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## ERIE COUNTY: Several local races decided

# Village of Lancaster residents vote to downsize board from 7 to 5

Village of Lancaster voters said Tuesday they can make do with fewer elected representatives.

By a 90-10 percent plurality, residents approved a measure that will downsize the Village Board from seven members to five.

The vote was the first of its kind since local regionalism advocate Kevin Gaughan began making the case that two elected officials could be removed from every town and village board in Erie County.

The size of the Village Board will gradually be cut from six to four trustees by the time the March 2011 general election is complete.

In another local referendum, Aurora voters rejected bonding to fund land preservation through conservation easements spread over 20 years.

The vote was 3,057-1,890.

Local voters had several other matters to decide at the polls.

### AMHERST

The race for town clerk was too close to call just before midnight Tuesday. Voters gave Council Member Deborah Bruch Bucki, D, I, WF, a slight lead over Marjory Jaeger, R, C, 21,845-21,041. Jaeger had been appointed to the position following the retirement of Susan Jaros.

### AURORA

In a three-way race for a seat on the Town Board, James F. Collins, R, I, C, held off a challenge from Gregory Szematowicz, D, and Ernest Scheer, Integrity. Collins finished with 3,850 votes, while Szematowicz had 1,984, and Scheer garnered 333.

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The race for highway superintendent between Jeffrey Harris, R, C, and David Gunner, Integrity, WF, finished with an apparent victory for Gunner. The vote was 2,800-2,578. BUFFALO

James A. W. McLeod, D, R, C, WF, was unopposed for City Court judge and garnered 71,040 votes.

#### CHEEKTOWAGA

Stanley Kaznowski, D, C, retained his seat on the Town Board by beating back a challenge from Gerald Kaminski, R, C. The vote was 16,649-10,671.

#### CLARENCE

The race for a seat on the Town Board between Timothy Pazda, D, I, C, WF, and Peter DiCostanzo, R, Taxpayers First, went to DiCostanzo. The vote was 11,428-5,477.

Michael B. Powers, D, R, I, C, won every line except Working Families in the September primary for town justice. That meant he still faced an opponent in David Donohue. Powers easily won the spot on the town bench, 10,350-1,025.

#### COLDEN

Jim Walter, R, C, WF, was defeated by Victoria Zach, D, for town justice, 863-785. Edward Wochensky, R, was unopposed in balloting for highway superintendent and received 945 votes.

#### COLLINS

In the race for town justice between Daniel Kuligowski, D, and Joseph Vogtli Jr., R, the winner was Kuligowski. The vote was 895-677.

#### KENMORE

With incomplete results, Scott Riordan, D, I, defeated Kevin Stocker, R, C, Taxpayers First, 2,621-2,049, in balloting for village justice.

#### LACKAWANNA

Francis Kulczyk, D, C, WF, was unopposed to fill a City Council vacancy in the Third Ward. He received 697 votes.

#### LANCASTER

John Abraham Jr., D, I, C, WF, was the winner in balloting to fill an unexpired term on the Town Board. He defeated Marianne Scime, R, 8,567-6,213.

#### MARILLA

Earl Gingerich Jr., R, I, was defeated by Daniel Handy, C, in voting for a Town Board seat. The count was 1,219-989. In voting for the highway superintendent's job, the winner was Ronald Unverdorben Jr., R, C, with 1,839 votes. Dale Michaels, D, received 574 and Robert Oberther got 107.

#### NORTH COLLINS

With results still incomplete, George C. LoBianco, D, defeated Rosaline Seege, R, C, 552-409, in the race for a spot on the Town Board.

## ORCHARD PARK

Deborah Chimes, running unopposed on all five major lines, received 10,656 votes and won a spot on the Town Board.

## SARDINIA

In the race to fill a one-year term on the Town Board between Charles Tobin Sr., D, WF, C/Sardinia First, and Mary Hannon, R, I, the leader, with results incomplete, was Hannon, with 354 votes. Tobin received 276.

And David Montgomery, R, was leading Ronald Kenyon, D, C, in a bid for a three-year term on the board, 345-273.

## WALES

Raymond Poliseno, D, R, I, C, was unopposed for town justice and received 1,165 votes.

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