

Incumbents retain seats in Town of Port

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Town of Port Washington voters on Tuesday gave a stamp of approval to the current Town Board, choosing the incumbent supervisors over two former Plan Commission members.

Supervisors Mike Didier and Jim Rychtik garnered 257 and 225 votes, respectively, in Tuesday's balloting while challengers John Fieber and Terry Anewenter received 103 and 95 votes.

Town Chairman Jim Melichar, Clerk Jenny Schlenvogt and Treasurer Mary Sampont were unopposed in their bids for a new term.

Melichar received 328 votes, Schlenvogt 322 and Sampont 311.

The resounding victory by the incumbent officials can be seen as an endorsement of the board's decisions over the past two years, Didier said.

"I guess we'll keep doing what we've been doing," he said. "I think it (the vote) has to do with the fact everything is getting done effectively and efficiently and the town taxes haven't gone up."

City voters elect two new aldermen

Two new aldermen will take office in the City of Port Washington, where write-in candidate Kevin Rudser received about 50 votes to fill the Common Council's vacant 5th District seat.

The Board of Canvass was expected on Wednesday to determine the exact number of votes Rudser received, City Administrator Mark Grams said, although there is no doubt he won the election. Only a couple other names were written on, each garnering a vote or two, he said.

Ald. Joe Dean did not seek re-election for the 5th District seat.

Bill Driscoll will be the city's 3rd District alderman, replacing outgoing Ald. Jim Vollmar. He received 214 votes Tuesday.

Incumbent aldermen Mike Ehrlich and Dan Becker were unchallenged. Ehrlich received 264 votes and Becker 242.

Three incumbents were also returned to the Port Washington-Saukville School Board.

Jim Eden, who represents the Town of Grafton, received 1,918 votes. Jim Olsen and Kelly O'Connell-Perket, who represent the City of Port Washington, received 1,702 and 1,621 votes,

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