

Races remain a rarity in Fredonia

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Write-in votes will fill vacant Town Board, village trustee positions

There won't be much electoral drama on the spring ballots in the Fredonia area.

An extended filing deadline failed to generate interest in one of three village trustee positions on the Fredonia Village Board.

Incumbents Fritz Buchholtz and Mark Edbauer Sr. are seeking re-election, but Scott Ehaney decided not to seek another term.

When Ehaney was late in filing his non-candidacy papers, the deadline for nominations was extended from Wednesday, Jan. 2, to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7.

That added time did not result in anyone filing for the office. The third trustee post will go to the candidate who receives the most write-in votes in the April 2 election.

Incumbent Village President Chuck Lapicola is unopposed in his bid for a second term.

The spring election will result in some shuffling of positions in the Town of Fredonia.

Incumbent Clerk Janis Stemper is not seeking re-election, but Treasurer Dave Gorton has filed papers for the clerk's position.

Waubeka resident Jean M. Willis is the only candidate for the treasurer's post.

Incumbent Richard Mueller is unopposed in his bid for another term as town chairman. Chris Janik is also unchallenged in his bid for re-election as town supervisor.

Incumbent Supr. Mark Schubert failed to file non-candidate papers, extending the filing deadline for candidates to Monday.

As in the village, the extension failed to result in any additional candidates surfacing.

With no one seeking the second Town Board position, Schubert has told town officials he will run as a write-in candidate.

In the Northern Ozaukee School District, only incumbents filed paperwork for three expiring positions.

The unopposed candidates are Kendall Thistle for the Town of Fredonia seat, Francis Kleckner for the Town of Belgium post and Rick Hamm representing the Town of Saukville.