

FORWARD FOR CLARK!

Meet the 2020 Democratic Candidates for Council-at-Large

Clark Democratic Chair Nancy Sheridan is pleased to announce that Natalie Bassinski, Charles Bassinski and John Victor Jacobson will be running on the Democratic ticket for three council-at-large seats in the primary this July.

"Clark needs strong leaders who can move the Township forward and handle the continuing challenges we face," said Sheridan. "Natalie, John

and Charles will listen to our residents and be open to their concerns. They are dedicated to finding help for our overburdened taxpayers, controlling development and protecting the environment of our town.

Each of them brings a unique energy and commitment to the job. Together, they make up a dynamic force for moving *Clark Forward!*"



Natalie Bassinski

"As an attorney, I fight for justice every day and tackle problems from many different angles. I am an advocate for others, ready to provide a voice for all the citizens of Clark."

Progress starts with making township government more open and accountable. I want our residents to have a greater role in the decision-making process. Too often, people don't find out about a decision or course of action until it happens, and they feel powerless to have a say. That's not how things should work."

- Practicing attorney for 16 years; licensed in three states – New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania
- Specialist in insurance law
- BA and law degree from University of Pittsburgh
- Clark resident since 2014; married with two children, a 10-year-old son and a 14-year-old daughter who will be entering ALJ in the fall
- Committed to bringing new energy and fresh perspective to issues of overdevelopment, storefront vacancies and the needs of children in town.



Charles Bassinski

"Through my work as a CPA and auditor, I've learned to rely on 'professional skepticism', which basically means 'trust but verify'. My career is based on accounting for every nickel and dime. We want to make sure that our local government is accountable and that our residents get the most from every tax dollar."

We want residents to feel confident that decisions are made for the right reasons, based on research and facts. It's the Council's job to bring new ideas to the table and challenge old agendas that may no longer make sense."

- Practicing CPA
- Served in accounting and auditing positions at Celgene Corporation, Deloitte & Touche, and KPMG Accounting Advisory Services
- BS degree – Rowan University
- Fulbright Scholar
- Past volunteer – Hillside Community Food Bank and Children's Specialized Hospital
- Clark resident since 2014; married with two children, a 10-year-old son and a 14-year-old daughter who will be entering ALJ in the fall.



John Victor Jacobson

"I've never been silent when I see something that's wrong and needs to change. Clark's reservoir is a precious natural resource that can offer so much to our community, yet it has been badly neglected and allowed to stagnate. Throughout our town, inattention and overdevelopment are hurting our quality of life. We need to take action now to enhance our quality of life. I promise to do that and when I decide to fight, I'll be unstoppable!"

- Tireless advocate for enhancing the Clark reservoir and the quality of life in Clark
- Retired executive of Jacobson & Company, a successful drywall business and #1 employer of carpenters in New York City
- U.S. Army veteran; served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division
- Survivor of injuries sustained during the 2001 attack of the World Trade Center
- In 2015, became one of the first people in the United States to be licensed as an unmanned (drone) pilot; uses this technology to document and report areas of contamination and neglect in the Clark reservoir
- BS degree – Atlantic Christian College
- 20-year Clark Resident; married, wife Virginia and son Victor.

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