

Austin Matthew Borchardt

I am running for Seat Number Three for Ashippun Town Supervisor. I am 30 years old and a lifelong resident of Ashippun. My family has been a part of the township since 1845, giving us more than 180 years in this community.

Public service runs in my family. My third great-grandfather, Abel B. Sanford, served as Ashippun Town Clerk during various years through the mid-to-late 1800s. More recently, my great-uncle, Ernest "Ernie" J. Borchardt, served the town for thirty years as both Town Supervisor and Town Chairman.

I graduated from Oconomowoc High School in 2014 and from Ripon College in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a triple major in Business Management, Economics, and Politics & Government. I currently work as a production supervisor at a manufacturing company in Germantown, Wisconsin.

In the community, I serve as Chairman of the Ashippun Historical Society and I am a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. My faith in Jesus Christ is a central part of my life.

I was first elected an Ashippun Town Supervisor in April 2020. Since then, I have supported increasing road funding to address long-needed repairs. I also supported using ARPA funds to replace the aging HVAC systems in the Town Hall, improve the salt shed, and repaint the "Welcome to Ashippun" signs.

I also maintain annual certification through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to serve on the Board of Review and have participated in several major equipment purchases for the highway department, including a loader, a truck, and a new snowplow truck currently being built.

Ashippun remains a rural community with slow population growth. While development concerns exist, I believe our priority should remain on improving the roads residents use every day. I also have concerns about removing the town from county-level zoning due to increased administrative costs, legal risks, and the likelihood of those costs being passed on in higher taxes for local residents.

Politically, I am socially conservative with strong anarcho-capitalist leanings. I identify with the Austrian School of economics and believe in free markets, limited government, personal responsibility, and the laissez-faire principles described by Adam Smith's "invisible hand."