

Mukwonago Chief

People  
Gillette, Todd

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# Wilton out in Eagle

community, the town's polling place was understandably busy.

"Things went smooth, but we were busy. It was steady all day long," said town clerk Sally McMillan.

Gillette, who finished eight votes behind Wilton in the Feb. 15 primary election, was extremely pleased with the results of the spring election and said he looks



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forward to working with the new board and the Village of Eagle.

"Honestly, I think people were just tired of the same old thing. They needed a change. He (Wilton) had his time and now it's time to move on," said Gillette, who garnered 52 percent of the votes.

Several times over the past few years, Wilton has come under fire for controversies involving the town's relationship with the village, as well as the growing turmoil within the joint fire department.

Despite falling just short of Wilton in the primary, Gillette had expressed confidence that he would pick up some votes from citizens who were also unhappy with the current leadership but had distributed their votes among two other town chairman candidates in the primary - Steve Muth and Penny Bos.

His prediction proved to be true with the 40-vote win on April 5.

"Now it's time to mend these fences with the village and fire department, which won't take long. I was told that the fire chief was planning to resign if I did not win the election and some fire department members planned to

walk. So now we can move forward and settle some of their issues."

Gillette said he also plans to work with the Village of Eagle on a possible border agreement. "That wasn't part of my platform, but it seems to be a hot issue with people. So we will get the village and town to talk again and work as a team."

Communication between town board members and the community will also be a big item on Gillette's agenda as he begins his first term as town chairman.

"There are a lot of mis-beliefs out there that we will have to address. We have to get the facts out there so that people understand exactly what is going on. Like with the wells. We need to tell people exactly how the village wells will affect their properties."

"We need to improve communication so that everyone is on the same page and has trust in what the board is doing. That's what was lost with the old board," Gillette said.

## Close race in Eagle

The race for the top-elected position in the Town of Eagle was much closer than it was in Mukwonago, as challenger Todd Gillette edged long-time incumbent Don Wilton for the town chairman's seat by a vote total of 474-434.

In the race for two open town board seats, incumbent Robert Kwiatkowski led all candidates with 409 votes. Challenger Daniel West also won a board seat with 405 votes. Challenger John Davis (362 votes) and incumbent Arvy Rassmussen (299) fell short.

In the race for town treasurer, incumbent James Pasterski easily outdistanced his challenger, county board supervisor Carl Seitz, by a vote count of 623-245.

With more contested races on the ballot than any other area