

## Draft Town of Mina Survey Data

### 1.) Response Rate:

The exact survey response rate is difficult to calculate due to the seasonal nature of the Town of Mina's population. Therefore, an estimated response rate was utilized based upon the following population assumptions:

- a.) There are 393 owner-occupied and rental units in the Town. The average household size is 2.46, which results in a full-time population of 967.
- b.) There are 332 vacant seasonal housing units in the Town. Based on census data for never married individuals and married couples over the age of 55, the average household size was adjusted to 2.0, which results in a seasonal population of 664,
- c.)  $967 + 664 - (24.7\% \text{ of population under } 18) = 1,228$
- d.) 449 respondents began the survey with 349 respondents completing the survey for an estimated completed response rate of 27.8%

### 2.) Place of Residence and Length of Time in Community (Q# 1 & 2):

Of the completed survey response pool, 51.29% (179) respondents lived in the lakefront area, 23.78% (83) lived in Findley Lake Hamlet and 24.93% (87) lived in other areas of the Town.

It was interesting to note that 50.23% of lakefront area residents had lived in or visited Findley Lake for over 20 years. 51.98% of residents of Hamlet had also lived in or visited the hamlet for over 20 years.

While there is a large portion of the population that has a long history and connection to the community, 23.32% of the population has lived in Mina for 5 years or less.

### 3.) Age Group (Q# 3):

The largest portion of the responses, 73.28%, came from the age groups between 45 and 74 years of age. 14.70% of the remaining respondents were 75 or over and 12.03% were under 45.

8.) Rank the factors which would most likely cause you to leave Mina (Q# 8):

There were 362 responses to this question. The following were the order of priority:

- Taxes become too high
- Deteriorating Lake Quality
- Loss of open space/rural lifestyle
- Lack of Public Sewer
- Inadequate parks
- Inadequate shopping opportunities
- Decrease in quality of schools
- Lack of Senior Housing Options

9.) How important are the following choices to make Mina a desirable place to live? (Q# 9):

There were 362 responses to this question. The following are the order of priority and represent what residents value the most:

- Quality of Findley Lake
- Property Tax
- Preservation of Small Town Character
- Scenic Views
- Friends and Family
- Appearance of the Town
- Sense of Community
- Aesthetically Pleasing Downtown
- Public Sewer improvements along Lake
- Availability of Shops and Restaurants
- Access to Medical Care
- Provision of Public Water
- Design of New Commercial Development

10.) Rate the Town of Mina in the following areas (Q# 10):

- a.) The Community Center was rated highest overall with 73.49% rating it as good or excellent and only 1.73% rating it below average.
- b.) The library was second with 71.75% rating the library as good or excellent and only 1.73% rating it as below average.
- c.) Fire protection/EMS came in third with 70.60% rating it as good or excellent and 5.77% rating it as below average.

13.) Should Mina focus on or update local land use with respect to the following? (Q# 14):

- Property Maintenance (65.99% Yes, 20.46% No)
- Commercial Design Guidelines (59.65% Yes, 15.56% No)
- Short-Term Rentals (58.21% Yes, 25.36% No)
- Standards for Signs (57.06% Yes, 16.43% No)
- Solar Energy (46.40% Yes, 29.39% No)
- Marijuana Dispensaries (30.55% Yes, 49.57% No)

14.) How appropriate are the following or current land uses in the Town of Mina? (Q# 15):

- Farms (91.99% appropriate)
- Campgrounds (89.35% appropriate)
- Self-Storage Units (63.5% appropriate)
- Solar Farms (56.67% appropriate)
- Townhouses (55.39% appropriate)
- Multi-Family Dwellings (41.69% appropriate)
- Wind Turbine (Commercial) (43.84% appropriate)
- Marijuana Dispensaries (39.99% appropriate)
- Mining and Extractive Industries (22.59% appropriate)
- Adult Entertainment (15.53% appropriate)
- Junkyards (14.84% appropriate)

15.) Rank the economic development strategies the Town of Mina should focus on (Q# 16). The following are listed in order of rank by respondents:

- Promote and encourage small local business development.
- Work to improve downtown appearance.
- Improve sidewalks, parking, and other infrastructure.
- Encourage and support downtown programming.
- Work to expand retail sector of the economy.
- Promote growth in tourism and service economy.

16.) What would you like to see in the Town of Mina in the next 10-20 years? The following are listed in order of priority (Q# 17):

- New buildings that respect town character.
- Better recreational opportunities for residents.
- Greater variety of retail shopping locally.
- More Senior Housing.
- More High-Tech Industries.

21.) Are you satisfied with efforts to improve the quality of the lake? (Q# 22):

Very Satisfied – 4.71%

Satisfied – 25.00%

Neutral – 35.00%

Dissatisfied – 24.12%

Very Dissatisfied – 11.18%

22.) Do you feel safe when boating, swimming, or kayaking on Findley Lake? (Q# 23):

Very Safe – 17.06%

Safe – 35.29%

Neutral – 30.29%

Not Safe – 12.35%

Very Unsafe – 5.00%

23.) Depending on how you responded to the prior question, please let us know why you do feel safe or why not. (Q# 24):

The highest priority issues identified by respondents to the prior question are listed below in the order of importance:

- Lake users (boaters and jet skis) not following the rules (27 responses)
- Water quality for swimming (17 responses)
- Need for enforcement of rules on Lake (14 responses)
- The high volume of users – too crowded - too many boats (11 responses)
- Size and horsepower of boats on Lake (9 responses)
- Weed growth impact on use and swimming (9 responses)

- Dollar General impact (2 responses)
- Sidewalks (1 response)
- Downtown infrastructure (1 response)

#### Government / Administration

- Communication (14 responses)
- Taxes (8 responses)
- Town Board (5 responses)
- Update sign regulations (2 responses)
- Dumpsters in residential areas (1 response)
- Dock codes (1 response)
- Decrease number of short-term rentals (1 response)

#### Code Enforcement

- Enforcement (7 responses)
- Dilapidated properties/ zombie properties (4 responses)
- More stringent enforcement of short-term rentals (2 responses)
- Scrap wood on Shadyside (2 responses)
- Hard to open a business (1 response)

#### Services

- Enforcement of speed limits (9 responses)
- Garbage pick-up (3 responses)
- Fire Department Manpower Issue (3 responses)
- Walkability (3 responses)
- Cleaning of drainage ditches (1 response)

#### Misc.

- Small from dairy (2 responses)
- Need for non-profit coordination (2 responses)
- Less police (2 responses)
- People not joining watershed foundation (1 response)
- Need for service directory (1 response)
- Need to consolidate school districts (1 response)
- Difficult to advertise business (1 response)
- Gentrification – McMansions (1 response)
- Unsafe trees by edge of road (1 response)

27.) What is your vision for the Town of Mina in the next 5 or 10 years? (Q# 28)

1. My vision is to work hard to keep the quaintness of the lake houses and downtown, the rural beauty, and fresh air to breathe.
2. To balance the charming small town feel with modern amenities and conveniences.
3. Make it nicer looking.
4. Established sewer system. Improved lake quality. Improved communication. Downtown businesses. Supported fire department.
5. In the interest of fiscal responsibility and more educational/extra-curricular opportunities for local children, I would like to see the area school districts merge. If Clymer School District refuses to merge I would hope Findley Lake might find a way to secede from the current district and merge into a more progressive district.
6. Keep it as beautiful as it is meant to be.
7. Keep the small-town character.
8. Continue to have a small-town atmosphere but enhance property value due to water and sewer services.
9. A beautiful community.
10. Maybe like a small-town Ellicottville
11. Investment in action to improve the lake water quality, and the continuing investment in residential property improvements around the lake, which will surely follow.
12. New fire department building, paid fire/EMS system due to lack of volunteers, combined services with other towns (have one highway supervisor for merged services/salary savings). Water service needs to go in at the same time sewer does or the water table will drop with a negative effect on residents.
13. A clean lake, a sewer and water system, and the creation of a safe Sunnyside Road. There is no reason heavy truck traffic should be permitted on this road. At least route truck traffic on Mann Road from May 15-October 15.
14. To stay a small town but with more places for employment and small conveniences such as a 24 hr gas station.

30. Not as many large places, back to cottage feel
31. Improve infrastructure while maintaining community & aesthetic.
32. Nice quiet community with better infrastructure
33. remain welcoming more small shops downtown
34. The best vacation spot in the US that no one knows about yet. A real grocery store to service the community Wegmans, target, Walmart something that is competitively prices and well stocked. More affordable restaurants the people who live in mina are not the vacationers that have money we can't afford the cost of going out in Findley.
35. Sewer systems and more oportune for a vibrant down town. A brewery would be great.
36. Public Sewer and a fast food restaurant
37. Continuing to preserve the history. Enhance the small town feel. No commercial businesses. Enforce buildings that looks like the surrounding areas. No modular homes-close to the lake.
38. GROWTH
39. Maintain quaintness and small-town atmosphere with improvements mentioned above. Opposed to hotels and an inordinate amount or Airbnbs.
40. Try to keep town the same, improvements to sidewalks and business fronts if needed or as wanted, keep traditional festivals and whatnot, don't bring in big box stores. It's simple and nostalgic the way it is. Preserve that for the people.
41. The biggest attraction to the area is the LAKE and it needs to be taken care of.
42. Continue to be a great family town.
43. Keep the same smalltown charms with a more robust retail space to draw new visitors and revenue.
44. Na
45. Fire department funded and modernized Alexander's, pine junction and tavern remain as established restaurant Public sewer plans established and 5yr implantation in-progress New townhomes near lake with dock rental availability Taxes stabilized with 5 and 10yr projection in place and managed

61. Create a vibrant town with multiple businesses/co-ops, especially restaurants/breweries/wineries.
62. Continued development consistent with the existing character.
63. Improved usage of the Main Street /lake side store fronts
64. Modernize infrastructure, adding sewer and water. Provide more signage and safety information for boaters.
65. Downtown renovation of shops. Perhaps a restaurant on the water.
66. Improvement of lake quality, maintenance of small town feeling, stable taxes, continued beautiful views of lake/trees, and working sewer system.
67. I would like to see the town of mina stay as much the same as possible.
68. A clean lake with a leadership that provides appropriate enforcement of rules and regulations.  
Leadership willing to keep the community well informed.
69. a clean lake with town leadership that provides appropriate enforcement of rules and regulations
70. Small town with the small-town "feel" but larger-town amenities
71. Have a beautiful town with a sewer system, and a thriving town with eclectic mix of shopping and food items! Limited Airbnbs and those here will have a strict rules to be followed.
72. For the downtown area to have more small retail shops. For our lake to have improved quality water to boat. More public docks and picnic areas, and possibly even a beach area? For our little town to STAY a smaller community!
73. Small town vibes that still promotes tourism. Great location but the town seems to want to hide it from anyone not local.
74. No major changes. Like it the way it is.
75. Maintain a family friendly - small town environment and not a corporate run mentality. Help in the development of small businesses to make Findley a destination and generate revenue.
76. slow improvement to upscale resort living

91. I would like to see more local businesses, enabled by tourism and travel sectors.

92. Preserve the lake--It is our best asset. Sewer infrastructure to improve water quality. Establish municipal law enforcement. Growth as a retirement community--increasing no.of retired residents. Historic local business destination.

93. Cleaner lake with clearer water and stump removal

94. Improved water quality in the lake due to elimination of on lot private sewers. Continued rural character with a collective vision for downtown improvements to attract more retailers.

95. To see some of the changes, that we and others have listed, implemented in the near future.

96. consolidated school districts immediately

97. Updated downtown in Findley Lake

98. keep small town atmosphere, rural feeling

99. To have a better town assessor and clerk that is understanding.

100. I imagine a community where neighbors look out for neighbors. A thriving downtown that attracts shoppers and diners brings in revenue and strengthens our town. A safe and clean lake provides recreational opportunities and enhances property values.

28.) Please provide any additional comments or suggestions you may have for the Comprehensive Plan Committee? (Q# 29) – *Not included with this draft.*