

CITIZENSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY

Req #1 - Describing Your Community (starts with Self, then Family and works out to Geopolitical associations of "us vs. them" ... National identity, i.e., "nationalism" and the good & bad of "nationalism" and why we form into such Geopolitical associations)

- your ethnic make up
- how, when & why your family emigrated to the US and, eventually, NE Ohio

Req #2 - Infrastructure (the core reason we form "communities" & "government" ... see the Preamble to the US Constitution for the most eloquent statement of the core reasons that we do so ... and ... the +/- of our identity with same ... "us vs. them", whether Lake & Geauga Counties, Northern & Southern Ohio, etc.)

- identify & discuss "geopolitical" communities on maps and why form "us vs. them"
- identify & discuss "infrastructure" on maps

Req #3 - Gov't Meeting - see MB requirements, but I am looking particularly for:

- a copy of the "Agenda" for the City Counsel, Township Trustee, School Board, etc... whatever public meeting you have attended;
- tell me about one of the issues on the Agenda & how/why an Agenda is used
- meet your representative at that meeting ... tell me who it is , what political party affiliation, what "geopolitical" area he represents & what you talked about
- request a copy (from your elected representative or, more likely to have, the "Clerk") of the "Summary Budget" for that body (identity of "revenue & expenditures") ... review this with your parents and discuss with them & prepare to discuss with me

Req # 4 - Issue in Paper and/or at Mtg you Attended - follow the issue you have selected in paper and/or at meeting you attended, learn about the issue, formulate a reason opinion/position on the issue and write letter about an issue, and to a public or elected official, that is "APPROPRIATE" ... that doesn't mean politically correct!!! ... to Citz of the Community ... if you don't know what I mean by that, ask me BEFORE you pick an issue and write to anyone about it. Either way, I want to see your letter BEFORE you mail it.

The rest of the requirements are simple no brainers ... don't drag this out!!!

Dave McGee, SM