

# Democrats gain 1st seat on Guilderland board

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GUILDERLAND — Republican incumbent Carl Walters held onto the office of town supervisor by a margin of about 600 votes as Democrats elected their first Town Board member in more than a century.



Carl Walters

In unofficial returns from Republican headquarters, Walters defeated Democrat Donald Berger 5,013-4,406 in Tuesday's voting.

Democrat Virginia Horan was elected to the Town Board, defeating Republican incumbent Pauline Porter by 316 votes.

Mrs. Horan garnered 4,616 votes. Mrs. Porter, who ran on both the Republican and Conservative lines, got

4,300, according to figures from the Albany County Board of Elections.

Conservative voters were a decisive factor in the town's other race for a Town Board seat, in which Republican John P. Smircich was elected by a margin of 94 votes.

Smircich received 4,284 votes on the GOP line and 223 Conservative votes, unofficial figures from the Board of Elections show. His opponent, Democrat Pearl Kurland, got 4,413.

Mrs. Kurland said she would seek a recount because of the closeness of the vote.

Republican Kevin Moss was re-elected town justice, defeating Democrat Arthur Martin. Moss received 5,213 votes on the Republican line and 311 on the Conservative line. Martin got 3,532 votes.

Republican Herman Van Buren was re-elected superintendent of highways, receiving 4,727 Republican and 276 Conservative votes. Democrat Charles Arcolano received 3,814.

Incumbent Town Clerk Jane Springer defeated Maria Gilberti, her Democratic challenger, 4,897-4,004.