

A Letter to the Editor:

We are writing to ask Mead voters to support former Trustee Colleen Whitlow for our next mayor. Colleen was a close second in the April election for this position by just 52 votes, but the mayor elected resigned shortly afterwards. At a July town board meeting we attended, rather than appoint Colleen, the board majority decided to spend \$3,500 to fill the vacancy in a coordinated November county election. With that vote, the board essentially voted to allow themselves to also run for the position.

Should mayor candidate Joyce Palaszewski be elected in this race, she would vacate her current seat and we would repeat this process all over again - which could result in additional costs to Mead of up to \$5,500. We don't agree that Mead should incur even more costs when we already have a capable candidate in Colleen to resolve this election vacancy now.

Why do Mead voters have to choose one over the other in this two candidate race? Vote for Colleen again and we get BOTH women on the board. We consider it a positive thing for Colleen to return to the board, this time in the position of Mayor, and for Joyce to continue doing good work in her position as Mayor Pro-Tem.

After Colleen was a board trustee of four years, she has continued to work on behalf of Mead by doing community work and has acquired even more experience and connections that will keep moving Mead forward in a positive manner. As a U.S. Air Force veteran, she will also promote respect and integrity. As voters we should give our voice and our vote to Colleen Whitlow so she can join the town trustees as mayor to begin working together to make a positive difference for our town.

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