

Village of Campton Hills November Referendum

BACKGROUND

A referendum question will be included on the November 8, 2022 ballot asking voters of the Village of Campton Hills to vote whether the Village Clerk shall be an appointed or an elected position.

The Village Clerk is currently an elected position responsible for calling the roll during public meetings, taking minutes at the Village Board and Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, overseeing the local election process, signing Village documents, and administering Oaths of Office for Village officials. The Village Clerk does not vote during board meetings and is not a policy making member of the Village Board.

VOTING YES OR NO?

What does it mean if I vote yes?

Voting yes to the referendum question indicates your preference for the Village Clerk to be appointed by the Village President with the concurrence of the Board. The appointed Village Clerk would be a current Village staff member that has the technical training to carry out the duties of Village Clerk.

What does it mean if I vote no?

Voting no would indicate your preference for the position to be elected. In this case, a candidate would need to run for the position in April of 2023 and be successfully elected to the office. There is no requirement for relevant expertise. The Village has had difficulty in finding candidates to run for the Clerk's position. The position pays \$10,000 per year and requires attendance at least three meetings each month along with other administrative duties.

What are the Benefits to Changing the Village Clerk to an Appointed Position?

The Village would be able to consider individuals for the position based on qualifications and abilities. The person in this position must be able to take minutes, have knowledge of state laws regarding record keeping and be familiar with the processes and procedures in the Village.

Why does that matter?

The digitization of records and state requirements have increased the demand for technical capacity and understanding, including the knowledge of software systems that maintain records.

Other local communities who have appointed Village Clerks

Burlington, Elburn, Gilberts, Hampshire, Lily Lake, Maple Park, Pingree Grove and Sugar Grove