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Good evening,
Please include my comments as part of the record.

Public Hearing 8-23-21 change term of office from 2 to 4 years.

I believe a 2 year term of office is in the best interest of the Village for the following reasons.

- * a 2 yr. term is more responsive to changes in public opinion.
- * with the Village's addition of 2 employee positions, "legislative aide" and confidential assistant to the Mayor," there's a more shared responsibility and a decreased workload among the 4 Trustees, which i believe decreases the need to stay in the term longer.
- * 'cost' of elections is an expected part of the government in a democracy. Trustee elections would still need to be held yearly-in a staggered basis as is currently done-to provide continuity for the residents. Our Village has so far funded 2 payments totaling \$900.00 to our new position of grant writer. Our Village government is currently financing the \$8,000 over budget for our new Village vehicle. Our Village government is currently paying both Joel Stern and Issac Ekstein \$300 each/wk (which is more than what the elected Trustees receive BTW), etc. Those 3 examples of expenses were not included as part of the 2020-2021 budget and yet funds were found and dispersed. So, I believe our Village government can/will find the funding to conduct our elections annually.

For these reasons, I believe a change from a 2 year to a 4 year Trustee position is not warranted at this time.

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