

Election 2007: Riga supervisor and town council

No candidates opposed

Kenneth J. Kuter Riga Supervisor



Office sought: Town of Riga Supervisor, Endorsed by Republican, Independence, Conservative, Working Families. Two-year term.

Pertinent information: Kenneth J Kuter, 559 Riga Mumford Rd, Churchville, 49. Education: 1975 Churchville Chili Central School graduate; 1975 We-Mo-Co graduate, Auto Body Repair; 1980 New York State Tool & Die Apprenticeship Graduate. Recently retired from Delphi Automotive; currently employed as the building superintendent at Ehr – Dale Heights Churchville Senior Housing. Married 30 years; Wife, Sue, 2 adult children. Current Riga Town Councilman, Previous Deputy Supervisor.

Issues of primary importance to Riga.

The need for a new Firehouse. This issue can and needs to be addressed now; the longer it is pushed aside the higher the price tag will be. The needs analysis is complete Churchville Fire Department has long outgrown their firehouse. The women and men of the Churchville Volunteer Fire Department will continue to provide the dedicated hours necessary for our protection. We, as a community, need to provide the financial support that will give them the tools to help keep our community safe for years to come.

Provide access to public water for all residents in our town. During the last 22 months, I served as an active member of the Water Advisory Committee. Our findings to date have resulted in a complex feasibility study of engineering data and cost. We need to continue to move this plan forward, welcoming additional community input. We need to present upon completion the final plan with open discussion from the entire community and our State Representatives in Albany.

Why are you seeking election/re-election?

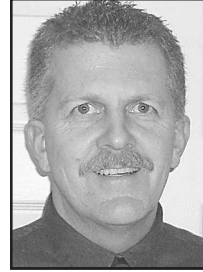
An effective community government requires strong leadership, leadership that allows public input and discussion into all issues that face our town. During the last 22 months as Councilman I've learned that through open discussion and consensus much can be accomplished. As supervisor, and Town Board Chairperson I will implement total involvement and decision-making with all board members, I will continue to support and work with committee members on assigned tasks and report to our community on progress as well as stumbling blocks. We will work with the many community organizations that continue to help make Riga a great place to call home.

What I wish you had asked

Where do you see the community in the next couple of years?

I see a community where the town and village are working jointly on projects to enhance the quality of life and public safety for all residents, both seniors and young families. Decisions being made will be done so only with citizen input, dealing in the facts and not the emotion. We will be a town that follows the rule of law and also follows the rule of common sense.

David Smith Riga Town Council



Office sought: Reelection to Riga Town Council. Four year term. Ran unopposed last year and now am running again for the next four year term. Endorsed by the Republican Committee, Independence, and the Conservative Parties.

Pertinent information: David Smith, 28 Parnell Drive, Churchville, 48. Received Natural Resources degree from CCFL in 1979 and bachelor of science in Organizational Management from Roberts Wesleyan College in 1995. Married to Melissa who teaches special education at Churchville Elementary. Two children living at home.

Issues of importance in Riga

Working cooperatively and collaboratively with the Village of Churchville is something I am interested in enhancing as an appointed and now elected town official. The value of working together on projects and programs makes a lot of sense for our community logistically and economically. The need for equitable Home Rule message to be passed by the senate and assembly is imperative for our town as we look to the future. This is a tool that will allow us to set direction for future projects and spending. There are many needs in our community; but I am most interested in minimal tax increases and serving our community in the most fiscally responsible way.

Why are you seeking election/re-election?

No answer submitted.

What I wish you had asked

What is the most important issue in politics today?

I continue to be disappointed how many of our elected officials have lost sight of being public servants and shift to serve themselves to preservation of their position for political and financial gain. As government continues to have the tendency to grow we need to remember as elected public servants we are elected to represent all the people. As we all see the exodus from New York continue, the need for extensive tax reform in our state is urgently needed. We need to make real strides in cutting spending to stem the tide of growing government. The case for term limits and running government with elected representatives from our communities that work and live in our communities is becoming clear. Business people, farmers, doctors, laborers, school teachers, accountants all would make for great representatives in all levels of government. After a term or two of service returning from governing to allow another a chance to serve was the founders' intent I believe. Abdicating our responsibility to the attorneys of the day has proven to be expensive in many ways. We seem to have lost our way in this quest for providing unlimited services for all and are building empires for career politicians as we listen to all their false promises. Government was never intended to be the catch all benefactor for all the peoples of the county, state, country, or town.

Robert Ottley Riga Town Council



Office sought: The councilman position is a four year term. I have been endorsed by the Republican and Independence Parties.

Pertinent information: Robert Ottley, 761 Attridge Road, Churchville. I am seeking the office of Town Council in the Town of Riga. I was appointed to this position in 1998 and have been re-elected two times. I also served as deputy supervisor under former Supervisor Tim Rowe. I have been a small business owner since 1976. I have been married to Patti for 26 years and have two adult children who both reside in Riga. I have served on many boards and committees in the Town of Riga and various trade organizations.

Two issues of primary importance in Riga

Water - It is my desire to be certain that the citizens of our community have the right to the availability of safe and clean drinking water. Passage of a home rule message is vital to giving our citizens the choice on how we as a town can accomplish this task.

Drainage - Riga has been an agricultural community since its inception. As the farmland has been developed, drainage ways that were once maintained by farmers are now left to be maintained by homeowners. Most homeowners and large property owners lack both the necessary equipment and knowledge for maintaining these important drainage ways. Looking at the feasibility of a town wide drainage district is a way to begin to plan for addressing this issue in the future.

Why are you seeking election?

I am seeking re-election to continue to serve my fellow neighbors in keeping our community great. Politically our town has taken its share of hits in recent years and I look forward to being part of the solution to bringing our town back on track with a government that addresses peoples needs in a manner that is civil and open.

What I wish you had asked

No answer submitted.