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Vote for downsizing would send a message

Opponents of downsizing the West Seneca Town Board present a variety of arguments; some of these even appear worthy of consideration. However, as a disgruntled citizen, I view the vote as an opportunity to send a message to all those self-serving, quarrelsome, “the party over the public” elected officials that I am truly dissatisfied with their performances. My vote may not do much, but at least I can vent my frustration.

Next let’s revamp the State Legislature. Why a Senate and an Assembly, with all those patronage jobs and do-nothing committees, when Gov. David Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Senate Majority Leader Malcolm Smith make all the decisions, and “cowards” like Sens. Antoine Thompson and Bill Stachowski do as they are told?

And while we are at it let’s put in term limits. If you are lucky enough to be elected for two terms, we’d thank you for your service and then see who else is available with new ideas and fresh approaches. You say you gained priceless experience during your tenure; that’s great, we invite you to share that valuable knowledge as a volunteer on local citizen committees. So let’s vote for downsizing and at least get their attention.

Paul Chlebowski

West Seneca

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