

Hudson doesn't need nepotism

David Young ("Problem in Hudson is voter ignorance," Voice of the People, Sept. 15) and I share the same belief that we get the government we deserve. It is, indeed, every voter's responsibility to know candidates well before voting.

But if Young had lived in Hudson the past 15 years, he would have experienced the merging of township and village and potentially been part of the citizen input for charter formation.

Further, he would know this relatively new Hudson charter purposely allows for constant evaluation and a process of evolution, seeking a more perfect local government. The intent was to allow for the most open and responsive government for its residents.

In Hudson, the people, not some top-down entity, get to say what their government looks like. We have a weak mayor-strong council form of government, so the stakes are high.

We've moved forward with the high-minded belief that candidates will do what's best for Hudson. But when someone pushes the envelope and sets a new precedent, then Hudson residents get to have their say. We, the people, determine what our government looks like because we can.

If Young still has his dictionary handy, he might want to look up "home rule," "democratic process" and "petition," "PAC," "debate" and "vote" as part of democratic process. If Hudson residents want to create rules that remove the potential for even a whiff of nepotism, I applaud it. Other communities have done it, and we can, too.

I see enough of it on the Summit County level and don't want it here.

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