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Let residents volunteer in service to their town

The post-downsizing referendum analysis will show that residents from all walks of life and all political parties worked together to achieve a historic and common goal. Unique to Evans was the David-versus-Goliath character of the proponents and opponents. All of the major parties worked together to defeat the downsizing referendum and still lost by a wide margin.

On Jan. 6 the first three-man board will convene. Will there be a consolidation of power or an invitation to residents to volunteer in service to their town? Evans Supervisor Fran Pordum, on WBEN-AM, said he might eliminate some boards and committees so the Town Board isn't overworked. How about using the two empty seats on the dais to invite advisory board and committee chairmen to address residents at Town Board meetings?

It's unfortunate that the supervisor would prefer to disband boards and committees rather than give them a more prominent role in town government. A former councilman is working on the \$12.5 million water project, hike and bike and Timber Avenue road project. Evans has a blueprint for making a three-man board work. Will politics as usual prevail or will the politicians hear the message that was sent via the downsizing vote?

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