

# TOWN OF ALBERTON APPLICATION - COUNCIL MEMBER

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name BHARADWAJ First HARISH M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address 109 2ND ST.

City ALBERTON State MT. ZIP 59820

Phone 406-552-8051 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date Available \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in the Ward where the Council Seat Vacancy Exists? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ [Reference 7-4-4112(3) MCA]

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES  NO

Are you at least 18 years of age? YES  NO

Have you been a resident of the Town of Alberton for at least 60 days? YES  NO

To hold public office in Montana you must be a citizen of the United States. Reference 7-4-4104 MCA.  
Residency requirement Reference 7-4-4401 MCA and Age requirement specified per the Montana Constitution Article IV Section 2 and 4.

## EDUCATION INFORMATION:

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## REFERENCES

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title (SELF EMP. MINDRAMA HOTEL GROUPS) Supervisor (CEO)

Duties and Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED**

Company DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORT Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address ALBERTON SCHOOL Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Duties and Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_  
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Duties and Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_  
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE AS A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE TOWN OF ALBERTON?**  
ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP EVERYONE TREAT EVERYONE EQUAL. VERY KIND AND HELPFUL. EVERYONE KNOWS ME IN TOWN.

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO YOU HAVE THAT MAKE YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE TOWN OF ALBERTON?**  
BS. FROM BOMBAY INDIA (CHEMISTRY)  
TRAINED PILOT  
WANTS TO HELP MY COMMUNITY

PLEASE REFER TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 3 OF THE ALBERTON MUNICIPAL CODE FOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER. COUNCIL MEMBER'S DUTIES INCLUDE ATTENDING REGULAR AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, SITTING ON BOARDS, ASSISTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN BUDGET, IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET, ADOPT RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ADDRESSING POLICIES FOR THE TOWN AND ASSISTING IN RESOLVING ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE TOWN.  
**DO YOU HAVE THE TIME TO DEDICATE TO THESE DUTIES AS REQUIRED?**

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.  
SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 5/15/26

# TOWN OF ALBERTON APPLICATION – COUNCIL MEMBER

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name Huegelmann First Elizabeth M.I. M Date 5/13/26

Street Address 104 Fifth St.

City Alberton State Montana ZIP 59820

Phone 630-220-1230 E-mail Address Albertoncouncilbel@gmail.com

Date Available Tuesdays

Do you live in the Ward where the Council Seat Vacancy Exists? Yes  No  [Reference 7-4-4112(3) MCA]

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES  NO

Are you at least 18 years of age? YES  NO

Have you been a resident of the Town of Alberton for at least 60 days? YES  NO

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Residency requirement Reference 7-4-4101 MCA and Age requirement specified per the Montana Constitution Article IV Section 2 and 4.

## EDUCATION INFORMATION:

Bachelor of Fine Arts UM 2021

## REFERENCES

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Company INK Shed mech Phone (406) 728-5647

Address 1500 Clark fork Ln Supervisor Kari

Job Title Print Press operator

Duties and Responsibilities Production Print Apparatus

From May 2021 To September 2024 Reason for Leaving found new employment

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

Effective Date 10-09-2018

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED**

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Duties and Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_  
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Duties and Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_  
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE AS A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE TOWN OF ALBERTON?**

*To be a voice to community members that might otherwise not be heard.*

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO YOU HAVE THAT MAKE YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE TOWN OF ALBERTON?**

*I already have experience being an interim council member. I am also run one of the five businesses in the town of alberton. This gives me a unique insight into the community.*

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**DO YOU HAVE THE TIME TO DEDICATE TO THESE DUTIES AS REQUIRED?**

*Yes, I have the time to dedicate myself to council member duties*

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE *E. Hummel* DATE 5/13/26

# TOWN OF ALBERTON APPLICATION - COUNCIL MEMBER

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name Riebe First Kari M.I. A Date 5.14.2026  
Street Address 910 Roschill lane  
City Alberton State MT ZIP 59820  
Phone 406-241-2659 E-mail Address Kari.Riebe@VA.gov  
Date Available 5/15/2026

Are you a citizen of the United States?

YES  NO

To hold public office in Montana you must be a citizen of the United States. Reference 7-4-4104 MCA.

Are you at least 18 years of age?

YES  NO

Residency requirement Reference 7-4-4401 MCA and Age requirement per Montana Constitution Article IV Sec. 2 & 4.

Have you been a resident of the Town of Alberton for at least 60 days?

YES  NO

## EDUCATION INFORMATION:

26 years working in health care from clinical to administrative

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Company Montana VA Phone 256-603-8197  
Address 3885 West Broadway, Missoula supervisor Kendrick Wilson  
Job Title Supervisor Medical Support Assistant  
Duties and Responsibilities Over site four services lines in Montana VA  
From 2017 To present Reason for Leaving N/A performance plans  
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

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# TOWN OF ALBERTON APPLICATION - COUNCIL MEMBER

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name MORRIS First WAYNE M.I. J Date May 13, 2026  
Street Address 204 Parkway Dr  
City Alberton State MT ZIP 59820  
Phone 406 360-7159 E-mail Address Wayne.morris@montana.com  
Date Available Now

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES  NO

To hold public office in Montana you must be a citizen of the United States. Reference 7-4-4104 MCA.

Are you at least 18 years of age? YES  NO

Residency requirement Reference 7-4-4401 MCA and Age requirement per Montana Constitution Article IV Sec. 2 & 4.

Have you been a resident of the Town of Alberton for at least 60 days?

YES  NO

## EDUCATION INFORMATION:

BA

Address parkway dr alberton mt

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT - Retired for 10 years

Company - self employed Phone ( )

Address Supervisor

Job Title

Duties and

Responsibilities

From To Reason for Leaving

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED**

Company Ethos 360 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 312 W First St, Sanford FL 32771 Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title Manager / Business Administration  
Duties and Responsibilities Manager of Logistic Center, Member leadership team for 400 adults + dependents  
see below  
From 1992 To Sept 2017 Reason for Leaving Retired  
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Duties and Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_  
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES  NO

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE AS A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE TOWN OF ALBERTON?**

Assist in providing direction for the town as it grows.

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO YOU HAVE THAT MAKE YOU THE BEST CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE TOWN OF ALBERTON?**

Manager - Logistics center in Papua New Guinea - Community with 70 houses, water, sewer, electric grid, school with 90 students, supply (store) department, medical, finance, aviation, etc. Member leadership team 400 adults + dependents working in 45+ locations in country

PLEASE REFER TO THE ALBERTON MUNICIPAL CODE AND MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 7, CHAPTER 5 FOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER. COUNCIL MEMBER'S DUTIES INCLUDE ATTENDING REGULAR AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, SITTING ON BOARDS, ASSISTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN BUDGET, IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET, ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ADDRESSING POLICIES FOR THE TOWN AND ASSISTING IN RESOLVING ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE TOWN.

**DO YOU HAVE THE TIME TO DEDICATE TO THESE DUTIES AS REQUIRED?**

I am willing to commit time as needed/required to fulfill responsibilities

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE Wayne Jones DATE May 13, 2026

# AFFIDAVIT

State of Montana                    )  
  )       Subscribed and Sworn  
Mineral County                    )

I, Sharon Briggs, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am a duly appointed/elected member of the Alberton Town Council, Mineral County, State of Montana, and make this affidavit based upon my personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.
2. On April 14, 2026, a seat on the Alberton Town Council was formally vacated in writing, creating a vacancy on what had been a four-member council. Following that vacancy, a quorum of the council consists of two (2) members. At the time of the communications described herein, I was not aware that a two-member quorum existed or that communications between two council members regarding official council business could implicate Montana’s open meeting laws and public meeting notice requirements. It was only upon subsequent consultation with the County Attorney that I became aware of the significance of these contacts.
3. On Thursday, May 14, 2026, I received an unsolicited text message from Timothy Fox, the President of the Alberton Town Council. In that message, he stated: "Hey its [name]. Loreen gave me your number. Sorry its confusing as an idaho one. Wanted to touch base about the situation with Kyle." A true and correct copy of this text message is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
4. Also on May 14, 2026, Timothy Fox placed a phone call to me at approximately 6:56 p.m., which I missed. I returned his call at approximately 6:59 p.m. A true and correct copy of the call log reflecting these calls is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
5. To the best of my recollection, during the May 14, 2026 phone call, Timothy Fox expressed that he wanted Betsy (Elizabeth) Hugelmann appointed to fill the vacant council seat, and indicated that he did not feel a meeting was necessary to make that selection. He further indicated that the council was going to appoint Betsy (Elizabeth) Hugelmann, which suggested to me that he had already communicated with or reached some agreement with the third council member regarding Betsy’s appointment. I stated during that call that a selection did need to be made. At the time of this call, I was not aware that candidates were required to be interviewed, nor was I aware of the number of individuals who had applied or would apply for the position.

6. On Sunday, May 17, 2026, Timothy Fox sent me a text message in which he stated, among other things, that he had decided the interview process and additional meeting proposed by the Mayor were unnecessary, that he had communicated this position to the Mayor, and that the application form alone provided sufficient information for him to make his selection. He further stated his goal was to avoid an additional meeting and to proceed with the selection at the Tuesday council meeting. A true and correct copy of this text message exchange is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
7. In response to his May 17, 2026 message, I replied that I was willing to move forward with the selection on Tuesday and asked that he keep me informed of the Mayor's position.
8. The text message exchange continued on May 17, 2026, during which Timothy Fox indicated it would be close to meet the 48-hour agenda notice window. I replied that the Mayor had expressed a desire to interview each applicant individually for approximately thirty minutes each and that there were four to five applications submitted. Timothy Fox ultimately responded: "We are green light to select on tuesday." True and correct copies of these messages are included in **Exhibit C**.
9. It is relevant to note that the council member applications were not transmitted to council members for review until **Monday, May 18, 2026, at 3:28 p.m.** An additional application was transmitted to council members on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 12:40 p.m.**
10. Despite not having had access to all candidate applications prior to the foregoing communications, on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 2:42 p.m.** — the day of the scheduled town council meeting, and after the final application had only been available for approximately two hours — Timothy Fox sent me a text message stating: "Thoughts on the interim candidate? im inclined to pick Betsy because she's been a member before and im not famliar with Wayne aside from he dies church stuff. Kari Riebe is my neighbor and has not been a good neighbor so i'm unsure if i would believe shes a good councilor." A true and correct copy of this text message is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.
11. The communications described herein — including two phone calls and a series of text messages between Timothy Fox and myself — concerned the appointment of a new council member to fill the vacated seat. Because a quorum of the council is two (2) members following the April 14, 2026 vacancy, these contacts between two council members to discuss official council business raise concerns regarding compliance with Montana's open meeting laws and public meeting notice requirements.
12. Based on the content of these communications, Timothy Fox had formed and expressed a preference for a specific candidate prior to receiving all candidate applications, communicated that preference to at least one other council member, indicated that an

agreement may have already been reached with a third council member, and did not afford equal or adequate consideration to all applicants before the council meeting.


13. I attest that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

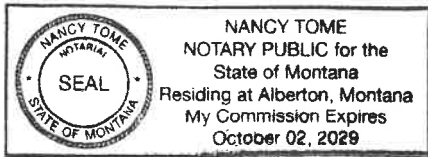
FURTHER the AFFIANT sayeth naught.



**Sharon Briggs**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of MAY, 2026.

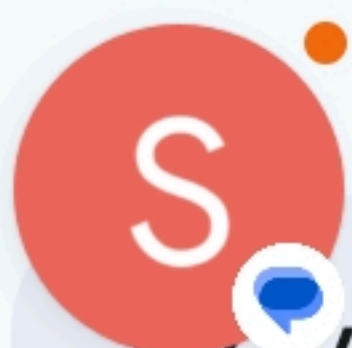
-NANCY TOME Notary Public for the State of Montana My  
Commission Expires: 10/2/29 



*Exhibits A through D: True and correct copies of text message exchanges and call logs, and emails referenced herein, attached and incorporated by reference.*

Thursday • 6:58 PM

Texting with Tim Fox/Alberton (SMS/MMS)



Hey its Tim Fox. Loreen gave me your number. Sorry its confusing as an idaho one. Wanted to touch base about the situation with Kyle.

Sunday • 4:09 PM

Hey i did some thinking and i decided since we make the choice about interim council it was in fact my fault as the council pres for not getting the word out and ensuring the selection was handled in time. Im in the process of communicating to loreen that the interview and extra meeting she wants to have are unneeded and that the great work shes done to get an application form for candidates to submit is more than enough



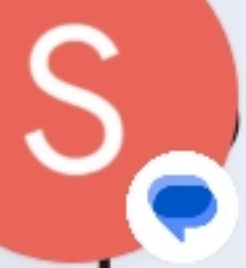
Text message



more. My goal is to try and avoid an additional meeting and if possible select on tuesday. Thoughts?

←  Tim Fox/Alberton To...  

...the great...  
an application form for candidates to submit is more than enough


 Information for me to make my choice. Ill update you when i know more. My goal is to try and avoid an additional meeting and if possible select on tuesday. Thoughts?

I am willing to go forward on the selection Tuesday. Let me know what Loreen thinks.

Its gonna be close to see if we can get the agenda updated in tbe 48h windoe

Loreen said she wants to interview each applicant. 1/2 hour a piece and there are 4-5 applications. So I don't know if she'll agree.


We are green light to select on

 Text message



←  Tim Fox/Alberton To...  


get the agenda updated in the 48h window

 Loreen said she wants to interview each applicant. 1/2 hour a piece and there are 4-5 applications. So I don't know if she'll agree.

We are green light to select on tuesday.

Tuesday • 2:42 PM

Thoughts on the interim candidate? Im inclined to pick betsy because shes been a member before and im not familiar with wayne aside from he dies church stuff. Kari reibe is my neighbor and has not been a good neighbor so im unsure if i would believe shes a good councilor.

 Text message



# AFFIDAVIT

State of Montana                    )  
  )       Subscribed and Sworn  
Mineral County                    )

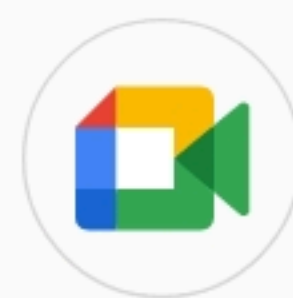
I, JAYLYN ROWLEY (fka JAYLYN BRANNON), being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am the duly appointed Town Clerk for the Town of Alberton, Mineral County, State of Montana, and make this affidavit based upon my personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.
2. On the evening of Tuesday, May 19, 2026, following the [Town Name] Town Council meeting, I was engaged in a conversation with Timothy Fox, President of the Town Council, during which the events described herein occurred.
3. During the May 19, 2026 council meeting, and while acting in my official capacity as Town Clerk, I made a statement on the record in response to Timothy Fox having publicly announced that he had engaged in communications outside of the meeting regarding his preference among the applicants for the vacant council seat, and that he was prepared to proceed directly to a vote without any deliberation, interview, or public discourse concerning the candidates. In my on-the-record statement, I informed the council that these outside communications could constitute a violation of Montana’s open meeting laws. I further recommended that the council hold a special meeting with proper public notice, open to all members of the public, at which each applicant would be interviewed and public comment would be received prior to any appointment being made.
4. Following the meeting, Timothy Fox expressed to me that he was unhappy with the fact that I had raised these concerns publicly and on the record. He indicated that by doing so, I had educated the public about ways in which council members had been conducting themselves improperly, and that this was inviting public scrutiny and potential liability for the council and the town.
5. Despite his dissatisfaction with the public nature of my statement, Timothy Fox acknowledged that he appreciated the desire to ensure things were done properly. However, he pushed back significantly on the pace at which he felt compliance measures should be implemented, expressing a preference that the process of coming into compliance with applicable statute and town ordinance be slowed considerably.



# Tim Fox/Alberton Town Council

(208) 404-8714



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May 14



6:59 PM

Outgoing call, 12 mins 19 sec



6:56 PM

Missed call



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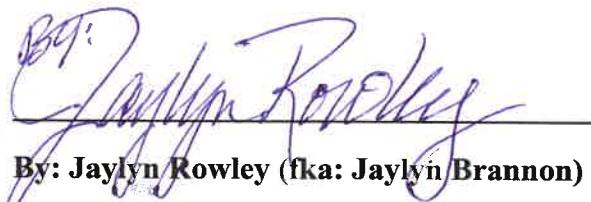


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6. In response, I explained to Timothy Fox that the sooner the council and town staff came into compliance with applicable statute and town ordinance, the sooner he and his fellow council members, as well as town staff, would be personally protected from liability. Notwithstanding this explanation, he continued to resist the idea of prompt corrective action. I maintained my position that timely compliance was in the best interest of the council, town staff, and the public.
1. Following this exchange, and outside the meeting venue, Timothy Fox shared with me his personal preferences regarding the appointment to the vacant council seat. He stated that his preferred candidate was Betsy (Elizabeth) Hugelmann citing the fact that she had previously served on the council and therefore had familiarity with council procedures. I note that if proper procedure was not followed during her prior service, prior council experience would not necessarily constitute an advantage or qualification for purposes of this appointment.
2. Timothy Fox also indicated to me a second candidate he would consider for the appointment. However, he expressed reservations about that individual based on the fact that the candidate has a background in religion, which he appeared to weigh negatively in his consideration of that applicant.
3. The statements made by Timothy Fox to me outside the meeting venue regarding his candidate preferences — including his stated bias against one candidate based on that candidate's religious background — were made prior to the council having conducted any formal interview process, public deliberation, or special meeting with proper notice as required to ensure fairness and transparency to all applicants and to the public.
1. I attest that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FURTHER the AFFIANT sayeth naught.

*By:*  
  
 By: Jaylyn Rowley (fka: Jaylyn Brannon)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of May, 2026.

NANCY TOME Notary Public for the State of Montana My  
 Commission Expires: 10/2/2029

