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Eagle's recent successes point best way for future

Dear Editor:

I want to let my constituents know that I appreciate the last two years that I have been able to represent the Town of Eagle as chairman. I have decided not to run for re-election for this position due to family and business obligations.

We have come far during the last two years. At the time I initially ran for this position, I felt the local government needed a new direction. Many things had been lingering and it seemed like little action was being taken.

The Eagle Town Board has now pulled together and become a team. Working together, we have accomplished a lot.

First, communication needed to be re-established. The Eagle Village Board and Town Board were operating with many hard feelings between them. We now have a working relationship with the Village and hold regular joint meetings. The Eagle Fire Department had lost its spirit and was running with low morale due to issues that are now resolved.

Many lawsuits were lingering. We were able to resolve the lawsuit with the Village against the Town, the well water issue and lawsuits with a Town resident and area business.

The state mandates Smart Growth planning be completed by 2010. Due to prior Town government, we missed grant money that was available in 1995 to help fund this. We are now working with the Eagle Village Board and have applied jointly for any grants that may now be available.

For nine years the issue concerning the business park road paving had dragged on. We met with the business owners and came to an agreement.

We have worked hard to keep our Town budget in check and still have a reputable surplus fund for emergencies. We have been able to reduce local taxes for the past two years. We established a five-year road program; we never knew if one existed. This will help with overall budgeting when it comes to the upkeep of the township's roads.

Eagle is a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

It has been a pleasure to work with board members who have been so willing to transform our local government into such a positive force.

I know that Bob Kwiatkowski will make a wonderful town chairman. His wealth of knowledge is unbelievable. Dan West has been just great to work with. He helps me with the roads, insurance policies and human resources. Along with John Davis, he is on top of the Smart Growth program. Jim Pasterski is the best treasurer in the county. Sally McMillan has been a wonderful clerk and a big help to me. I hope her new adventures go well. Steve Muth also will be a very involved supervisor and will do just fine. Now everyone knows how I will be voting.

Please do what is right and let's keep a good thing going. Thank you for letting me be of service to the people of Eagle.

Todd Gillette
Eagle Town Chairman