

3 eye run for Glens Falls mayor

By Gordon Woodworth
Chronicle News Editor

With the 2015 election done, and with Jack Diamond now in the last two years of his second and last term, the political question starting to resonate in the City and beyond is who will be the next mayor of Glens Falls?

"What a thankless job," says Ward 2 councilman Bill Collins.

"Right now is a real tough time to be mayor. Mayor Diamond has been very fiscally conservative, and I appreciate that as a taxpayer, but there's nothing left to cut.

"The next mayor has a real challenge in front of them. How can they keep it going without cutting services? The budgets alone would kill me."

"It's a challenging job," Mayor

Buzz begins; election in 2017; three expressing interest: Dan Hall, Patti Gray Whann, Nancy Girard Underwood



From left, Dan Hall, Nancy Girard Underwood, Patti Gray Whann say they might be interested in running for mayor of Glens Falls when Jack Diamond's term ends in two years.

Diamond agrees. "I haven't heard of a lot of people saying they are interested in running."

Some possible candidates might balk at the pay cut that being mayor entails.

The mayor's salary of \$56,650 is less than 43 city employees are paid, including 18 police officers, 18 firefighters, the City Clerk, Controller, Engineer, Assessor, and three employees at the Water & Sewer plant, make more.

Half the City's budget is taken up by paid police and fire de-

partments; retired members get their health care paid for for life.

Glens Falls's aging infrastructure needs work, and 23.5% of the property in the city is tax exempt, owned by not-for-profits.

"Financially, the model is not sustainable," said Matt Funicello, the once and future congressional candidate who operates the Rock Hill Bakehouse Cafe. (He lives in Hudson Falls.)

Mayor Diamond said the next mayor may need to sell some of the City's surface parking lots

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Pop star Taylor Swift is the most broadly popular woman in the world, which presents America with a unique monetary opportunity, argues our editor.

Put Taylor Swift on the \$100!

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

The Obama administration intends to put a woman's face on the front of the \$10 bill, but I say they're thinking too meekly and 10 times too cheaply.

Nor should they limit the currency candidates to women who have passed into history.

Americans love the new, not the old — and this is the chance to

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Granville historian seeks info: 'Fire on Black Mountain' 1871

Editor:

Your [Dan Ladd's] recent article on forest fire fighting was interesting, and reminded me of a mystery I have been trying to solve for some time — 2 or 3 years, actually.

FIRE ON BLACK MOUNTAIN is the title of a painting. Actually — BLACK MOUNTAIN ON FIRE - LAKE GEORGE - 1871.

The artist was David Johnson (1872-1908). An older

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