

# Election 2007: Chili supervisor and town council

## David Dunning Chili Supervisor



**Office Sought:** Supervisor, Town of Chili.  
**Political Party Endorsements:** Democrat, Independence & Working Families.  
**Length of Term:** 2 Years

**Pertinent information:** David Dunning, 2 Wheat Hill, Rochester, 14624, 50. Married, Wife Karen, 1 child. Education: Some College (non matriculated studies). Employment: Manage Retail Operations, PC Innovations, Rochester. No previous office held.

### Issues of importance in Chili

**Development:** Chili should approach opportunities for commercial development with excitement and creativity. I am in favor of smart growth. It is essential that our planning priorities include policies that will help revitalize existing businesses in Chili as well as our existing commercial core. Outside developers should not be unilaterally deciding on the future of our Town. It is the citizens of Chili, in partnership with elected officials, who should be making these important decisions.

**Leadership:** Tensions between the current supervisor and the other members of the town board have interfered with the effective and efficient functioning of the town board. As our newly elected Town Supervisor, I will use my leadership skills to bring all of our elected officials together and restore mutual respect and open discussion to town board meetings. Bringing civility, integrity and respect back to the supervisors office will be a priority in 2008.

### Why are you seeking election?

I am seeking election because I can make a difference in how our governing body interacts with each other. I am running to restore the people's faith in their government. I am running because Chili needs a leader who will embrace the people's voice. Keeping the public well informed about Town Board decisions and plans for the future. Publish Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board agendas for public review well in advance of meetings. Offer monthly "Town Meetings" in addition to regular Town Board Meetings where both residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders can feel free to openly share their thoughts and ideas with their elected officials. Encouraging commercial growth and attracting new businesses while remaining a family-friendly community. Through my hands-on approach to leadership and smart growth I will keep taxes low, cultivate cooperative relationships, revitalize our town center and protect our way of life. We must find a way to provide some tax relief to our seniors, recent re-assessments have many concerned for their financial stability.

### What I wish you had asked

People continually ask about my lack of experience. I say this, no prior supervisor has come to the table with experience. Our current supervisor for example is a career politician. Prior to taking office she had only political experience. I don't believe there is much room for politics in our supervisor's role. I also believe no one really has experience unless someone gives them an opportunity to gain it. I have a proven track record throughout my life of taking advantage of every opportunity I have been given. ... I am willing and fully able to do the work necessary to gain the experience necessary and provide Chili the leadership it deserves.

## Tracy Logel Chili Supervisor



**Office sought:** Seeking re-election as town supervisor. Endorsed by Monroe County Republican Party & Monroe County Conservative Party. Term of office – 2 years.

**Pertinent information:** Tracy L. Logel, One Grovewood Lane, Rochester, 14624. Education: MPA – Masters of Public Administration, BS - Bachelor of Science – Business Administration, AAS – Associates of Applied Science. Married to Peter C. Logel – 44 years. Three married daughters; 6 grandchildren. Previous offices and community involvement: Monroe County Legislator 10 years (1994-2003), Chili Town Council (1992 & 1993), Monroe County Board of Health (1997 – present), Monroe County Supervisors Association, Past President, Gates Chili High School Developmental Assets Committee, Chili Economic Development Committee Chair (1990-1992), Roberts Wesleyan College Community Orchestra Board, Member of American Legion Auxiliary Post 1830, Member VFW Auxiliary Post 412, Volunteer – EF Foundation for Foreign Study Student Exchange Program (1991-Present).

### Issues of primary importance in Chili:

1. Maintaining stable taxes and spending and 2. maintaining the delicate balance between growth and preserving residents quality of life. One key to our efforts to control town taxes and spending is to carefully manage and encourage commercial development in areas where it is appropriate and not negatively impacting residential neighborhoods. By bringing new business to Chili, and supporting the expansion of existing employers, we can help create and maintain jobs, grow our tax base and lessen the burden on residential property taxpayers.

## Chili town council

### Ginny Ignatowski Chili Town Council

**Office sought:** Town Council – 4 year term; Political party affiliation: Republican. Endorsed by the Republican, Conservative and Independence Parties.

**Pertinent information:** Virginia Ignatowski, 891 Ballantyne Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546, 42, Family: Married 21 years to James Ignatowski. Three children. Education: Pioneer Central School 1983 Regents diploma, Associate's in Applied Science degree, Data Processing (Computer Programming for Business applications); Alfred State College, 1985. Experience: Appointed to Chili Town Board, July 2003, and elected November 2003; Drainage Committee Liaison – 2004 to present; Drainage Committee past Member and Chair – 1996 to 2003; Conservation Board Liaison – 2003 to present; Historic Preservation Board Liaison – 2004 to 2005. Member, Chili Republican Committee. Other volunteer activities: Member, Violinist and Past Religious Education Teacher at St. Pius X church; Coach of 4-H County Horse Judging

### Issues of primary importance in Chili:

Providing quality services while being fiscally responsible will continue to be a primary focus for me. Since I have been councilwoman, we have had a stable tax rate, paid cash for new purchases and have paid off some loans early.

The location of commercial development is another critical issue. Development should be encouraged in areas where our Town Master Plan recommends this type of activity and where current zoning supports it.

### Why are you seeking re-election?

I am seeking re-election because I love serving the residents of Chili. A number of large initiatives will be forthcoming in the next several years such as a possible re-development of the center of town and a new master plan. It is my desire to be a part of this process and I feel that it is vital to have experienced officials to assist in guiding it.

### What I wish you had asked

**Why don't we have more restaurants and a hotel in town instead of multiple pharmacies, pizza and donut shops?**

If land is zoned for a certain type of development, a municipality cannot deny them the right to build. The town can set conditions on hours of operation, design, signage, etc., through the Planning Board, but it cannot legally prevent them from building. A town also cannot force a business to locate within Chili. Multiple requests have been made for restaurants and a hotel, but ultimately, it is the business's decision.

**No information was submitted by Democrat-endorsed candidates for town council  
James Vandervoort or Timothy Lancaster**

### Michael S. Slattery Chili Town Council

**Office sought:** Town Council – 4 year term; Political party affiliation: Republican. Endorsed by the Republican, Conservative and Independence Parties.

### Pertinent information:

Michael S. Slattery, 53 Rochelle Drive, Churchville. Education: Charlotte High School, 1984; Monroe Community College, courses in Civil Engineering. Employment: Monroe County Department of Transportation, Permit Division. Chili Town Councilman, elected in 1999, Re-elected in 2003. Married to Pauline, twin daughters. Member, Chili Republican Committee. Past Liaison, Recreation Advisory Committee; Past Liaison and Former Chairman, Chili Drainage and Environmental Services Committee; Member, American Public Works Association; Former Member and Liaison - Master Plan Committee; Former Liaison Parks & Recreation Master Plan; Liaison to Master Plan Update Committee in 2006; Former Member, Airport Corridor Major Investment Study; Liaison, Library Board of Trustees; Chili Soccer - coach and division director, Former Director of Fields & Equipment, Former Coordinator of the 5v5 fall Soccer Program; board member – Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

### Two (2) issues of importance in Chili

The most important issue Chili is facing at this time would be commercial development. Do we need it, if so, where should it be located? The town has created a town wide Master Plan that should be used as a guide for our future. This was created with the public's participation in the late 1990's and a portion was updated in 2006. The town also hired a professional engineer to perform a study for the best location for commercial development. The professionals determined Chili Center is the best location for this development and I agree. While improvements will be needed, I believe in keeping the commercial development in one location while maintaining the rural and residential character that draws families to Chili.

The second would be taxes. Chili's tax rate is \$3.85 per \$1,000. What does this mean? If you own a home worth \$100,000 your taxes for the town would be \$385.00. What does this money pay for? The fire department, library, snow removal and road maintenance, recreation programs for our toddlers to seniors and our parks are some of the many areas. In comparison, the percentage of your tax dollars that go to the town is 11%, compared to the school which is 68% and county is 21%. Chili residents have four public school districts that serve our residents – Churchville Chili (\$23.88 per \$1,000), Gates Chili (\$23.64 per \$1,000), Wheatland Chili (\$24.66 per \$1,000) and Caledonia Mumford (18.66 per \$1,000).

The challenge is continuing to provide quality services while being fiscally responsible. I believe the town has been good stewards of our money and will continue to strive for excellence. I am very proud of the services we provide and the town employees that provide them.

### Why are you seeking re-election?

I believe that one should be involved in various committees and organizations within the municipality to gain the knowledge and history of the community before running for public office. I've had the

### Why I am seeking re-election

As supervisor for the past 4 years, I have had the opportunity to deal with the complexity of needs and issues that confront a growing community. Chili's growth potential has been recognized and commercial businesses have identified our area as an underserved residential population with future growth potential. I look forward to working with them to see our community develop in a planned and well managed manner. I want to avoid the pitfalls that can come with unmanaged development.

### What I wish you had asked

What can you do about my assessment going up? As elected officials, it is illegal for us to interfere with the Town Assessor or the amount of the assessment. Town assessors are appointed for 6 year terms. The State of New York makes sure that all towns are assessed at 100% of re-sale value. If houses in a given area are selling for significantly higher than the assessed value of the houses in that section, the state "red flags" that area as under assessed and the Assessor's Office must re-assess that section or the town will be billed by the state for the higher tax amount they say is due. It is against the law for an elected official to intervene.

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pleasure to learn from a number of individuals with a broad knowledge of our community. I've learned that it's not the number of years living in a community but the participation and involvement one has. A person needs to be an individual thinker and not afraid to stand by his beliefs and experiences.

As the longest serving town board member (eight years), I'm able to share my experience with the other board members. The Town of Chili is at a very important time in the shaping of our future. I truly believe it's not time for on the job training.

### What I wish I had been asked

**What control does the Town Board have over the Library and their budget?**

The Library consists of a director and a board of trustees. They are responsible for creating and proposing a budget to the town -board for approval. The town board cannot tell the library how to spend their budget. The funding for the library comes for the tax levy which is set by the town board. The library is also a Not-for-Profit organization and has many volunteers that assist the paid staff in the operation of the library which reduces the cost to tax payers. This is similar to the volunteer fire departments. What makes Chili such a wonderful place to live and raise a family is the quality of life that we have and the library contributes to this.