

Town hires attorney as new clerk

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Legal background, professional demeanor gave Churchill the edge

The Saukville Town Board on Tuesday hired retired attorney M. Susan Churchill as its part-time clerk.

Town Chairman Barb Jobs said the town received letters of applications from 11 candidates to fill the position vacated by Chris Lear, who was named clerk/treasurer in the Village of River Hills last month.

“I was very pleased we had that many candidates. Actually, I was surprised,” Jobs told the board.

Jobs, who handled the entire interview process for the candidates, recommended Churchill, a Town of Saukville resident, for the position.

“I think she will fit in very well. She came across as very down-to-earth. As an attorney she has a good knowledge of state statutes and knows how to handle herself in a professional manner,” Jobs said.

Churchill has no experience working for a municipality, but Jobs said she didn’t see that as an insurmountable obstacle.

“This is not brain surgery. Nobody is going to die if we make a mistake,” she said. “There is going to be a learning process, but that would have been the case no matter who we hired.”

Churchill told the town she could start working by Aug. 1.

She will be paid \$17 an hour for up to 20 hours a week. There are no fringe benefits.

While the clerk’s position is open, Jobs and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Gloria Arredondo have been handling the town’s administrative duties.