

FROM THE VILLAGE.....Legislative changes last year will make the process for write-in candidates for Village Board of Trustees different for the 2020 election. The new law requires “any candidate engaged in or pursuing a write-in campaign shall file a notarized affidavit of his or her intent together with the receipt for any filing fee with the filing officer no later than the second Friday prior to the election.” This legislation aligned the requirements for Village elections with those already in place for cities of the second and first class. In other words, if someone wants to run as a write-in candidate they must first come to the Village office, pay the filing fee, take that receipt to the County Clerk’s office and fill out an affidavit indicating their intent to run for office as a write-in candidate. If this process isn’t followed, any votes cast for someone who hasn’t followed these steps **will not be counted**. The Village Board will have 3 openings in the November, 2020 election and only one incumbent has filed for election. If someone in the community wants to run as a write-in candidate they must pay the filing fee at the Village Clerk’s Office (\$10.00), take that receipt to the County Clerk’s office and file a notarized affidavit of their intent to pursue a write-in campaign. The deadline for filing the affidavit at the Custer County Clerk’s Office this year will be Friday, October 23, 2020. Additional requirements for eligible candidates for the Village Board are being a resident of the Village and a registered voter. Please call the village office at 935-1467 if you have any questions.