Young people leaving town and the aging population that is left.
Funding for the township.
Keeping neighborhoods from deteriorating
keeping residents here
A growth plan. It seems that commercial and residential building is being approved throughout the township without a vision as to how such growth will impact the community 5,10, etc. year into the future.
Keeping people here; trying to convince everybody that their houses are worth more simply because they are in Howland, a World Class Community where water and sewer are not available to all
Getting people to stay here. What jobs will our children have?
The biggest challenge without a doubt is the fact that we continue to lose our young.
Funding for school to rebuild, or renovate appropriately.
money to pay for amenities
Job/population loss due to weak economy and rising energy costs, which have an impact on the cost of most goods and services.
getting tax money to do anything but continue the same path
Money from the government
economy, success of levies, property values.
Real Estate market in housing and commercial sites will need planning. Due to the economy empty commercial buildings/offices are a depressing image. Maintaining township finances due to dropping population and tax base will necessitate close supervision of finances and stewardship of resources.□

Population; the community being able to pay to maintain good public services and keep the community looking vibrant and nice. Zoning issues will challenge this community with aesthetics being challenged by a "too eager" need to bring in new business! Being able to handle the slowly worsening "run down" housing situation with demolition procedures, costs. In other words, being able to maintain good services for Howland while keeping the community looking great and at the same time being progressive/innovative with providing new quality of life programs and services!

Growth and traffic flow. As more people move to Howland for the great schools and safe neighborhoods, traffic will continue to become worse and worse. Planners need to take steps now to prevent it from becoming an even bigger problem.

Rental Properties.

Declining population, Aging school buildings, abandoned houses, annexation problems as the City of Warren needs to compensate for their budget deficit. Howland Township administration needs to work cooperatively with Warren to solve our major problems together. What ever goes on in the city eventually will filter outward to Howland.

Traffic control

Budget and the economy. Money to support the present infrastructure!

Reduce school taxes

Traffic and improving school facilities

Loss of jobs, houses and students

Whith open enrollment in the school system and many rental developments the schools are running out of room. The taxes payers are paying for the schools; owners of rental developments can't be paying enough in taxes to cover the students that live in thier development.

property values are high and most of the homes are on the high side so middle class familys cant really afford those prices

The loss of jobs in this area and yet the schools are putting a levy for a new high school because they don't want to wait a few years for state money. I feel it will fail.

Keeping up with the other communities and keeping taxes affordable.

We need term limits for our leadership. For some, these positions are careers. When you have leadership changes, you are more apt to get fresh ideas.

Continuing to grow without cutting corners financially. Sidewalks are expensive for developers, but add SO MUCH to a community feeling.
Improving Howland without chasing residents away with the raising of taxes. I pay quite a bit in taxes and to raise them for just the building of the high school will put a strain on me. With the economy the way it is Howland will face a lot of challenges.
Control commercial blight and related traffic problems. Pass school bond issue.
Funding improvements
keeping people here and attracting new families because of the changing economy
Keeping people here because jobs and schools are facing tough economic times. Our schools need to be updated to keep up a quality education here and keeping education choices available.
Parking and driving/ traffic flow
A new high School
Loss of jobs and ever increasing costs with less income.
Residential growth (especially apartments growth) will over tax the Township resources and increase the cost of services (police, schools, traffic, storm water control, etc.) This has been pointed out and ignored. There needs to be better planning for such growth needs and attention to the cost to the community when allowing growth. Sources of income need to be improved in tandem.
Incorporation allows for taxing of income.
Too much congestion I think the zoning department needs to care about the people who already live here, instead of allowing the building of more apartments and business
Creating a truly sustainable vision that WILL retain tomorrow's young people.
updating school standards---with talking to fellow citizens, people of Howland feel over taxed and seem to not want to vote for school levies. Any new renewal on the ballots will have a very hard time passing.
Getting funding for new schools. The economy is not the best, people will be reluctant to raise taxes.
passing the school levy <input type="checkbox"/>
attracting new businesses - especially near the mall and on Route 46
Traffic problems, annexation

Keeping roads,park maintained -keeping our emts/paramedics at the superb level--keeping people in our whole area- and most of all keeping our schools blgs up to date and our programs at the highest level--unfortunately even in the best of days passing school levies was never easy and a lot of wasted money putting them on the ballot many times over. Many older people felt their kids were out of school so why do they need this expense--now that times are tougher it will be harder -I'm afraid--We actually have too many schools and too many administrators -I think our very biggest problem for our whole area not just Howland is having reasons for people to stay or come to our area-so it doesn't feel like a dead place as sometimes I think it does-we have old people ,but many kids do not return.

Getting anyone to vote for a school levy

Jobs that provide a decent wage. Youth are leaving because of the job situation. Also, trying to work on keeping the cost of utilities down. No more annexiation. The surrounding communities have taken enough of Howland.

Changing the direction of the leadership in the community.

stopping it from losing its small town charm. In the the 10 years we have lived here many new housing have been built. Total disregard to developments that have been here since 1930's. New seems to be the townships plan. I did not buy my house to have a bar disturb my quiet nights or have cars racing down my street to make it to their childs practice at the park. Riff Raff now hang out at the park cussing and fighting in front of young children. You might as well buy up all of rosegarden drive and develop your track housing there.

Not losing the small town feel. With all the new development and stores being over run by commerial projects, it is cause Howland to become more crowded and the road ways are always so packed.

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keeping other dogs out of grass,and raccoon control

the economy. i.e. job losses and the housing market tanking. Why/how are there all of these 300,000+ in an area with such a poor job market.

Property owners can no longer bear the brunt of Howland's financial needs. We need to promote getting money other ways. Howland Schools need to take concessions such as not giving raises every 3 years. I have to take concessions, why can't they? My home is not valued at what it was a year ago and can't afford to keep paying higher and higher taxes! Restructure the school's budget and make the children who play sports pay-to-play. Don't cut bussing which should be non-negotiable.

Creating good paying jobs to where people can support the cost of living in todays word. Enough with the telemarketing jobs and waitress and bartending jobs. Jobs to where you can put in your 40 hours a week and afford to pay the utilities and food and still be able to do some living.
Stopping graffiti in Tiger Town! Route 46 traffic between New Rte 82 and Cortland needs expanded.
Making the storm sewer system work with continued development in low-lying areas
Keeping enough good paying jobs close to or in Howland for our workforce. Having a blend of opportunities for all ages; young, senior and young families to take advantage.
As with all residents...energy costs and job retention/creation in our area to strengthen our tax base.
vacant older housing, crime
keeping present level of services and watching the cost factor.
If Howland doesn't learn to control the amount of commercial business pushing through the township, they will soon find the township ceases to exist and will be swallowed by a strip mall, probably owned by the Cafaro family.
not losing our population-----jobs
keeping young people in the area
keeping industry and tax base. building the new schools.
<b>THE LOST OF RESIDENTS</b>
Traffic may increase
Loitering youth. There was a young man that crossed our backyard and went through the neighbors back yard and went to the street and then walked down the street. He could have just followed the street in front of our house. Why did he cross our back yard? When young people do not respect private property and follow normal jurisdiction guidelines of traveling from one place to the next, it makes me and others wonder if they have other motives. The more rental properties in Howland and low income housing, the more loitering might go on.
Declining home values because of loss of industry
Loss of population. Howland needs to market itself as a more desirable community. and emphasize accessibility, safety and solidity of value. The school system will be key...
Schools, jobs
Failing economy, graduates moving away, lack of higher education among residents

job and housing losses from surrounding plant closures
Maintaining our population base, keeping residents here, keeping next generations here, not allowing Warren to take more of the township, keeping what businesses we have.
School building improvements
Foreclosure and economics. I think that the broad economic picture is likely to stay in a recession for 1 - 2 years. Additionally, I think that the proliferation of funding options (not all reputable) will contribute to the growing rate of foreclosure over the next few years. Finally, with tighter economic budgets, I feel like some of the aesthetics might suffer in that disposable income will not be available to spend on less necessary (cosmetic) fixes.
Keeping the schools' curriculum intact as nearly all local districts have experienced nothing but cuts in the recent years.
Continuing residential/ commercial development without taking away from the natural aesthetic of the community.
TO PREVENT ANNEXATION!
The lack of good paying jobs with such a weak economy.
keeping people here.
Keeping our children from moving away to find jobs.
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keeping our youth here
Job loss at the GM. Packard and Delphi plants. So many of our residents work there that job loss may affect homeowners and then our neighborhoods as well as retail. Bringing new and good jobs close to home.
BARAK OBAMA
Foreclosures, rotting yards and houses
Traffic congestion increasing on 46, Market St, Old 82, and Rt 82.

Keeping it's tax base. Delphi is going, going, almost GONE!□
Getting additional/renewal levies passed
Keeping jobs and retaining younger residents.
keeping upper and middle class citizens in howland.
Jobs
Retention of residents. Not being absorbed by Warren. Maintaining Kent State - Trumbull as a state school not a watered-down community college/trade school.
keeping residents and making it easier for small businesses to start.
traffic control
keeping down crime
Keeping graduating seniors here by offering good jobs.
Crime - I've had things stolen from mail, and know of a recent drug raid/bust. Aside from that, keeping businesses here (doctor offices, restaurants, etc)
money and attracting businesses that pay better than minimum wage.
maintain balance between commercial and residential needs
The biggest challenge will be preventing rental properties from decreasing the value of property in many of our good neighborhoods. Unmaintained foreclosure homes present a problem because of lack of upkeep. Open enrollment will decrease the quality of our schools as it has done to Liberty and Niles. My husband and I are teachers and have seen the effects of open enrollment/ renters have on the quanlity of education a school is able to provide.
I'm not sure
Maintaining what they they already have.
Traffic flow.
Traffic issues.
Add business's
Economy
growth issues

the biggest challenge i would think would be to just be able to keep up on take care of homes in the community
New leaders.
Voting to build a new high school.
Being able to maintain present services with the declining economy.
Job loss
Traffic, the town ship is really getting a lot of traffic, and it is harder to enter the main roads through out the township, I think there will have to be a good traffic study done putting light where they will do the most good. and keeping up the roads.
Try to keep what we have now, we'll never get that good community feeling back. They closed the neighborhood schools.
Keeping all the neighborhoods looking good
retention of teenagers in the howland are who are entering the workforce
Rising costs, loss of jobs, increasing taxes and not trying to be something we are not.
Same as whole area - attracting new business.
keeping our population from shrinking
Resident Retention
Money to continue great programs
abandoned, decaying properties; eroding tax base; voter retaliation against ANY taxes
keeping real estate taxes low.
getting the money to improve everything that needs to be done.
Personally I don't look forward to the building of new schools in Howland. Taxes in Howland are already high; and with new schools, I just may be "taxed" out of Howland!
falling tax base

It is growing too fast. It was once a nice small community where everyone was friendly. Now I feel that it has become more of a "city". Yes, we want to grow...but the traffic and congestion on Rt. 46 and East Market St. is becoming overwhelming.
Keeping up what it has built thus far.
Maintaining residential property values.
Traffic, as we get bigger it gets worse.
Maintaining the the great school image, and the senior area, I don't belong to either place, and the comments about the schools I don't know first hand.□
I'm retired as is my husband, and the taxes we pay are to help maintain and and keep at the same level or above with out more taxes to,slim down in gradual levels, places, things and people where there is an easy out, moving some from one place to another and know what you are doing when it's done. No MOre taxes please!□
DRUGS
Getting decision makers to:□
Think outside the township by locating other communities that have excelled.□
Increase the Information technology infrastructure to allow all residents access to community information.
Traffic control
Retaining residents as the housing and job markets slump continues and folks can no longer afford all the expensive homes in our township. Which in turn will lead to inability to pass needed levies.
Economy. If new schools are to be built, our economy is not able to support that at this time.
traffic on 46 and 82
I couldn't guess. I wish the recycling was mandatory.
Traffic flow in Howland Center is a nightmare during high traffic times. Needs revamped.
budget control
School funding

Probably, money.
Continued growth without proper enforcement of zoning regulations.
passing a levy for schools
Keeping the fine quality that is here with the ever rising costs of maintenance without resorting to tax increases. There are many senior citizens in the community who cannot afford more monies taken out of their pockets.
TRAFFIC!!!!
empty home, traffic flow on route 46
Bad economy - loss of jobs and vacant homes. Employing the youth.
keeping good paying jobs in this township
Updating the schools.
Migration of citizens from the community based on the lack of opportunity and entertainment as well as better education.
Maintaining our population base
The fact that housing is being purchased right now at an all time low---bringing those in that would not typically buy in this area. This is causing many problems not only in our schools, but our parks and streets as well. If we do not figure out a way to control this situation, our wonderful township will no longer be.
Availability of good jobs for both current residents and youg people of our community so they will be able to stay in the area, funding for needed projects, improved housing market to keep homes occupied and in good condition.
Job retention, Traffic congestion, School construction, Property values and forclosures
Loss of gross income fm. working (not retired) families WHILE increasing costs to maintain the Twp. & provide services such as schools, roads, safety, etc.; encroachment of Warren & Ytn.'s crime; empty houses ~ decreasing property values.
Proposed new school buildings

Less working class people, more frail elderly (per overall pop.), and no jobs to keep young adults around.
Uncontrolled Development. Allowing businesses to come in without regard to aesthetics. Permitting businesses like the Waffle House to "mound up" their lot to avoid flooding... but as a result the water drains in the neighborhoods behind these businesses
A balanced approach to "progress" that does not result in overcrowding and congestion.
Maintaining appearance and occupancy of commercial and private property.
Attracting new business
financial problem.
Keeping taxes from becoming higher while maintaining good (but not extravagant) services and improvements. This is the only true way government can attract new businesses.
traffic on route 46- intersection of 46 & 82
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Controlling the growth
SCHOOLS
traffic, lack of land for development
KEEPING RESIDENTS
Encroachment by Warren and Niles - annexation
Developing good job opportunities without erosion of township due to city annexation.
Limited growth for new housing and attracting and maintaining a younger population. Also, trying to keep the large retailers out.
Attracting new Retail & Factory employers. Also, maintenance of Streets, Neighbor-hood Zoning. <input type="checkbox"/>
Homes that will be in foreclosure
Maintaining enough population to attract new industry
Loss of residents due to job transfers out of the area.
GOOD LEADERSHIP
Outgrowing the space we have - traffic -
Keeping quality people to generate excitement among youth toward public service.
Employment opportunities, thus fostering and maintaining the desirability of residing in this area.

Traffic
To slow down foreclosure rates and enforce the banks to take care of these properties in OUR communities. not raising the taxes.
Sewers lines
Keeping living costs within the levels to allow it's current residents & potential new ones to choose to live in the community.
Funding the new high school, continuing to attract new homeowners in light of the area's current economic slowdown
Maintaining the quality of homes and homeowners that we have grown accustomed to over the past years. keeping taxes reasonable. Attracting new businesses
MONEY!! & GETTING ANY ELDERLY TO AGREE TO VOTE YES TO ANY IMPROVEMENTS OR TAXES.
Maintaining the services we have with a declining population and wealth.
maintaining and improving building appearance and landscaping as popluation ages. Try to retain younger families
flooding throughout the township
People opposing any new taxes. Steps must be taken to budget what funds we.
Growing without seeming too congested off of the Howland Corners area. Foreclosures, sales of homes and loss of jobs in the area will be our greatest test. I don't think a bunch of retail stores in this area will be enough to support true long term growth.
With the tight economy I think it may be difficult for people to maintain their standard of living which may lead to foreclosed properties. I hope if a house is foreclosed on Howland can keep the area looking nice.
Actually making some of these improvements or concerns really happen.
The national and local economy is a challenge for many communities. The real estate market has also been on the decline.
Maintaining growth while attracting quality residents, businesses, and investment.

Like all communities, we have to make sure that we do things within a budget. The new recycling program is a great example of providing a great service (recycling) that can save us money on our leaf pickup.

Trying to "green" the community. Many of the residents of the township are older and set in their ways. It may be difficult to get them to open up to more green ideas. It may also be difficult to get some of the younger adults to do this too because many of them are LAZY!!!

Money

building a new school and remaining financially fiscal

the aging of the population

Keeping our youth here to raise their own families. Good jobs for them.

Recession, Delphi absence, lack of capital producing industry - light or heavy, changing from a union, manufacturing mindset to a global, electronic mindset

fixing the schools especially the high school

probably the financing of the Township and the schools

To keep forward progress in the improvements for our community, keeping in mind the rising cost of all items in all of our evryday lives.

Maintaining world class quality with rising economics costs, passage of tax levies to maintain school system as excellent as it is today

Maintaining quality of life and fiscal stability in the face of changing demographics.

People moving out of our township due to lack of jobs.

Traffic flow. It's time to for hard decisions to be made. Access roads need to be built. Side streets need to be opened up to prevent traffic congestion on major ateries.

The financial aspect . with the economy being as it is we already have empty properties (business and residential) and I think those numbers will rise .

Money will always be a challange. Reaching agreements with other government entities who have water so Howland doesn't lose revenue due to anexations. Attracting new business.

Maintaining quality of services in face of increasing prices and costs.
Declining population in this entire area
Trying to maintain services and security in a declining economy without having to raise taxes. Also, keeping reins on the school board to not start building larger and mostly unneeded school facilities which isn't about better education, but money, jobs and job security for the teachers - mostly money in corrupt pockets
keeping our youth.
Economy, Growth, Jobs, keeping people in the community and not move out of the area.
Losing jobs at Delphi and all that comes with it.....
trying to find families that can afford Howlands housing
The new high school
The loss of job opportunities in the area and the means to gain more jobs to keep our tax base and population.
keeping the value of the properties up.
overcomming the financial assult from big oil.
Keeping residents houses athestically kept and bringing in new growth.
traffic
money!!
HAVING WARREN ANNEXING US. WE WILL NOT BE HAPPY IF THEY DO.
Increasing dependence on an aging population to provide tax revenue.□
WHY LIVE IN AN AREA THAT IS DYING!
Keeping schools at a high level

RESOLVING THE FATALITY AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON ROUT 46 NORTH AND SOUTH. PUTTING IN TURNING LANES ALONG NILES/CORTLAND RD. FROM HOWLAND CORNERS TO HARVARD COMMOMS."WHAT A MESS"! NEW HIGH SCHOOL. ELIMINATE BUILDINGS THAT ARE COSTING THE HOME WASTEFUL TAX DOLLARS

I think developing a road system that can successfully handle the people who live here. I assume that is a job for the Township, but don't actually know for sure. The other job is to encourage businesses to settle here that can provide jobs.

Howland needs to be who they are, we are not Canfield, we are not Poland, we are Howland. We have a long way to go to get there, but that's OK Lets be who we are and what we can afford.

Affordable housing, too many homes are forclosing and therefore lowering the value of homes.

Flooding problems.

Growing more crowded for a small town.

How to pay for capital improvements, like schools and infrastructure repairs and improvements.

Jobs and keeping the youngest and brightest of our young people from leaving the area.

home prices dropping

attracting industries/jobs

traffic and excessive speed. People just don't want to live in neighborhoods where they cannot get out of their driveways because of cars cutting through neighborhoods and speeding as they cut through. You back down your driveway and look both ways and see nothing coming. By the time we get out into the road and put our vehicles in drive there is someone flying up the road blowing their horn at us and giving obscene gestures as if we had pulled out in front of them intentionally. How the twp handles the increase in traffic volumes and the speed of said traffic will speak volumes in the future as to the twps commitment to keeping Howland a "World Class Community"

keeping our young adults here

Maintaining a practice of good fiscal management of monies coming to the township.

Decreased taxes from loss of business and depressed housing market.

funds to operate the Twp. as it is now.

annexation, □ monitoring excessive growth on Niles-Cortland Rd corridor □ retaining and developing new businesses
Keeping the young kids from vandalizing all the good the Township does to improve our community. Keeping drugs out!!!
I am a 43 year old female that grew up in the Warren area. When I was young, we all thought Howland was the place to be. It had an awesome reputation! It just always seemed so nice and clean. I know I'm older now and see things differently, but the thrill I experienced when I bought my home in Howland in 1992 is gone. It just seems sad and neglected. I think the biggest challenge will be getting people to come to this area.
Retaining property values and keeping small town charm. □ All of Rt. 46 SE needs to be finished before more commercial property is developed. It has the beginnings of a piecemeal appearance.
Deal with increased population.
jobs, employment opportunities
Maintaining residential tax base.
The biggest challenge is going to keep the good people here. Many people feel as though there is little here to keep them. I worry about open enrollment in our schools and the effect that that has on our children.
We need more industry. We need a tax base to stabilize our finances. But we don't need to increase the taxes so seniors and disabled on fixed income can't afford to live here. Somehow get the people who have empty properties to have an incentive to fix them up. Selling them may be better in a few years.
the fast growth of the community
Making sure that undesirable people are accountable for their actions when disrupting the community. Otherwise, more undesirable people move into the community that has a reputation for being lax, while good people relocate.
TO MANY TAXES AND SEWER SERVICE
TRAFFIC CONTROL

I think that improving the schools without major property tax increases, and developing jobs to keep our young people here would be the biggest challenges.
Overgrowth
keeping the small town feel
Keeping our well educated youth here in our community (too many of our children have left the area in the past 10 - 12 years).
keeping residents in the area due to economy and home value
business development and traffic control rt 46
Home ownership and upkeep. With the economy the way it is some people cannot afford property taxes, let alone their mortgages. Hopefully the area will not see a decrease in property value due to this reason. Alot of homes for sale in Howland Township...