

Please vote for Parma Town Law 1-2016

Parma Town Law 1-2016 would change the Highway Superintendent from an elected to a position appointed by the Town Board. The Town Board believes that this is forward looking legislation to better serving the tax payers of Parma. The Town Board would seek applications for Highway Superintendent. With input from professionals we will review the applications for appropriate qualifications, and conduct interviews for the position.

Why is this so critical? Highway Superintendent is the most important position in the Town. This is why it is so very important for Parma to have the most qualified person as Superintendent. The Town Board in the last three years has demonstrated that they are up that task by its recent hiring of two new department heads. They have brought a high level of professionalism and commitment to the betterment of the Town of Parma.

The demands on the Superintendent have increased over the years and there is a need for greater accountability. Not only to local citizens, who want the snow plowed, but also in regard to Town's budget demands as well as State and Federal requirements. The Town needs the authority to direct the Superintendent to meet these requirements. It is very important to the financial —stability of the Town. This law will allow that accountability.

Opponents may argue that this is a way to terminate the current Superintendent. That is not the case, as this law will not go into effect immediately but at the end of his current elected term. They may also argue that you won't be electing future Highway Superintendents. In reality only once in the past 30+ years has there been more than one name on the ballot for voters to choose from. Half of the towns in Monroe County and all the local villages have already made the choice to have an appointed position. Without having to campaign for re-election every two years, the Superintendent could focus more on the needs of the Town.

The Town Board believes this Town Law is another step forward in preparing for the future needs and financial stability of the Town of Parma.

Please vote yes.