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Village Board Members,

Thank you all for putting the Village Board Meeting platform on the agenda and discussing during the rescheduled Thursday afternoon meeting. It was rather ironic that the meeting got off to a rocky start! And other viewers also mentioned difficulties in viewing.

Trustee Neuneker's personal experience viewing a meeting using the Facebook medium was interesting. It sounded frustrating for him and seemed like he may understand what some other community members feel.

Another Board Member mentioned he thought it was beneficial for the public to see the board together, interacting with each other. When Panda taped meetings and there was the ability to pan board members and zoom (no pun intended) closer to a person it was a more interactive experience. Now the camera is set at a distance to include all but our Town Clerk. With the distance and each participant's face masked, you are unable to see any interaction. Has anyone on the board watched the Facebook meetings? Of course voices are slightly muffled with the required masks, but following the provided captions isn't always smooth either.

With Zoom, I think it would be more of an interactive experience; a closeup of each member's face as well as a clearer audio without the masks.

Again, thank you for your consideration,
Kathleen Evans