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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

09/2005- Present **TOWNSHIP OF SCIO**, Ann Arbor, MI

Township Manager. Municipal manager for a general law township of approx 19,500. Duties include re-establishing the position after 8 years of the Township hiatus, overseeing municipal services, preparation and administration of budgets, coordination of departments and commissions/committees, including DDA, personnel, community planning, litigation coordination, risk management, legislative contacts, purchasing, grants, economic development, zoning enforcement, growth management, and general management duties. Current salary: \$ 93,552.

07/2001- 09/2005 **McKENNA ASSOCIATES, INC.**, Northville, MI

Director of Economic Development/Director of Professional Operations. Employed by a private municipal consulting firm that provides varied services to over 220 cities, townships, counties, villages, and private clients. Performed management functions within firm while providing various services directly to numerous clients regarding economic development, community planning and zoning, management assistance, community development, and grants. (Note previous experience with firm below.). Ending salary: \$ 82,750 + bonuses.

06/1992- 07/2001 **TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON**, Brighton, MI

Township Manager. First manager for a township of approx 18,500. Duties over the nine+ years included establishing the manager position as non-political & professional, providing resident services, preparation and administration of budgets, coordination of departments and commissions/committees, personnel, data processing, community planning, litigation coordination, construction project management, risk management, legislative contacts, purchasing, grants, economic development, zoning enforcement, growth management, bond processing, construction of new waste water treatment plant and system, special assessment districts for sewers and roads, computer system manager, et al. Ending salary: \$ 72,300

04/1989- 06/1992 **McKENNA ASSOCIATES, INC.**, Farmington Hills, MI

Principal Planner. Principal Planner in a private municipal consulting firm, providing direct economic development, management assistance, and community planning services to cities, townships, and villages throughout Michigan. Primary client responsibilities included the communities of Beverly Hills, Hamburg Township, Royal Oak Township, Hazel Park, Milan, Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Garden City and others. Ending salary: \$48,400

08/1983- 01/1989 **TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE ILE**, Grosse Ile, MI

Township Administrator (Township Manager). Manager for a township of 11,000, one of five Managers of Townships in the entire State at that time. Duties included preparation and administration of budgets, coordination of departments and commissions/committees, personnel, labor negotiations, data processing, construction project management, risk management, legislative contacts, purchasing, grants, planning, economic development, building and zoning enforcement, personnel, et al. Full

service community: included police and fire services, water and wastewater operations, oversight of industrial park, marina, municipal airport, golf course, and publicly owned subscription recreation club.

03/1981- 08/1983 **CITY OF ROCKWOOD**, Rockwood, MI

City Administrator (City Manager). City Manager for a full service home rule city of 4,500. Duties included the normal management responsibilities listed above along with the development of an industrial park and transfer of wastewater treatment plant operations from Wayne County to City operation and into operating privatization, the first such operation in Michigan.

01/1979- 03/1981 **CITY OF TRENTON**, Trenton, MI

Grants Coordinator. Conceptualized, researched, and prepared, administered, and implemented federal and state grants for a home rule city of 26,000. Position assigned to the mayor's office and included many special projects such as CDBG administration, housing rehabilitation program, land acquisition, community and economic development, CETA, community planning, energy programs, legislative contacts, cable TV franchising.

02/1977- 01/1979 **CITY OF MELVINDALE**, Melvindale, MI

Housing & Community Development Coordinator. Developed, administered, and implemented grant programs for a home rule city of 12,000. Position included significant additional projects and responsibilities within the mayor's office including coordinating CDBG and related housing programs, Master Plan update and Zoning Ordinance update.

08/1977- 01/1979 **WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, Detroit, MI

Instructor (Part time) in the speech & fine arts department.

07/1974- 01/1976 **U.S. DEPT. OF TREASURY**, Southfield, MI

Tax Technician Senior level income tax auditor, instructor, classifier, and tax technician for the Internal Revenue Service. General accounting, general government and accounting experience.

VARIOUS DATES **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

Self-employed part time as the proprietor of an accounting/tax preparation service (1976-1989);
Managing partner of a retail food store (1976-1984);
On-air radio personality (1968-1980);
Various summer employment opportunities during college.

EDUCATION

09/1971- 03/1973 **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** - E. Lansing, MI

Master of Arts.
College of Communication Arts. GPA 3.47.

09/1967- 06/1971 **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** - E. Lansing, MI

Bachelor of Arts [With Honor].

College of Social Science. Study areas: Economics, Political Science, and Psychology. GPA 3.03

Attended high school and grade school in the Detroit Metropolitan area and attended Oakland Community College {accounting courses only}.

REFERENCES

Please feel free to contact any of the parties listed below as reference(s):

Mr. Charles Nielsen, former Scio Township Supervisor, 6655 Jackson Rd. #415, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 734.747-6585

Mr. James Dries, former Scio Township Trustee, Chief Deputy Clerk - Washtenaw County /Deeds, 200 N. Main St., #110, Ann Arbor, MI 48107, (w) 734. 222-6780 (h) 734.662-6256

Mr. Terry Carroll, former Community Development Director, Wayne County MI (h) 734.421.6945

Mr. Al McFadyen, DDA Director, Delhi Charter Township, 2074 N. Aurelius, Holt, MI 48842, (w) 517.699.3866

Mr. Bill Anderson, former Brighton Township Supervisor, Legislative Liaison, Michigan Township Association, 512 Westshire Drive, P.O. Box 80078, Lansing, MI 48908, (w) 517.321.6467 (h) 810.229-2694

Ms. Carla Chapman, former Brighton Township Clerk, Administrator of Cornerstone Church, 9455 Hilton Rd., Brighton, MI 48114, (w) 810.227.9411

Mr. Antonio Calderoni Retired from City of Melvindale, 194 Edington Circle, Canton, MI, 48187, (h) 734.981.5950

Mr. Philip McKenna, President, McKenna Associates Inc., 235 E. Main #105, Northville, MI 48167(w) 248.596.0920 (h) 248.586.817.6812

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Current (c) & Past (p)

International City Management Association (ICMA) (c)

American Planning Association (APA) (c)

Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) (c)

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) (p)

South Eastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) (p)

Michigan Association of Governmental Computer Users (MAGCU) (p)

Certified by: American Institute of Community Planners (AICP) (p) #018407

MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to the many normal duties associated with the municipal positions presented on the resume, some special accomplishments in my career are noteworthy:

TOWNSHIP OF SCIO, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

- Reinstated the Township Manager position which had been vacant for eight years,
- Produced four initial years of significant budget surpluses with decreases in tax collection.
- Maintain services in a fifth year
- Coordinated an effort to establish a Fire District SAD under PA 33 of 1951 to fund Fire Protection Services.
- Initiated full codification of Township ordinances, including zoning regulations.
- Coordinated projects, including bonding for infrastructure improvements of \$16,000,000+ through DDA and Utilities Dept.
- Bargaining Unit: Teamsters; clerical withdrew from AFSCME

TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

- As the first Manager of the Township, defined the position as non-political and a leadership roll.
- Produced nine years of significant budget surpluses with decreases in millage rate.
- Established Building Authority and processed related bond issue for \$3,160,000.
- Oversaw construction of new central fire station.
- Project Manager on renovation of Township Hall.
- Coordinated merger of Township Fire Dept. and Brighton City Fire Dept. into Brighton Area Fire Dept.
- Coordinated installation of a computer network (serving as network operator) and all related software.
- Initiated full codification of Township ordinances, including zoning regulations.
- Drafted substantial amendments to Township Code and zoning ordinance.
- Coordinated \$1,000,000+ road resurfacing program with funding from County Road Commission, Township general fund, and special assessment districts.
- Coordinated successful application for new Wastewater NPDES permit from MDEQ.
- Oversaw processing design and construction of new Wastewater Treatment Plant and public sanitary sewer system (\$28 Million bond issue financed by special assessments, 45% complete when left).

TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE ILE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

- Produced five years of significant budget surpluses while lowering overall tax rate.
- Coordinated renovation of Township Hall and police station.
- Developed Township-owned industrial spec building at Township Airport Industrial Park.
- Implemented first Township computerization program.
- Updated Township financial chart of accounts and procedures for all funds.
- Coordinated transfer of sewer treatment plant operations from Wayne County Drain Commissioner to the Township (At a 40% savings in operations costs).
- Developed contract for privatization of the operations of the sewer plant with a commercial firm.
- Developed and coordinated proposal procedure for the award of the Cable TV franchise.
- Directed update of Township Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance.
- Bargaining Units: FOP, AFSCME

CITY OF ROCKWOOD, MICHIGAN

- Negotiated the private donation of 120 acres as an industrial park for the City.
- Oversaw design work of Rockwood Commerce (Industrial) Park.
- Coordinated transfer of operations and management of City wastewater plant from Wayne County Public Works to City (at savings of over 35%).
- Developed contract for privatization of the operations of sewer plant with private firm (first such arrangement in Michigan).
- Closed out CDBG small cities program with U.S. Housing & Urban Development.
- Negotiated contract with County to resurface major streets on an innovative cost share program.
- Coordinated sound barrier and related I-75 improvements with State Department of Transportation.
- Administered a State Land & Water Conservation Fund matching grant to renovate Mercure Park.
- Coordinated award of initial Cable TV franchise.
- Bargaining Units: FOP, POAM, AFSCME

CITY OF TRENTON, MICHIGAN

- Implemented Downtown renovation plan, including pedestrian plaza, through grant funds.
- Created and operated the initial housing rehabilitation program for the City using US Dept of HUD CDBG funds.
- Developed and implemented an energy awareness program through a State grant.
- Drafted proposal procedure and coordinated award of the Cable TV franchise.
- Initiated and oversaw a grants department with a budget funded by outside sources of \$800,000+.

CITY OF MELVINDALE, MICHIGAN

- Developed and coordinated City's housing rehabilitation program (model for other Wayne County communities).
- Drafted and coordinated successful application for federal funding of senior high-rise in City.
- Developed and implemented a commercial rehabilitation grant program.
- Coordinated new master plan and zoning regulations.

CONSULTING FOR COMMUNITIES

I have consulted for many Michigan communities in many different capacities during two stints with McKenna Associates, Inc. The consulting experience allowed me to get to know various approaches to operations. I've worked with numerous Township Boards, City Councils, Village Councils, Planning Commissions, Downtown Development Authorities, Zoning Board of Appeals, and other officials in these Michigan communities:

City of Allen Park
City of Bay City
City of Dearborn
Village of Beverly Hills
City of Clawson
Township of Delhi
Township of Eaton
City of Ecorse
City of Garden City
Township of Hamburg
Township of Hartland
City of Hazel Park
Township of Kalamazoo
City of Keego Harbor
Township of Lee
City of Lincoln Park
Township of Lyon
City of Milan
Township of Monitor
Township of Monroe
City of Mount Morris
Village of Nashville
Township of Port Huron
Township of Plymouth
City of Rockwood
City of River Rouge
City of Riverview
Township of Royal Oak
City of Sylvan Lake
Township of Tyrone
Township of Van Buren
City of Walled Lake
Township of West Bloomfield
City of Westland