



.... In action

RUSS' BIO

I am a registered Professional Engineer with over 30 years of experience serving various industries, for which I have travelled frequently both nationally and internationally. I am currently employed with Bechtel National working primarily in the Nuclear sector. Together, with my wife Clara (married 30 years) and 21-year-old son Nick, we have lived in Old Town Walkersville for the last 24 years.

In addition to the positions I have held on the various town councils, I have spent a considerable amount of time in volunteer activities for our town's youth. I have had the unique pleasure of being the leader of many fine young Walkersville boys in Walkersville's Cub Scout Pack 1070 and Boy Scout Troop 1070. I was also involved with GVAA Baseball as a Coach, Operations Director and Commissioner of the program.

My wife Clara is the proud owner of Clara L. Winch, CPA, a local accounting firm located in our building (previously the old George Devilbiss GE store in Old Town) across the street from our house. We have set long and deep roots in our beautiful town.

The main reason for this biography is to show that my interests for Walkersville are for the long term. It is with this long-term interest that I am now running for **Walkersville Burgess, and with your vote on September 10th, 2018**, I hope to continue my service to our fine community for many years to come!

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FOR

WALKERSVILLE BURGESS

on

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“Working to Protect Walkersville’s Future...NOW!”

“Working to Protect Walkersville’s Future”. That was the slogan for my Commissioner’s bid when I ran for, and was elected, a Commissioner during the 2008 special election. Over a decade later, the slogan’s relevancy has endured, and my commitment to it has never been stronger!

Walkersville has been through a lot since I started my tenure in 2008. Land use issues, water emergencies, the opioid crisis and numerous other issues have made being an elected official a duty not for the faint of heart.

In this election, as is by our Charter, all seats for Burgess and Commissioner are to be decided by the residents of Walkersville. I hope that I have earned your confidence and ask that I be allowed to continue serving you as the Burgess of Walkersville.

Of note, my re-election would be a continuation of the 20 years of public service to our Town: as a Town Commissioner for ten years, a member of the Walkersville Planning Commission for fifteen years, and a member of the Walkersville Board of Appeals for three years prior (which I Chaired for the last year before being appointed to the Planning Commission).

My Service to Walkersville

- ✓ **Appointed to Appeals Board – 1998**
- ✓ **Served on Appeals Board – 1998 thru 2001**
- ✓ **Chaired Appeals Board – 2001**
- ✓ **Appointed to Planning Commission – 2001**
- ✓ **Served on Planning Commission – 2001 thru 2008**
- ✓ **Elected Commissioner 2008 (Special Election)**
- ✓ **Re-elected Commissioner 2009, 2012 and 2015**
- ✓ **Commissioners Liaison to Planning Commission 2008 thru 2016**

My Service to Frederick County Municipalities

- ✓ **Faithfully attended the Frederick County Chapter of Maryland Municipal League (MML) quarterly meetings since elected in 2008**
- ✓ **Two Term President of Frederick County MML – 2015 thru 2016**
- ✓ **Vice President of Frederick County MML - 2017**

Continuing Education for Public Service

- ✓ **Academy for Excellence in Local Governance - Graduate Fellow-** Obtained from University of MD College Park School for Public Policy

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Issues I am concerned about:

1) **PROVIDING FOR OUR COMMUNITY** – Growth is not preordained, and I do not agree with the “if you don’t grow you will die” developer mentality. Rigid APFO’s (Adequate Public Facility Ordinances) have been adopted to protect our town and the surrounding areas. Water, sewer, schools and emergency response services (fire, rescue, police, etc.) are all necessary infrastructure that must to be in place prior to consideration of growth.

2) **PRESERVING OUR FARMLAND** – Proper land use management i.e. maintaining the agricultural nature of the land around Walkersville, and not allowing it to become diluted by non-agricultural uses is paramount in ensuring our rural nature remains intact, and our infrastructure will not be further strained, if not overwhelmed. I will work to keep our Greenbelt Green!

3) **PROTECTING OUR CITIZENS** – Ensuring that our Resident State Troopers and the Frederick County Police are actively working for our citizens’ best interests. Much of America is reeling from a rampant Opioid and prescription drug crisis, and Walkersville has seen its share. We need to remain vigilant.

4) **BUSINESS RECOGNITION** - Recognizing and bringing more business into Walkersville. The Town needs to do more to promote, retain and develop increased business in Walkersville, and that starts with providing a business-friendly atmosphere.

I love the Town of Walkersville and will continue to work to the best of my ability to keep Walkersville the best place to live in Frederick County!

Asking for your vote in 2018 for BURGESS!

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