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# Village of Ellenville 2004 Election Voter Info Section

*Wawarsing.Net* is publishing the results of a uniform questionnaire distributed to all Village candidates listed on the March 16<sup>th</sup> ballot. All candidates in contested races were offered up to 150 words to answer from among the essay questions, and to have a uniform-sized photo and bio information.

Every effort was made to ensure the fairness and propriety of the procedure. Final copies of the questions and procedures were forwarded with a cover letter to each candidate – by email, fax, or hand delivery, as best available – with about 9 days to respond. Each was told the length limit and guidelines. Except for over-long replies, minimal editing (for spelling, grammar, and consistency of order and style) would be the rule.

Replies were edited and formatted, and finally vetted for accuracy by Democratic Town Chair Sylvia Kalipolites, and by Republican George Halbig (authorized by GOP to vet).

*The replies are printed, in alphabetical order within each office sought.*

### Part I

- 1) Name (as it appears on ballot, plus "nickname," or name best known by):
- 2) Office sought:
- 3) Political party affiliation (if any, plus ballot lines on):
- 4) Political/municipal/community offices held (and years from-to, if not presently serving them):
- 5) Occupation(s)/Business(es):
- 6) Immediate Family:
- 7) How long have you lived in the area?
- 8) Local schooling, or degrees, if relevant.
- 9) Which community/social organizations are you an ACTIVE member/officer of (Year From/To as officer)? (Not just someone who pays annual dues but never attends or participates actively).

### Part II

Trustee candidates will EACH have up to 150 WORDS TOTAL to reply to as many of the following questions as CAN be answered WITHIN the 150 WORD LIMIT! You do NOT have to answer them all! They are basically a guideline, but please TRY to stay CLOSE to these topics and not simply avoid them with canned material from your literature! Please be brief, direct, and to the point with each answer.

Keep it short and simple, and you can probably cover several of these topics in a sentence or two for each you choose. You can answer as many or as few topics as you wish, but ALL of the total reply MUST be no more than 150 WORDS combined! This word count limit will be strictly enforced! And, NO comments about other candidates are permitted!

### Trustee topics:

- 1) Reason(s) for running now?
- 2) What is the greatest strength/expertise/ability you would bring to the job?
- 3) What would you like to accomplish most while in office?
- 4) What is the most important short-term/long-term issue facing the village/community?
- 5) How can we attract and keep businesses in the area?
- 6) What are some ways we can cut costs/taxes in the Village budget?
- 7) Comments on village/town cooperation /consolidation /merger.

### Justice topics:

Since candidates for Justice are proscribed from addressing topics like the above, Justice candidates will each be given up to 150 WORDS TOTAL to use however they wish, mindful of the restrictions placed on them by statute and election law. ➔