

Jobs injury leaves board shorthanded

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Town chairman breaks hip in fall at Town Hall

With just three members, the Saukville Town Board is a model of governmental efficiency.

That lean mode of democracy was put to the test at Tuesday's board meeting, however, after officials learned Town Chairman Barb Jobs suffered a broken hip when she fell at Town Hall.

Jobs took a tumble off the stage in the auditorium of the former school on Monday, injuring her hip, according to Supr. Kate Smallish.

"Barb called me yesterday and I asked her how things were going. She said, 'Not so good. I'm flat on the floor at Town Hall and hurt my hip,'" Smallish said.

"She was just as calm as could be, but was worried that the ambulance crew couldn't get into the building because the doors to Town Hall were locked."

Smallish said Jobs underwent emergency surgery to replace the damaged ball that fits into the hip socket.

"She said, 'I got a new hitch,'" Smallish said.

Smallish said Jobs was recovering nicely and is expected to return home Friday.

With just Smallish and Supr. Curt Rutkowski available to act on any matters before the board Tuesday, all items were unanimously approved. Smallish stepped in as acting chairman.

One of the actions the board approved was a one-year contract with the Newburg Fire Department for fire protection.

Fire Chief David Geidel said the department would keep its current rate for 2013, requiring payments of \$84,962 at the end of January and August.

Geidel said the department will be expecting a rate increase the following year, but town officials were hesitant to support a two-year contract calling for an automatic increase in 2014.

The board is also scheduled to hold a budget workshop Thursday without Jobs.

"We'll struggle through," Smallish said of the budget session.