
OPINIONS

Vote no, no on Richfield April 5 referendums

There are two referendums on the Village of Richfield April 5 ballot. These two referendums have been instigated by a non-resident of Richfield — Jeff Gonyo of Polk.

The first referendum requests term limits for the Village Board. Only 15 percent of residents signed the petitions, and some of them have regretted it because it was misrepresented to them. Our current village trustees have done an outstanding job. The board has kept our taxes low with a great budget and no municipal debt. These referendums are not about term limits or number of trustees. It is too bad a person from Polk can try to influence Richfield residents to satisfy a personal agenda.

Remember, we have local term limits — called “elections.” Don’t like your Board? Vote them out. Local term limits are not supported by some state elected officials. It is already hard to find qualified people to step up to the plate when the positions have low compensation and no benefits like our elected state officials have.

The second referendum would increase the village board from five to seven members. Do we want our taxes increased when the current members can handle the job? In a recent letter to the editor, it was stated “that it would increase the costs but it is worth the cost to have new eyes watching the current Board.” Really! Has this person read the referendum, which states no increase in wages. I am curious how residents would feel if they knew the real agenda behind these referendums. It’s all about self-interest. Vote no to both referendums!

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Open the door for letters to the editor regarding the April 5 referendums as they have passed. Thank you for your submissions!