

on 1/19/04 1:46 PM, Vida Langenkamp at idagl@yahoo.com wrote:

Dear Friends,

Greetings and Salutations!

Some of you who receive this will not have a great deal of interest because you either do not live in Shorewood, or you really do not have an interest in the situation. So, why am I taking my time, and yours, to write?

For two reasons:

1. For those of you who don't live remotely near Shorewood, but are people I call friend, you can get to see the result of small municipality politics at it's worst. Good for a laugh (or cry!) on a cold Monday. Believe me, I've done nothing wrong!
2. For those who do live in Shorewood, YOU NEED TO SEE THIS, so you can understand what type of people have surfaced and what type of tactics are being used to go after decent, ethical, and talented citizens of our Village.

I am writing to urge you to go to a specific website to see for yourself what is being written not just about me, but about several of my colleagues and friends.

So, as several of you have asked, WHAT IS HAPPENING?

In short...

Last November, the Village President, without any consultation with the Village Budget and Finance Committee or the Village Board of Trustees, called for an independent audit of the Village Library Building project.

He decided to do this by contacting the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel. This was an unprecedented way in which to deal with an issue of concern, to say the least!

Any use of Village funds cannot be determined by one individual. That is why we have a Board of Trustees who makes those kinds of decisions.

As a result of his action, and a subsequent article in the print media, one particular citizen has hired an attorney and taken it upon himself to do his best to malign people in a most sinister manner. If you go the website, his tactics become quite clear. The sight is not only quite obnoxious, every insinuation is unfounded. I want all of you in Shorewood to see this and urge you to tell as many friends and neighbors as you can to do the same. In my mind it is important that as many decent people as possible view this, just so they aware of it, and so you can do something about it if you have the desire, or stomach, to act.

I am not threatened by this because I can say, WITHOUT A DOUBT, not one thing has been done illegally.

In fact, none of us are being targeted have done anything wrong! The attack on our Village Attorney is particularly disturbing because it gives the distinct impression that we, as governing body, have something to hide or have illegally destroyed records.

Not only is Ray Pollen, our Village Attorney, an expert on municipal law, giving workshops to municipalities throughout the state about the topic, he is a man with a great deal of integrity, who happens to live in Shorewood.

During my six year tenure on the Board, whenever there has been a legal question, Ray is consulted. His advice has always followed the letter of the law.

Ray is in attendance at all meetings of the Village Board.

So my friends, and fellow Shorewoodians in particular PLEASE take a moment and go to this sight:

<http://www.putnampit.com/shorewoodvillage/> New/ Page 1.htm

Please forard it to as many as you see fit. I'm pretty sure that you will be very amazed at the path we are now on in this Village. More than anything else, a very sad state of affairs for Shorewood. Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns or questions.

Thanks.

I remain your faithful public servant.
Vida

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