

## Eydt running for reelection

Village of Lewiston Trustee Victor E. Eydt announced his plans to seek reelection to the Village Board of Trustees on Election Day (June 21).

Eydt wants to acknowledge the many letters, cards, prayers and phone calls he has received as he heals after receiving a life-sustaining kidney transplant on March 29 at the Erie County Medical Center. He is getting better every day and is anxious to return to good health.

Eydt has served the village since 1993, first as a member of the Planning and Historic Preservation Commission, and eventually serving as chairman of this important board for 12 years.

Over those 30 years of service, Eydt was involved, in charge of, or decided many very important decisions for the community. It is this depth of knowledge and experience in actually getting things done that inspires him to ask for your support as a trustee once again.

Eydt recalled that, "As chairman, I directed the Planning Commission to follow the village code, and worked with each developer to achieve the best result for the citizens of Lewiston."

This same experience guides him as a trustee: What is best for our village in the near term and in the future.

Eydt said village parking remains a critical issue for our residents, our local businesses and their employees. A village shuttle at critical times remains a possible option coordinated with the business community, the chamber and festival event planners.

Recently, the state of New York accepted the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) as the basis of future development and protection of our waterfront. This multiyear project was chaired by Eydt to its successful conclusion and acceptance by the state.

He has also been our "point man" for the reconstruction of our waterfront after the flooding of 2017 and 2019, a \$1.2 million project. Eydt is the village's representative concerning the waterfront, meeting frequently with New York State Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) and Niagara County Emergency Management. Eydt encourages everyone to see our beautiful waterfront – now built to last.

Eydt is also involved in many of our village's community volunteer groups, including the Historic Association of Lewiston (HAL). He serves as prelate of the Lower Niagara Moose Lodge 584. He is currently serving on the board of Lewiston's Memorial Day Remem-

brance Committee, and as an active supporter of the Niagara Region Chamber of Commerce. He managed a successful fundraiser to assist the all-inclusive playground and splash pad at Marilyn Toohey Park, and has long volunteered for numerous community events.

Eydt believes this is a critical time in our village. He wants to retain our small community atmosphere while allowing appropriate development, including new homes and business, and applauds the many improvements made to our current establishments.

As your deputy mayor, Eydt would like to continue to serve the people of the village. He is proud of his efforts to maintain a balanced village budget allowing no tax increase this year. He fully supports the mayor and Village Board as they seek federal and state grants to support a variety of the village's infrastructure needs. Eydt feels his service and experience with these issues is a great resource for the future of the village.

Eydt said, "With your help, I am seeking reelection to a new four-year term. I encourage all registered voters to exercise their rights and vote; and I humbly ask for your vote."

The Village of Lewiston election will take place from noon to 9 p.m. June 21 at the Red Brick Municipal Building.

## Fittante seeks office

My name is Jim Fittante and I am announcing today that I will seek election as a trustee of the Village of Lewiston in the June 21 village election.

I was born and raised in Lewiston, graduated Lew-Port in 1987, and received a degree in architecture. It has been my great pleasure to have designed so many projects in Lewiston where I grew up as a paperboy and a worker at the Frontier House McDonald's.

I have been a solid contributor to our village and our area, and have joined a number of civic organizations dedicated to its improvement. Currently, I am sitting on the Historical Planning Commission, which seeks to preserve and enhance Lewiston's historic heritage. I also currently serve on the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce as an executive board member, and I am a member of Moose Lodge 584.

I am deeply involved on the restoration of the Historic Niagara Post Theater at Fort Niagara and provide 60% of my services as a donation. I am also a donor of architectural drawings to build Habitat for Humanity homes throughout Erie and Niagara counties. From 2014-19, I represented the Niagara County Builders Association in Albany as a lobbyist and have spent many days in meetings in the Capital during that time.

I like to think that my architecture projects speak for me. Close to home, they include the Frontier House, The Brickyard Pub and the

BBC, the Lewiston Event Center, Brewed and Bottled, many homes and remodeled homes, the Como Building on Sixth and Center, the River's Edge condos at First Street and Tuscarora, and many projects at the Niagara Falls Country Club. As I take on each of these projects, one of my prime considerations in how these projects will shape my village and will then be judged not only now but in the future. I am so fortunate to help Lewiston retain its small-town character and our way of life that is reflected in our image and our architecture.

It has long been my wish to represent the citizens of Lewiston as an elected official. I have attended hundreds of Village Board, Planning Board and HPC Board hearings, and I feel I am ready by education and experience to participate as a trustee. The men and women who serve on these boards are much to be complimented. I have witnessed their hard work for a long time, and wish to continue my contributions as a trustee.

The village election will take place on June 21 at the Red Brick Village Hall. Voting is from noon to 9 p.m. I will be making phone calls and walking door to door to meet as many of you as possible in the next few months.

It will be my honor to be selected by the voters as a trustee. I know I have the ability to do this job. Please consider me for one of your two votes for this position. Thank you.

## Caucus philosophy explained

BY NORMAN MACHELOR

Next week, between April 25 and May 3, the political parties, Republican, Democrat and Conservative, will each conduct a party caucus in the village. A caucus is simply a private meeting among the registered voters of a political party to decide which of several candidates for public office will be selected to appear on the ballot of their party for the village election of June 21.

Such caucuses are one of the oldest forms of democracy, as they require registered voters to appear in person to hear and vote for candidates for public office with a ballot

that could be an open show of hands or a secret ballot; the form of which is determined, on the spot, by those in attendance.

A caucus is managed by Roberts' Rules of Order, as nominations, seconds and individual speeches are given. There is no minimum or maximum number of voters. Those who show, vote. The winning candidates will have their names on the ballot on Election Day, with the party designation they earned at the party caucus.

The caucus voters can select anyone eligible, and candidates do not have to be members of the political party that selected them. So, a

registered democrat can appear at a Republican caucus if a registered Republican nominates them and that nomination is "seconded" by another Republican. Once anyone is nominated and seconded, a vote must be held to determine the winner. This is how a registered Republican can appear on the ballot under the democrat line; and frankly, could easily appear on both the Republican and Democrat line.

A caucus is one of those few times that your actual registration to vote as a member of a political party matters. The other is during a primary election. In all other elections, you

can vote for who you feel is the best candidate, regardless of party. Many people who vote in the general election, who are not registered in a particular party, miss this opportunity to actually select those who appear of the ballot.

The complete process usually takes less than two hours. If you are registered with a party, please avail yourself of the opportunity to participate in this democratic process.

Both the Republicans and Democrats have planned a caucus on April 27 at 6 p.m. at the Red Brick schoolhouse. The Conservatives will caucus on Thursday, April 28, at 6

p.m., again at the Red Brick.

Hope to see all registered voters there!

## GOP caucus at Red Brick

The Village of Lewiston Republican Party will hold an election caucus at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at the Red Brick Municipal Building, 145 N. Fourth St. This caucus is open to registered Re-

publicans living in the Village of Lewiston.

Residents will vote for mayor and two trustee spots in the June election. Each office holds a four-year term.

Those attending the caucus requiring any special accommodation or needing assistance attending can contact Chairman Karl Frankovitch at 716-998-0376 or kff@niagaralaw.com. He said,

"We will make every effort to assist every eligible voter to attend and exercise their right to choose their governmental leadership in a fair and transparent manner."

## Conservative Party to caucus in Lewiston

The Conservative Party of Lewiston will hold a political party caucus on Thursday, April 28, in the Morgan Lewis Village Boardroom in the Red Brick Municipal Building, 145 N. Fourth St., for the purpose of selecting its endorsed candidates for the election to be held June 21.

Niagara County Conservative Party Chairman William (Bill) Ross has given the authority to hold this caucus for the reg-

istered Conservative voters in the village. He noted it has been years since the Conservatives have held a village caucus, and Ross hopes it will be a standard way for Conservative voters to ask those standing for public office their positions on conservative values and principles.

A press release said, "If you are registered as a Conservative, please take this opportunity to caucus with your fellow Conser-

vatives in selecting the best candidates for village office."

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. People can begin to register. The caucus will begin at 6 p.m.

The press release said, "Please bring your ID. Only registered Conservative voters living in the Village of Lewiston will be admitted. The caucus chairman said he has a list of those eligible to vote, and that the entire process will take about an hour."

## Democrats to caucus April 27

A Democratic caucus to nominate candidates for the office of Village of Lewiston mayor (four-year term), and also for two four-year terms as trustee, will take place Wednesday, April 27, in the

Morgan Lewis Boardroom inside the Red Brick Municipal Building, 145 N. Fourth St. The event begins at 7 p.m. Candidates selected must reside in the Village of Lewiston. Those wishing to nominate

or vote at the caucus are asked to bring photo identification. Only registered Democrats who reside in the Village of Lewiston are eligible to nominate and vote for candidates at the caucus.

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The Power Authority of the State of New York (Authority) will hold a public hearing as detailed below on a proposed form of Contract for the sale of hydropower to LW1 Operator, LLC, Chocolate Delivery Systems, Inc., and Workspot Ltd., and on the recommencement and Contract Extension for the sale of hydropower to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid.

Copies of the proposed Contract forms may be inspected at the Authority's office at the address below, or online at the Authority's Web site, [www.nypa.gov](http://www.nypa.gov).

Those wishing to make oral statements at the hearing are asked to provide to the Authority, in writing, in advance of the hearing, their name(s) and the name of the organization or group they represent. Oral statements should be limited to five minutes.

Hearing Date: May 9, 2022  
Hearing Times: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Hearing Location: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://nypa-gov.zoom.us/j/84847994265?pwd=QWWhQWDBieVlaMFFKd1FVMzd3Uk8rUT09>

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Written statements provided to the Authority by close of business on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, will also become part of the record of the hearing. For further information, including the address of other Authority offices at which copies of the proposed Contract forms may be inspected, contact:

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