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Wydysh voting for Welch

BY NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE CHAIRWOMAN BECKY WYDYSH

Village of Lewiston resident

June 21 is election day in the Village of Lewiston, and I encourage all of our residents to get out to vote. But before you do, I also encourage you to research the candidates that are running. Take a look at their backgrounds, their ideas, and their previous work for our community, and know that you are informed and confident in who you are honoring with your vote. If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the candi-

dates and speak with them directly. As someone who runs every two years, I can tell you that candidates should appreciate and welcome the opportunity to speak with you and earn your vote.

When deciding who I will vote for, I want to know that the candidate I'm choosing is proactive, cooperative, and informed on the issues that affect our overall quality of life. Choosing to move to the village in 2011 was an easy decision for my family, because the village is a fun and inviting place to live. Mayor Anne Welch has been contributing to that atmosphere for many years, both in her role as mayor

and previously in her role as clerk. Her love of our community is apparent in all that she has accomplished for us.

Anne's commitment to Lewiston was never more apparent to me, personally, than during the last two years of the COVID pandemic. As elected officials, we often struggled in the early months of 2020 to get the information and resources that were needed locally, but being controlled at the state level. As your mayor, Anne was always engaged with our county team, as we worked together to share all the information we could gather for our residents and to keep them informed

of ever-changing mandates and situations. She never hesitated to jump in and reach out for what you needed, or simply to offer her assistance in any way she could to further the efforts we were initiating.

Mayor Anne Welch has been a pleasure to work with during my time in office, and I look forward to continuing the cooperative and productive relationship that we have developed over the years. Please consider honoring Anne with your vote, as I know she will continue to work hard, and successfully, for all of us!

Soluri supports Welch, Eydt & Fittante

Dear informed residents,

If you love our Village of Lewiston, please vote for our dynamic mayor, Anne Welch. Her experience as village clerk, Planning Commission vice chairman, and mayor allows a strong leadership with federal, state, Niagara County, and Lewiston businesses.

She is always available to meet the needs of the residents in the community. Anne has accomplished much in the past four years as mayor. Where has her opponent been the last four years? She is all talk.

Anne Welch, Vic Eydt and Jim Fittante are the

right people for the job. Please vote for this experienced team on Tuesday, June 21, so they may continue to move the village forward

Richard F. Soluri Retired Village of Lewiston Mayor

Conde: 'We need experience, not anger'

I am writing today as a three-term Village of Lewiston trustee. I am not eligible to run this term, but I wish to comment on the election for village offices on June 21, 2022.

As always, the issue in the election is who will do a better job as mayor and trustees. Everyone who runs has a different idea of what is the proper course of action for the village. So, as a voter, you read and listen to the candidates. Some candidates come to your door; others send you literature. Fortunately, we don't do signs in the village. The Tribune/Sentinel is full of information.

Unfortunately, an article in the paper by a village candidate seems to imply that our residents who go to the village offices are treated poorly by the village officers and the staff. I have served the Village of Lewiston for

20-plus years. I can honestly say that I have not received any such complaints as stated in this article from our residents regarding any issues on the staff. Not one resident has ever come to me and implied that they were harassed, ignored or belittled.

Board meetings can get heated at times because not everyone has the same opinion on issues presented. I am sure some people are not happy with village codes or the regulations. Board members should agree to disagree, but always stay focused on the matter that is presented, but always respect each other. Allegations of what others do or don't do will not represent the people of the community, and will only divide the very board we serve - and that will affect the process of decision making.

As a member of the Village Board,

our decisions reflect our collective march forward. All five members have a vote that should follow the village codes and represent the people of this village, not any political or personal views.

I would like to address the implication that there are backroom deals and "corruption" in the village. That is false. Everything is proposed, discussed and voted on and completed in public. Village board meetings are open to all, and are well attended.

We have an excellent staff that not only has experience and knowledge of what it takes to keep the village running smooth, clean and beautiful year-round. Our Department of Public Works (DPW) all work hard to provide service to our residents. I can't believe that anyone would discredit them for their own political gain.

I support the reelection of Mayor Ann Welch, Trustee Victor Eydt and new candidate Jim Fittante. Voters are free to choose who they like. I want to ask voters to consider all the candidates when they make their decisions. Vote on their individual merits, keeping in mind who really has the experience to run our village, and to keep it historic and authentic as the Village of Lewiston has been and should remain. We need experience, not anger, to continue serving our community.

Everyone is welcome at Village of Lewiston board meetings. If you want to know what is going on or have questions, please feel free to come and see us. We are professionals and are dedicated to doing our best to serve you and our community.

Nicholas Conde Village of Lewiston Trustee

Keep experienced and progressive leadership with Anne Welch, Vic Eydt & Jimmy Fittante

We would like to address this open letter to the Village of Lewiston's residents who care deeply about our quality of life and the future of this community in our little corner of the world. Under the leadership of Anne Welch, Lewiston has experienced a sustained progress toward balancing quality of life with a thriving business community. As our mayor for four years, member of Planning Commission for three years, as well as 31 years as village clerk, Anne has built on the best of our past while bringing us toward our best version of our future (or reimaging our future).

Anne is synonymous with Lewiston. Her forward-thinking, practical and rational approach to solving our problems here in our village while envisioning the future is extraordinary. Her sustained dedication and hard work have improved our quality of life with a vibrant business and destination experience.

Whether walking her dog or attending a local event, Anne is always approachable, always willing to discuss and look for ways to bring our community together. She has listened to our concerns for decades and works tirelessly to realize solutions for all

the residents of this village. Just look around at the beauties of our village.

Anne Welch has been a force of nature leading our village government to support major initiatives such as the waterfront, developing a new lease on life for historic buildings, creating our extraordinary new children's playground and supporting the business, restaurants and cultural events. These are just a few things that make living here so very special.

Do we have problems? What community doesn't. What makes Lewiston unique is that we are fortunate enough to have experienced and effective lead-

ership in Anne Welch, Vic Eydt and Jimmy Fittante. These public servants have consistently and successfully delivered practical and forward-thinking solutions. If you chose Lewiston for a rich quality of life, then the next choice to vote for Anne, Vic and Jimmy is a very easy one indeed. We stroll, bike, dine, boat, work and play their successful vision for our village.

The question isn't "Should we vote for Anne for mayor?" The question is "What would we do without her?"

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