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Gaughan urges Collins on regionalism efforts

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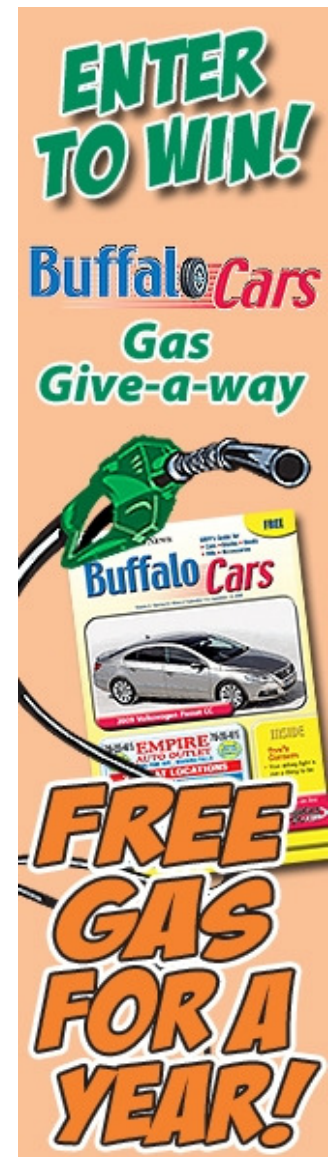
Regionalism guru Kevin P. Gaughan is urging Erie County Executive Chris Collins to join him in his crusade to streamline municipal government instead of erecting barriers.

In a letter to Collins Friday, Gaughan points out that the county has sided with the Board of Elections, which invalidated petitions seeking a referendum aimed at reducing the West Seneca Town Board from five members to three.

“... Erie County tax dollars are now being used to stop Erie County taxpayers from trying to save taxes,” wrote Gaughan, who pointed out that Collins was elected on a platform of making government smaller and less costly.

A ruling on the November ballot proposition is pending in State Supreme Court.

Neither Gaughan nor Collins could be reached to comment Saturday.



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