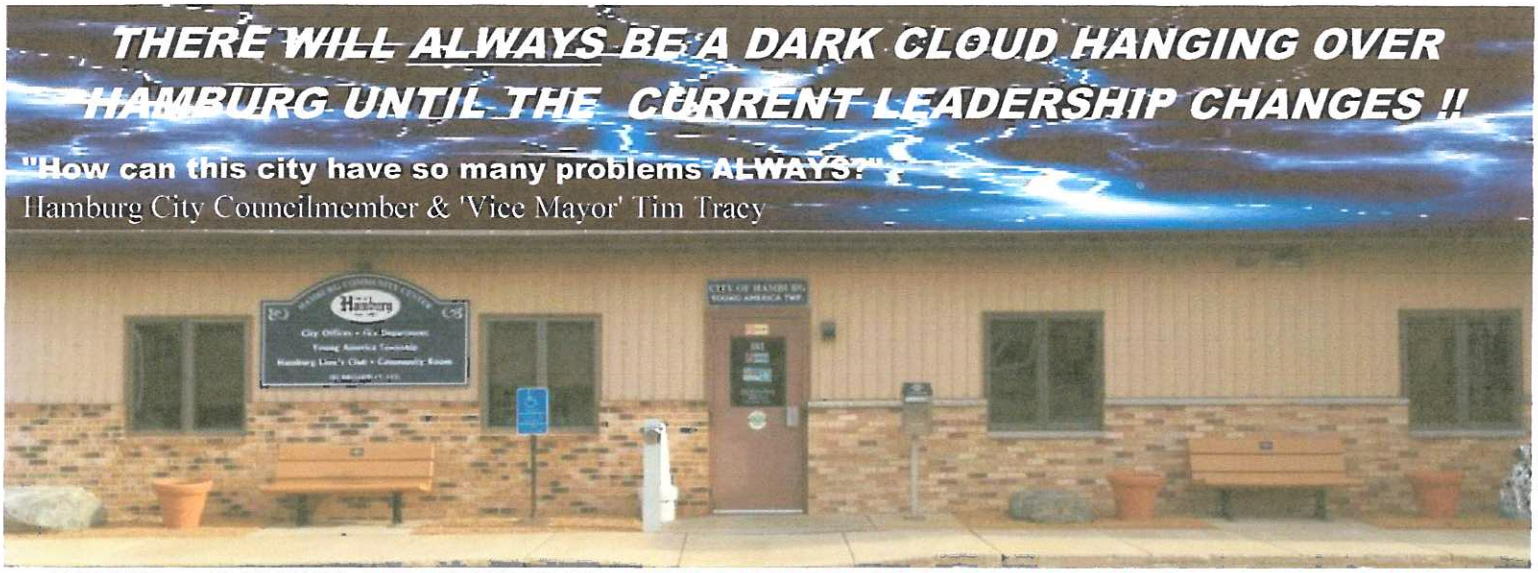
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PUBLIC OFFICIALS BEHAVING BADLY



IN MY BOOK, YOU'LL **READ** *WHY THE* **CITY COUNCIL DIDN'T NOTIFY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE** *WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE* **CITY'S FIRE TRUCKS HAD BEEN 'SABOTAGED'** !!

IN MY BOOK, YOU'LL **READ** *ABOUT* **MULTIPLE INCIENTS** *OF* **INAPPROPRIATE**, **UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR** *&* **EMBARASSING MISCONDUCT** *OF A* **CITY OFFICIAL THAT TOOK PLACE AT CITY HALL WHERE THE MAYOR**, *&* **CITY COUNCIL**, **FAILED TO TAKE ANY ACTION** *AND, INSTEAD;* **'SWEPT EVERYTHING UNDER THE RUG'**; *A* **'COVER-UP'** !!

READ *THE* **TRUE FACTS** *ABOUT THE* **'CONTROVERSARY'** *INVOLVING AN* **ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR** *FROM THE* ***CITY OF CARVER***, **READ** *THE* **ACTUAL LETTERS** *SENT TO THEM AND* **READ** *ABOUT THE* **EMBARASSING**, **HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR** *OF A* **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIAL** *THAT TOOK PLACE* **AT CITY HALL** *IN FRONT OF THAT* **ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEE** !! *(WHICH WAS ALSO* **'COVERED UP' BY THE CITY** !!*)*

READ *ABOUT THE* **CITY NEVER QUESTIONING** *WHY A* **COMPUTER HARD DRIVE CONTAINING CITY DATA** *THAT WAS* **SENT TO THE FBI** *FOR* **'SAFEKEEPING'**, **CONTAINED NO DATA** *WHEN IT WAS* **RETRIEVED FROM THE FBI BY THE CITY** !! *(HAND/COOKIE JAR 'THING' !!)*

READ *ABOUT* **WHY** *IT WAS* **SO IMPERATIVE** *FOR* **CURRENT** ***AND*** **FORMER CITY OFFICIALS** *TO* **PREVENT ME FROM BEING ELECTED** *AS THE* **NEXT MAYOR** *OF* **HAMBURG** *AND, INSTEAD;* **RE-ELECT INCUMBENT MAYOR CHRIS LUND** *WHO HAS BEEN* **ARRESTED** *FOR* **DWI**, **CONVICTED** *OF* **CARELESS DRIVING** *AND* **ARRESTED** *AND* **CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC ASSAULT** !!

ALSO **READ**, *IN MY BOOK,* **OVER 150 PAGES** *OF* **DOCUMENTS**, *THAT* **I'M PUBLICLY RELEASING**; *MANY OF WHICH HAVE* **NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE**, *AND INCLUDE* **CRUDE**, **RUDE**, **VULGAR**, *AND* **DEMEANING TEXT MESSAGES** *SENT BETWEEN* **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS 'TARGETING' A CITY EMPLOYEE WHO THEY WERE TRYING TO FORCE TO QUIT** !!

(***SOUND FAMILIAR*** *??* It ***WILL*** When You Read My Book !!)

(Messages Extracted From **OVER 50 PAGES Of INTERNAL CITY DOCUMENTS** *That I Obtained !!)*

AFFIDAVIT



State of Minnesota

County of Carver

ON THIS DATE, the undersigned, Richard Odoms, being duly sworn, appeared before me, a Notary Public in the State of Minnesota, attesting, under penalty of Perjury, that the information, facts and documents contained in his book entitled,

"PUBLIC OFFICIALS BEHAVING BADLY"

are true, accurate and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief, and sufficient documents, audio recordings and other means exist, to corroborate and substantiate the accuracy and information contained therein.

Signature Of Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, 2023.

Notary Public

My commission expires: January 31, 2025

MICHELLE D STROBEL
Notary Public
Minnesota
My Commission Expires January 31, 2025



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born In 1943, Richard Odoms Is Now A Retired Law Enforcement Officer Whose Career Began in 1966.

In addition to attaining the rank of Sergeant with the **MAPLE PLAIN** (Minnesota) **POLICE DEPARTMENT** (now **WEST HENNEPIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**), I joined the **HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** (Minnesota's Largest Sheriff's Office) in October 1969 as a Senior Deputy Sheriff and attained the rank of Sergeant in both the **COMMUNICATIONS** and **WARRANT/FUGITIVE DIVISIONS.**

While continuously maintaining a valid **MINNESOTA POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING BOARD** (P.O.S.T.) License until it's expiration in 1997, I retired from the Sheriff's Office in September 1984. I am also a former **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (E.M.T.)** and a **U.S.A.F. FIRE PROTECTION SPECIALIST**.

In 2012, I was elected to a four year term on the **HAMBURG** (Minnesota) **CITY COUNCIL**, I currently host **THREE** Websites as well as a regularly scheduled hour long, five times a week Internet Show and a series of Internet Programs that primarily feature current & retired Law Enforcement and other Public Safety Officials. See my Resume' at

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/PROFESSIONALRESUME.html

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FORWARD

Dick:

Thanks for your Public Service; you do so much and probably don't get recognized for any of it.

But, you are a wonderful asset for Carver County and Hamburg and for your radio listening community; you're just a great guy..

Thanks so much.

My prayer would be more Dick Odoms' would rise up and get involved in their lives, in their communities and in our way of life ! Our future needs courageous leaders who are not afraid to 'challenge' the process and our leaders. America needs our involvement more than ever before because of the polarization that is taking place at all levels of government and our lives.

I have tried to think of any part of my life where government is not involved in some way, shape or form. While I believe we cannot live without "the people" looking out for each other, I believe we have created a monster that has an appetite we can not sustain. Something has to give .....

Wishing you Life's Best today and everyday.

Sheriff Byron "Bud" Olson (Retired)
Three Term Carver County Sheriff

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to Stan; the smartest person that I know and has constantly been by my side since July 23, 1984. We are now in our fourth shared home located in Hamburg (Minnesota 55339) after moving to Carver County in January 1989.

While I've met, and worked along side of many professional and dedicated fellow Law enforcement Officers during my lifetime, I would also like to dedicate this book to them, but specifically to absolutely the **FINEST POLICE OFFICER** that I have ever met, **OFFICER JOE CONTESSA**. Joe formerly worked with the New York City Police Department and now shares his dedication, professional knowledge and expertise benefiting the many fine residents of the Minnesota City of Bloomington.

I also dedicate this book to my fellow Active & Retired Professional Law Enforcement Brothers and Sisters **WORLDWIDE**, who have dedicated their lives to keeping us all **SAFE** & **SECURE** wherever we live, learn, work, play or visit.

I further would like to dedicate this book to former coworkers Mary Fix and Anita Harrington as well as to two of my former longtime bosses, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (retired) Captain Bob Bloedow and Mystic Lake Security Department Shift Manager Rick Shaver; two of the Best of the Best !!

Lastly I wish to acknowledge retired Carver County Sheriff 'Bud' Olson, former Carver County Attorney/Retired District Court Judge Mike Fahey, former Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, retired Minnetonka Police Officer and thirty year Criminal Investigator for the Hennepin County Attorney's Office Mike Atkinson, West Hennepin DPS Sergeant Rick Denneson and all of my many friends like Gary N, Brien M, David B, Mike G, Bryan M, Todd S, Darrell C, Gary M, Joshua V, Dr. Joe R, Dr. Turang B. and the many other great and wonderful people that I've met during my life.

I LOVE YOU ALL !

ABOUT THIS BOOK

This is a book that is probably like no other book that you'll ever read !! With a 'conventional' book, you read it once and then 'set it aside' to be either forgotten or to read again at a later date. As long as I am capable of doing so, the information contained in this book, will be periodically **UPDATED ON-LINE** (at **NO CHARGE** to purchasers) via my exclusive **WEBSITE (www.HAMBURGMINNESOTA.com);** thereby making current information available about what's taking place in Hamburg and any new 'developments', ***ALWAYS*** available to readers who purchase my book.

I will address, and try to present the information contained in this book, in chronological order, the several areas of concern that will, or ***SHOULD***, be of interest to ***ANY*** self-respecting resident not only in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** and **CARVER COUNTY**, but in your **OWN** city, town, village, township or community as well.

PREFACE

In December 1988 slightly more than four years after I retired from the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office in September 1984, we built a house southeast of the Carver County City of Cologne in Benton Township. We moved to the **CITY OF HAMBURG** (pop. 566) in March 2007. Life, and retirement, were enjoyable and pretty much uneventful after moving to Hamburg in 2007, but that would dramatically change once I made the decision to seek election to the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**. I received 55% of the votes in the November 2012 election and officially began my four year term the following January 1st.

Upon taking office, I would soon learn about the little known, **HAMBURG SIX** (now the **HAMBURG SEVEN**); consisting of ***ALL*** of the **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** whose 'goal' it was to **FORCE ME TO RESIGN** from the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**, Apparently, I was getting too 'up close and personal' with all of the **QUESTIONS THAT I WAS ASKING** about **WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE** in the City, **HOW THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS WERE BEING SPENT** and **WHO WAS RECEIVING THEM** !!

Much to the dismay of Hamburg residents, **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** **WASTED $50,000.00 TAXPAYER DOLLARS** on their **FAILED EFFORT** to **'SILENCE ME'** and/or **FORCE ME TO RESIGN** from the City Council. Again; much to the **FURTHER DISMAY** of **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, in spite of their sinister efforts, I served my **ENTIRE** four year City Council term until it expired on December 31, 2016.

"PUBLIC OFFICIALS BEHAVING BADLY" reveals my experiences with **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** from when I ***BEGAN*** my City Council term on January 1, 2013 up to the ***PRESENT*** time. It **ALSO INCLUDES** my recent effort, in the fall of 2022, when I sought to be elected as the next **MAYOR** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**.

By reading my book, you'll learn why there was such a **SUDDEN** and **CONCERTED EFFORT** by current, **AND** former, HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS to (successfully) **BLOCK ME FROM BEING ELECTED** as the **NEXT MAYOR OF HAMBURG** so that they ***ALL*** could 'preserve' their 'LITTLE KINGDOM' and all of the POWER, GLORY and AUTHORITY that goes with it. Believe me; **'ELECTION MEDDLING'** is **ALIVE & THRIVING IN THE CITY OF HAMBURG.**

You'll also find out what happens when the residents of a community aren't 'paying attention' to what their PUBLIC OFFICIALS are doing. WITHOUT CITIZEN SUPERVISION, PUBLIC OFFICIALS can ***SUDDENLY*** become a handful of greedy, power-hungry, sanctimonious local politicians that are ruining the town. INSTEAD of the ***RESIDENTS*** being in charge of ***THEIR*** community where ***THEY*** pay the bills, the politicians are 'calling the shots' !!

Upon being elected to the HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL, I ***ALSO*** quickly learned that once PUBLIC OFFICIALS subtly, but firmly; ***SIEZE CONTROL*** of a city or town, it's HIGHLY PROBABLE that the City's RESIDENTS will ***NEVER*** be able to 'take back' their City !! It's IMPOSSIBLE to ***'PUT THE GENIE BACK INTO THE BOTTLE' !!***

Such is the case in the CITY OF HAMBURG.

I've developed a **'Companion Website'** to my book by the same name; **www.PUBLICOFFICIALSBEHAVINGBADLY.com** that gives prospective readers of my book a summary of what's taken place in our small hamlet; the CITY OF HAMBURG.

To accommodate the **ACTUAL, FULL SIZE LETTERS, CORRESPONDENCE** and some other **NEVER BEFORE SEEN DOCUMENTS**, the 'finished product' size of my neatly bound book is the standard 'letter size'; 8 1/2" x 11". Having a larger size book allows plenty of space for me to provide, and allow HAMBURG CITY RESIDENTS and other interested parties to **SEE**, a plethora of the **ACTUAL, RELATIVE DOCUMENTS**, and **READ** about ***MANY*** of the **PERTINENT DETAILS** referenced in my book. They also 'shine the light' on what's been taking place in the CITY OF HAMBURG **SINCE AT LEAST 2013**, that the **MAJORITY OF HAMBURG RESIDENTS DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT !!**

This book, as WITNESSED through the eyes of a former CITY COUNCIL MEMBER and retired PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; is about EVERYTHING THAT ALL TAXPAYING CITIZENS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT: GOVERNMENT WASTE, GOVERNMENT INEFFICIENCY as well as clandestine 'BACK DOOR' and 'UNDER-THE-TABLE DEALINGS' that take place and are UNKNOWN to TAXPAYERS.

What I'm divulging isn't 'new' or limited to a small City in Minnesota with just 566 residents. Remember, local government 'mirrors' state and federal government; replete with all of it's faults, fallacies, pitfalls and, yes; secrecy. That's what my book is all about; the 'seedy' things that take place, by PUBLIC OFFICIALS and WHAT I WITNESSED TAKING PLACE

during my four term on the local, **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**, and the **'COVER-UP' EFFORTS** of **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**.

The fact that **HAMURG CITY OFFICIALS** attempted to 'pull off' their charade, **EVEN WITH A RETIRED CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ON THE CITY COUNCIL**, shows just how **STUPID, ARROGANT, BOLD** and **BRAZEN** they were/are.

SIDEBAR: When this whole mess began back in 2014, my lawyer, who was one of **MINNESOTA'S TOP 100 'SUPER LAWYERS'**, flat out told me that ***"The City has 'poisoned the well'."*** Because of that fact, I doubt that many, if any, Hamburg residents will ever purchase my book about their City; and that's fine. This book is ***NOT*** being written **FOR** them; it's being written **ABOUT** them, and their nonchalant **ACCEPTANCE** of the 'seedy' things that have ***TAKEN*** place (and are ***STILL TAKING)*** place involving the **HAMBURG SEVEN**, that are being **DIVULGED** in this book.

So, you ask, and well you should; how were the **HAMBURG SIX** (now **HAMBURG SEVEN**) able to ***TOTALLY ESCAPE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION*** for their untoward acts ?

The **ANSWER**: Because they had an **'IN'**. And that **'IN'**, had ***ANOTHER*** **'IN' !!**

In my book, I'll reveal how **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** were able to **SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION** (at least to this point), who is involved and the **IDENTITIES** of their 'accomplices'.

It's quite a (true) story.

The City's 'efforts' were primarily successful ***ONLY*** because City residents **WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION** to what was taking place. Hopefully, my book will reverse that deficiency of residents; not only in the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, but in cities throughout the ***ENTIRE*** United States as well, where it's taking place.

As you'll find out by reading my book, what I experienced as a **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**, pretty much continued upon the completion of my term and I'm ***STILL*** dealing with the 'fallout' some **SEVEN YEARS LATER !!**

Hence, my reason for writing this 'tell all' book.

By their votes last fall, **HAMBURG RESIDENTS** have already **'OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED'** the **PAST**, **PRESENT** and **FUTURE MISCONDUCT**, **INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**, **MISDEEDS**, **FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT** and **SQUANDERING OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS**, **HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE ETHICS** and **TACTICS** already **CALLED TO THEIR ATTENTION** during my Mayoral campaign, and now; being **PUBLICLY REVEALED** and **'BROUGHT TO LIGHT'** to ***EVERYONE*** who **READS THIS BOOK**; written by someone who's **"BEEN THERE; DONE THAT"** and has ***WITNESSED***, and is now revealing, what has taken, and still is, taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG !!**

Also, **FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME**, I am going to **PUBLICLY RELEASE**, the **EN-**

TIRE FORTY-FIVE PAGE TRANSCRIPT of the **FULL TWO HOUR INTERROGATION** of me by a **DETECTIVE** from the **McLEOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE !!**

Yes, folks; it's 'the CURRENT POLICE' INTERROGATING 'the FORMER POLICE'; but *NOT* like *'AS SEEN ON TV'*. This was a **REAL LIFE INTERROGATION**, conducted by a **PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**, who treated the 'suspect', **ME**; with **DIGNITY** and **RESPECT**. The 'interrogation' was *ALSO* the direct result of HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS being **ZEALOUSLY ILL-ADVISED**, to file a ('bogus' and 'fabricated') **FORMAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST ME**, thinking that I'd resign my position on the HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL !!

'Here and Now' seems like this is a good spot to mention that **LEGAL SERVICES**, **LEGAL CONSULTATION** and **LEGAL ADVICE** for the CITY OF HAMBURG is provided by 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**. Note how often **KELLEY C. DOHM** and her law firm's name, appear as you read this book.

When this all began in September 2014, I wondered to myself, **"ARE THESE PEOPLE 'ON DRUGS' ?"**

SIDEBAR: In the Courts, what HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS DID, friends; is legally referred to as **'MALICIOUS PROSECUTION'**; *the* ***WRONGFUL INSTITUTION*** *of* ***CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS*** *against someone* ***WITHOUT REASONABLE GROUNDS !!***

But, because (at least) **THREE HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** of the HAMBURG SEVEN are **'IN BED WITH'** other **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** in the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, there **NEVER HAS BEEN**, and there **NEVER WILL BE**, ***ANY***, of those **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS INVOLVED**; ever **BROUGHT TO JUSTICE** and **HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR HEINOUS MISCONDUCT**, **ACTIONS** and **MISDEEDS !!** More about all of that, later in the book.

By the way, holding PUBLIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE was *ANOTHER* one of my 'campaign pledges' !

At this point, I suggest that you take my HAMBURG SURVEY; a 'statement' of thirty-five FACTS briefly describing the HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE ACTIONS & BEHAVIORS of the HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN; the proverbial "WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING". The HAMBURG SURVEY can be found at the bottom of the following Webpage:

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/NUTSHELL.html

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER; MAYORAL CANDIDATE

In this book, you'll learn **WHY** the **CITY OF HAMBURG** **WASTED $50,000.00 TAX-PAYER DOLLARS** in their ***FAILED ATTEMPT*** to ***FORCE ME*** to ***RESIGN*** as a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER** !!

I'll further explain **WHY** my voluntarily 'leaving' or being 'forced off' of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** ***WASN'T AN OPTION*** for me !! By now, I'm sure you ***ALSO*** know, or ***SHOULD*** know; ***THAT WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN*** *!! (And; it* ***DIDN'T*** *!!)*

Most recently, when I sought to be elected the Mayor of Hamburg in the November 2022 election to replace the incumbent Mayor, City and area residents have no doubt heard the 'rumblings' of election **'MEDDLING'*** taking place by some of the current and ***FORMER*** **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**. *(The vehicles of* ***FORMER HAMBURG MAYOR RICHARD MALZ*** *and* ***FORMER HAMBURG FIRE CHIEF BRAD DROEGE*** *were* ***SEEN NUMEROUS TIMES*** *at the* ***CITY HALL*** *during* ***'normal business hours'*** *of City Hall, from the time that I* ***FILED FOR MAYOR*** *(August 16, 2022), up until a day or two before the day of the general election; November 8, 2022.)*

Now, this ***MAY*** be 'presumptuous' on my part, but; I'm guessing that the **FORMER MAYOR** and **FORMER FIRE CHIEF** were ***NOT*** enjoying 'coffee, crullers and croissants' with **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**, talking about ***'how much snow we'd receive'*** this winter, or playing canasta. **THEY WERE PLOTTING !!**

Ask yourself: **WHY** was the election so **LOPSIDED** (224/50) **IN FAVOR OF** the **CURRENT MAYOR, CHRIS LUND** who, incidentally; has not only been **ARRESTED FOR DWI**, but also **CONVICTED OF CARELESS DRIVING**; as well as **ARRESTED FOR** and

CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC ASSAULT !!

Lovely.

*Definition of **'MEDDLING'**: *To **interest oneself** in what is **not one's concern**; **interfere** without right or propriety.*

***NEITHER** Malz **NOR** Droege had formally filed to be elected Hamburg Mayor in the November 8, 2022 election !!*

COMMENTS or QUESTIONS ??

Does ***ANYONE*** have ***ANY*** ???

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HAMBURG'S CITY CLERK/TREASURER

What's been taking place 'within the walls' of the Hamburg City Hall that you'll read about in this book, is certainly **NOT NEW !!**

Being on the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** for four years (2013-2017) was certainly an 'eye opening experience' and is a 'blueprint' of how municipal government should ***NOT*** operate.

While the first few months of being a City Councilmember was a 'learning experience', what I observed continuing to take place within local 'City Government' after I got 'settled in', became more and more 'troubling' to me.

Finally, at a City Council meeting in September 2014, 'the pot boiled over' and I was 'caught totally off guard' when **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** publicly **'BLIND-SIDED'** me when the 'reconstruction' of the Jacob Street 'Grinder Station' was being discussed. (More about that, later.)

From that point forward, 'things went downhill' really fast and I saw Gruenhagen's 'true colors'. I quickly learned that he was a person, a **CITY OFFICIAL**, yet; that I ***COULD NOT***, and ***WOULD NOT***, **EVER TRUST AGAIN !!** I don't trust him to this day !!

And that fact, and my opinion of him, has been 'borne out' time, after time, after time, again, again and again !! He is the **SINGLE PERSON** that I hold **TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE** for the **CHAOS** that began during the last two and a half years of my City Council term and how the resultant, deleterious consequences of his actions back then, have seriously, and **NEGATIVELY**, impacted **OUR ENTIRE CITY**, to this day.

To hear the **ACTUAL AUDIO** from the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** meeting where this all took place, please visit

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ GRUENHAGENAMBUSH.html

The **ACTUAL LETTERS** that I wrote to Robb's Electric that **TOTALLY REFUTE** the **FALSE CLAIMS** made publicly by Gruenhagen at the at the City Council Meeting where this all happened, are contained in the 'documents' section at the end of this book as well as displayed on the Webpage listed above.

It's a pretty 'pathetic' situation when an **ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBER** ***CAN'T***, and ***DOESN'T***; trust the City's **CLERK/TREASURER !!** But; **THAT'S THE REALITY !!**

As time went on, I began **NOT TRUSTING** the City's 'other' **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, **EVEN MAYOR RICHARD MALZ**; more and more. They were all, I concluded; **'birds of a feather'** !!

The ***ONLY*** one I ended up having any 'respect' for and trusting, was **COUNCILMEMBER STEVE TREBESCH !!**

As an **ELECTED OFFICIAL** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, I was ***SO CONCERNED*** about Gruenhagen's **IMPULSIVE**, **NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR**, that, on November 5, 2014, I sent a **TEN PAGE LETTER** to (then) City Councilmember Chris Lund; who was a member of the infamous **HAMBURG PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**, expressing my ***grave concern*** about Gruenhagen's **HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE** workplace conduct and behavior. A copy of that ten page letter to Lund is contained herein.

In addition to my ten page letter to Lund, I also had a lengthy telephone conversation with him (Lund) discussing Gruenhagen's poor representation of, and liability to, the **CITY OF HAM-**

BURG. Further, I went to then **MAYOR RICHARD MALZ** and discussed with him, at length, my concerns about Gruenhagen that I had discussed with Lund, as well as Gruenhagen's **ACTIONS**, **'EXPLOSIVE' TEMPER** and **INAPPROPRIATE**, **EMBARRASSING BEHAVIOR**.

COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS LUND, **MAYOR RICHARD MALZ** and the **ENTIRE HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL TOTALLY IGNORED** Gruenhagen's 'warning signs'; as well as my **MAKING LUND** and **MALZ**, **AWARE** of what was taking place involving Gruenhagen.

Like every other time that Gruenhagen's inappropriate actions and misdeeds were brought up and questioned, **INCLUDING THIS TIME**, the **HAMBURG SIX** 'covered' for him, his deplorable behavior & actions, and **NOTHING WAS EVER DONE**.

They were his 'enablers' and; in the **FOUR YEARS** that I was on the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**, I don't ***EVER*** recall **ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST GRUENHAGEN** for his inappropriate actions and behavior !!

Read the content of my ten page letter I sent to Lund and see if **YOU REALLY WANT** someone with Gruenhagen's traits, character and past history, representing ***YOU*** and ***YOUR CITY !!***

The remaining **HAMBURG SIX** are **ALSO GUILTY** of **PUBLIC OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT**, **MALFEASANCE**, **MISFEASANCE** and **NON-FEASNCE** because of their **FAILURE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE**, **CORRECTIVE ACTION !!**

Do I **HATE** Gruenhagen ? While I have **EVERY REASON** to do so, the **DIRECT** answer is **OF COURSE NOT !!** I'm ***NOT*** that kind of person.

But I ***STEADFASTLY REFUSE*** to **GIVE UP MY HONESTY**, **SACRIFICE MY INTEGRITY** or **LOWER MY PERSONAL STANDARDS TO MATCH HIS**, and **THEIRS**; that's why I never **'FIT IN'**, and **NEVER WANTED** to 'become a member' of the **HAMBURG SEVEN !!** (And I never did.)

I simply **CAN'T RESPECT** someone who I've witnessed **LYING**, ***NUMEROUS TIMES***, not only to me, but **ALSO** to the (former) **HAMBURG MAYOR** and **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**, someone who deals in 'half-truths', someone that thinks that he, and the 'enablers' he surrounds himself with, are **ABOVE THE LAW**, **NOT ACCOUNTABLE** for their actions, exists under a constant **'CLOUD OF SUSPICION'**, and impugns my personal character, integrity and stellar reputation.

Yet, I cooperated with, and participated in, a **FORMAL CRIMINAL INTERROGATION** by an experienced **DETECTIVE** from the **McLEOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** and the results of the interrogation were forwarded to the **SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** to review for **CRIMINAL PROSECUTATION**.

It obviously came as **NO SURPRISE TO ME** when I was notified that the **SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** determined that the allegations made against me by **HAMBURG**

CITY OFFICIALS '**didn't pass the smell test**'. (My words; not theirs.)

In their January 22, 2016 letter advising that they were **DECLINING** to file **CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST ME**, as **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** had **REQUESTED**; their letter stated;

"We have reviewed the above-referenced report and, after analyzing the facts and applicable law, believe there is insufficient information on which to prosecute. The information we have does not enable us to prove a crime beyond a reasonable doubt. Consequently, we will jot be filing criminal charges in this case."

A copy of that letter from the **SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** referencing the information stated above, is contained herein.

NOW GET THIS: Because **DESPERATE & STUPID PEOPLE** do **DESPERATE & STUPID THINGS**, and to demonstrate the low caliber of unscrupulous people that are the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, readers of my book who are decent, law abiding and conscientious citizens, will find it **UNCONSCIONABLE** that ***AFTER*** learning that the **SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** **DECLINED** to file **CRIMINAL CHARGES** against me, **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** reportedly **PERSONALLY WENT TO THE SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** and **TRIED TO CONVINCE THEM TO CHANGE THEIR MIND** and **REVERSE THEIR DECISION !!**

That's the type of **PATHETIC MINDSET** of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** that we have **RUINING** the **CITY OF HAMBURG !**

The **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** that the **HAMBURG SEVEN** is composed of are **UNSCRUPULOUS, VICIOUS** and **VINDICTIVE INDIVIDUALS** that **RECEIVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS** to **PAY THEM FOR** their **NASTINESS**.

While Gruenhagen was the 'catalyst' behind the **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** trying to (unsuccessfully) **FORCE ME OFF** of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** a year and a half into my term, I also **PROVED** that their 'trumping up' phony **FORMAL CRIMINAL ALLEGATIONS** against me, was 'hogwash'; I 'persevered' and **COMPLETED MY ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL TERM !!** (2013-2017)

The last two and a half years of my four year term consisted of being (necessarily) 'associated' with a bunch of immature, spoiled little kids' who **DIDN'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR 'SANDBOX'** with 'the new kid on the block'. They were the **'BULLIES ON THE BLOCK'** named Hamburg the whole time and were ***ALLOWED TO DO THAT***, because **THEY OWNED THE 'SANDBOX' !!**

I don't allow '***ANYBODY'*** in the 'sandbox', **INCLUDING** ***ANY*** **or** ***ALL*** **of** the **HAMBURG SEVEN,** to 'kick sand in my face', to **LIE** to me or even ***THINK*** that they can 'get away' with

LYING TO ME; ESPECIALLY PUBLIC OFFICIALS who are PAID WITH TAX-PAYER DOLLARS that COMES FROM YOU AND ME !!

Once my HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL term expired on December 31, 2016, it was an 'easy decision' for me to 'turn the page' on the prior two and a half years; the HAMBURG SEVEN had proven time and time again, what a bunch of 'schlocks' they were, and were really 'pissed' that I had I ***'beat them at their own game'***, **EXPOSED** the City's **WASTEFUL SPENDING** of **$50,000.00 TAXPAYER DOLLARS** and was able to **COMPLETE MY ENTIRE, FOUR YEAR CITY COUNCIL TERM !!**

One would THINK that HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS WOULD HAVE 'LEARNED SOMETHING', but apparently they DIDN'T; as evidenced by **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS WASTING ANOTHER $80-100,000.00 TAXPAYEDR DOLLARS** on LEGAL FEES in the **MOST RECENT LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY !!**

It's ALL ABOUT O.P.M. !!

The CITY OF HAMBURG must be MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN's **BEST**, if not **MOST PROFITABLE, CLIENT !!** (It would be 'interesting' to find out how many times HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS were socially ***'wined and dined'*** by the City's 'contract' attorneys law firm.)

Unfortunately; because of what I consider to be **'BAD LEGAL ADVICE'** that the CITY OF HAMBURG received from their 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**. **HAMBURG TAXPAYERS** were, as previously stated, were already **'ON THE HOOK'** for **$50,000.00 IN LEGAL FEES** that went **DIRECTLY** to **DOHM's LAW FIRM !!**

SIDEBAR: What's 'WRONG' with this 'PICTURE' ??

OF COURSE, the CITY OF HAMBURG is, most likely, going to 'spin' the recent lawsuit 'outcome'; implying to residents that the City was 'victorious' and 'won' the most recent lawsuit against the City. Knowing what I know about the 'Settlement Agreement', coupled with what I know about the HAMBURG CITY OIFFICIALS, I'm NOT BUYING the City's 'story'.

What kind of CONVOLUTED THINKING is it when the City claims it 'won', when, IN REALITY; the City **PAID TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS FOR LEGAL FEES** defending a lawsuit, yet; the City **DIDN'T RECOVER A PENNY OF THE LEGAL FEES SPENT !!**

The only 'winners' here, like always; **WERE THE LAWYERS INVOLVED !!**

I WASN'T 'born yesterday', the City hasn't always been 'truthful' with me (that's the ***BIGGEST***

UNDERSTATEMENT since Noah called out from the ark, **"IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN."**) and, from being a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEMBER** for your years, I'm **VERY FAMILIAR** with ***HOW*** this City, ***AND*** it's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, 'operate'.

TAXPAYER DOLLARS HAVE NO *'VALUE'* TO HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS !!

They look at **TAXPAYERS** as a **'BOTTOMLESS PIT' OF MONEY !!** They acted that way when I was on the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**; they're acting the **SAME WAY** today. All one has to do is **LOOK AT THE MONTHLY 'CLAIMS LISTS'**.

I previously stated that once my City Council term expired, I was going to 'turn the page' and 'write off' the last two and a half years of my term as a "bad experience"; which it was; and which I did. I ***DID***, however; keep in regular contact with the then **PUBLIC WORK EMPLOYEE**, Greg; who did an **OUTSTANDING JOB** for the City and it's residents during the **EIGHT YEARS** that he worked here. (***GOOGLE***: 'Irreplaceable'.)

Expanding further the 'details' regarding the most recent lawsuit against the City, sometime in June or July of 2019 I heard 'rumblings' about the City being sued by a former **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** member. That 'caught my attention' for a couple of reasons; none the less of which was, I ***KNEW*** from my own **PAST EXPERIENCE**, that the City had **NO RESERVATIONS** about 'spending' (I call it **'WASTING'**) **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** on 'nebulous' and 'ambiguous' legal fees, again; just look at the City's **MONTHLY 'CLAIMS LISTS'**.

The very ***THOUGHT*** of a lawsuit conjured up the image in my mind of a bunch lawyers wringing their hands with an evil and greedy 'grin' on their face; but ***REALLY*** only ***ONE***. (Lawyer, *NOT* hand; you *CAN'T* 'wring' a single hand).

I sent an e-mail to **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** requesting information about the alleged lawsuit. That's when the **DECEIT** and **DECEPTION** all began, ***AGAIN***; like it did in 2014 when I was a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER**. While reading this section of my book, please refer to the appropriate documents contained herein substantiating the information which is being 'presented' here.

CONSPIRACY & UNTRUTHFULNESS

The supporting documents contained herein are very clear and self-explanatory. On October 15, 2019, I sent an e-mail to **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** inquiring about the **CITY OF HAMBURG** being named as the defendant in a lawsuit. I **SPECIFICALLY ASKED** if the City had been 'formally served' with a 'civil lawsuit' stating that if the City would provide me with a copy of the lawsuit, I could probably obtain the information that I was seeking by obtaining a copy of the lawsuit'.

The **CITY OF HAMBURG** **REFUSED** to provide me with a copy.

Instead, the **DECEPTION** and **'STALL TACTICS'**, by the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, began. In his e-mail response to my request, Gruenhagen informed me, ***"Since the City is involved in a***

pending litigation, I will need to confer with our attorney."

Probably ***NOT*** an 'unusual response', but what happened **NEXT** proved to indicate that there was a 'conspiracy' **INVOLVING CITY OFFICIALS** that would last for **WELL OVER THREE YEARS**; it'll be **FOUR YEARS** as of this **JULY 31, 2023 !!**

SIDEBAR: Over the past many years, I've personally witnessed, and experienced, Gruenhagen ***ROUTINELY*** using various 'stall tactics' as a means to demonstrate his **"I'M IN CHARGE"** persona to satisfy his (apparent) insecurity.

Nearly a week passed and I eventually received a response (but ***NOT*** a copy of the lawsuit as I had requested) to my October 15th request via an e-mail from Gruenhagen on October 21, 2019. In his e-mail Gruenhagen stated, ***"Since the pleadings have been filed, you can get them from the Carver County Court Administrator."*** **ANOTHER** 'stall tactic'.

BOTTOM LINE: The City **REFUSED** to provide me with a copy of the lawsuit, of which **THE CITY HAD A COPY**; that I, as a **PROPERTY OWNER** and **TAXPAYER** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, had requested.

But it got **EVEN WORSE**, as evidenced by the substantiating documents contained herein.

Upon Gruenhagen stating that the ***'.....pleadings have been filed; you can get them from the Carver County Court Administrator'***, there was now, **NO QUESTION WHAT-SO-EVER**, that **GRUENHAGEN** had **INTENTIONALLY**, **BLATANTLY** as well as **OVERTLY**, **LIED !!**

IMAGINE THAT: A PUBLIC OFFICIAL THAT LIES !!

Lovely.

In ***MY*** world, **IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO LIE, BE DECEPTIVE, WITHHOLD**, or otherwise, **DELAY, THE RELEASE OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS**, to **ANY PERSON** for **ANY REASON !! PERIOD !!**

If **YOU** believe otherwise, than you've **WASTED YOUR MONEY** buying this book, and I've **WASTED MY TIME** writing this book for you !!

As soon as I received Gruenhagen's e-mail (an **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT**) that **INTENTIONALLY CONTAINED INFORMATION THAT HE KNEW TO BE FALSE**, I drove (**THAT SAME DAY**) to the Carver County Government Center and spoke with a Court Deputy. I was told, **DIRECTLY**, that that **THE COURT HAD NO RECORD WHAT-SO-EVER** of **ANY ACTIVE, OR PENDING LITIGATION INVOLVING THE CITY OF HAMBURG.**

Several additional 'follow up' telephone calls at later dates to the Court, yielded the same information; **THE COURT HAD NO RECORD WHAT-SO-EVER** of **ANY ACTIVE, OR PENDING LITIGATION INVOLVING THE CITY OF HAMBURG**.

But, folks; **IT GETS EVEN WORSE**.

For reasons that are obviously apparent, I wanted **'ROCK SOLID', IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE** that would **PROVE, BEYOND ANY REASONABLE DOUBT**, that **HAMBURG CITY CLERK JEREMY GRUENHAGEN INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY**, and **WITH MALACE AFORETHOUGHT**, **COMPOSED**, **AUTHORED** and subsequently **UTTERED**, an **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT** (his October 21, 2019 e-mail to me) that **CONTAINED INFORMATION THAT HE KNEW TO BE UNTRUE**, (stating that the 'pleadings' had been 'filed' with the Carver County District Court, when; in fact they **HAD NOT BEEN FILED**; ***another*** **'stall tactic'**) and by **CONSPIRING WITH**, or **AT THE DIRECTION OF**, 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM**, of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**, and/or possibly **OTHER HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**.

To obtain that needed and required evidence which would **UNEQUIVOCALLY PROVE BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT**, the suspicions, facts and allegations stated above, on November 13, 2019, I sent a letter to **CARVER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR, Ms. Mary Dalbec**, seeking to receive, for one final time, **ANY INFORMATION** regarding **ACTIVE** or **PENDING** Carver County Court cases or matters, involving the **CITY OF HAMBURG**.

In response to my written response to the **CARVER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR**, I received, **FROM THE COURT**, ***TWO*** documents, dated November 1, 2019 and November 6, 2019, attesting to the fact that the **TREBESCH et. al** vs. the **CITY OF HAMBURG** lawsuit had **NOT YET BEEN FILED** on or before October 21, 2019, as **HAMBURG CITY CLERK JEREMY GRUENHAGEN HAD FALSELY STATED** in his **OFFICIAL CITY E-MAIL MESSAGE** sent to me on October 21, 2019.

Such acts constitute **VIOLATION(S)** of **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43 - MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE** cited as follows:

609.43 MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

A public officer or employee who does any of the following, for which no other sentence is specifically provided by law, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than $3,000, or both:

(1) intentionally fails or refuses to perform a known mandatory, nondiscretionary, ministerial duty of the office or employment within the time or in the manner required by

law; or

(2) in the capacity of such officer or employee, does an act knowing it is in excess of lawful authority or knowing it is forbidden by law to be done in that capacity; or

(3) under pretense or color of official authority intentionally and unlawfully injures another in the other's person, property, or rights; or

(4) in the capacity of such officer or employee, makes a return, certificate, official report, or other like document having knowledge it is false in any material respect.

Because of the **BLATANT DISREGARD**, **INTENTIONAL** & **WANTON VIOLATION(s)** of the Minnesota Statute cited above involving **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, and the **FAILURE** of the **HAMBURG MAYOR** and members of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL TO ACT APPROPRIATELTY AND RESPONSIBLY** because they all **KNEW**, or **SHOULD HAVE KNOWN**, what was taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** involving **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**, and the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT**, **HUBERT** & **SJODIN**, each and every **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIAL** is **INDIVIDUALLY**, as well as **SEVERABLY**, **LIABLE** because of their **MALFEASANCE**, **MISFEASANCE** and **NONFEASANCE**, the definitions of which, are shown below:

351.14 DEFINITIONS

Subdivision 1.Applicability.

The definitions in this section apply to sections 351.14 to 351.23.

Subdivision 2. Malfeasance - "Malfeasance" means the willful commission of an unlawful or wrongful act in the performance of a public official's duties which is outside the scope of the authority of the public official and which infringes on the rights of any person or entity.

Subdivision 3. Nonfeasance - "Nonfeasance" means the willful failure to perform a specific act which is a required part of the duties of the public official.

Subdivision 4. Misfeasance - "Misfeasance" means the negligent performance of the duties of a public official or the negligent failure to perform a specific act which is a required part of the duties of the public official.

Subdivision 5. Elected county official - "Elected county official" means any public official who is elected to countywide office or appointed to an elective countywide office, including county attorney, county sheriff, county auditor, county recorder, county treasurer, and soil and water conservation supervisor. "Elected county official" also means a county commissioner elected or appointed from a commissioner district or a soil and water conservation district supervisor elected or appointed from a supervisor district established under section 103C.311, subdivision 2.

Because the **HAMBURG MAYOR** and the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** as well as the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHN**, of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**; when the **FACTS** and **ACTIONS** of the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER** and the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY WERE BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION**, **FAILED TO ACT APPROPRIATEY, RESPONSIBLY** and as **REQUIRED BY LAW**, it was fitting, proper and **REQUIRED** to **NOTIFY THE CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY, MARK METZ**, of what had been discovered taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, by the City's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** and consisted of **NUMEROUS VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**; **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**; by those **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**.

Said **NOTIFICATION** was made to **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY, MARK METZ**, via e-mail message, on **December 20, 2019**.

While it is obvious that a **PROFESSIONAL** relationship between **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** and **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** exists, it is also perceived that a seemingly **PERSONAL** relationship, of yet unknown intensity, ***ALSO EXISTS*** between **CARVER COUNTY 'DEPUTY' COUNTY ATTORNEY PETER IVY** and 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**, and possibly other **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** and, potentially; to a lesser degree with **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ**.

It is believed that the information stated in the paragraph above, is the reason **WHY** my **DECEMBER 20, 2019** e-mail message **ALERTING CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ**, as to the **VIOLATIONS of MINNESOTA STATURE 609.43** taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** involving **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, was **TOTALLY IGNORED**, and was **COMPLETELY UNACKNOWLEDGED**, by **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ**.

I began to **'smell a rat'**.

As the days since I submitted my e-mail to **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** on December 20, 2019 turned into **weeks** and those ***weeks*** turned into ***months*** with no response; **NOT EVEN** so much as **AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** from **COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ;** the more **PUNGENT, PUTRID** and **ODORIFEROUS**, that 'rat smell' became.

Meanwhile the **CITY OF HAMBURG** continued to 'pretend' and assume, that nothing was 'awry' and if there ***WAS*** anything wrong, they **WOULDN'T** be **'held accountable'** because of their **'cozy relationship'** with the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**; the **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY** in **CARVER COUNTY** that, on behalf of and benefit for the residents of Carver County; brings, or at least is ***SUPPOSED*** to bring, **'DISHONEST'** people, **REGARDLESS OF WHO THEY ARE** or **WHO THEY KNOW**, to Justice

and **BEFORE A JUDGE** to be **HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR NEFARIOUS** and **ILLEGAL ACTS**, **INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT** and **BEHAVIOR** !

But HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS had, **AND STILL HAVE**, the proverbial, much coveted **"GET OUT OF JAIL FREE"** card; 'issued' by **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** !!

Because of my background; ***BOTH*** as a **retired Law Enforcement Officer**, and *ALSO* a **former HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**, it was CLEARLY EVIDENT to me that a 'cover-up', of potentially GREAT MAGNITUDE, involving PUBLIC OFFICIALS from not only the CITY OF HAMBURG but also, now; from the CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, was taking place and 'evolving'.

That, of course, piqued my interest, I was indeed, curious; to see HOW FAR, and to WHAT LENGTHS the PUBLIC OFFICIALS INVOLVED would go to KEEP WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE 'UNDER WRAPS'. It didn't take very long for me to 'find out'.

The 'DISHONESTY' of ALL of them INVOLVED did an 'EXCELLENT JOB' of keeping from the public, EVERYTHING that was taking place in the CITY OF HAMBURG involving the City's PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

It was nearly THREE MONTHS since I had sent my E-mail to **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** alerting him to what was taking place in the CITY OF HAMBURG by its PUBLIC OFFICIALS. It EQUALLY was nearly THREE MONTHS with **NO RESPONSE OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT EVER RECEIVED FROM CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ**. (I believe one of the requirements stated in the RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT to which lawyers must comply, is 'communicating' with their clients.)

Now; one could argue (and Metz probably will) that a 'lawyer/client relationship' didn't exist between us, so he's not required to 'respond'. That's just 'heifer dust' !! Let's take that 'thinking'; a 'step further'.

I reported, IN GOOD FAITH, **"MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE"; a VIOLATION** of the **MINNESOTA CRIMINAL CODE**; specifically; **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**.

I am a resident of the CITY OF HAMBURG; the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** has a WRITTEN CONTRACT (for which it pays TAXPAYER DOLLARS, including mine) for PROSECUTING persons (alleged criminals) who VIOLATE THE LAW.

If ***THAT*** isn't 'compelling enough, there's ALSO A MINNESOTA STATUTE that ***REQUIRES*** **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** to 'act'; *IN FACT*, **EM-**

PANEL A GRAND JURY !!

628.61 MATTERS INQUIRED INTO.

The grand jury shall inquire:

(1) into the condition of every person imprisoned on a criminal charge triable in the county, and not indicted;

(2) into the condition and management of the public prisons in the county; and

(3) into the willful and corrupt misconduct in office of all public officers in the county.

Does *ANYBODY* have ANY ???

On March 3, 2020 after not receiving ANY response or acknowledgement from Metz, I sent him a letter REMINDING him that he hadn't responded, or acknowledged my December 20, 2019 E-mail sent to him. That March 3rd letter is also available herein.

In my March 3rd letter, I provide much more, DETAILED information in my letter to **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** and **EVEN INCLUDED IREFFUTABLE DOCUMENTATION & EVIDENCE SUPPORTING MY ALLEGATIONS !!**

YOU GUESSED IT: CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ literally **'BLEW ME OFF'** and, **AGAIN; FAILED TO RESPOND TO** my March 3rd letter to him or even **ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of **ANY OF THE 'COMPELLING EVIDENCE'** that I **SUBMITTED TO HIM** that was **ENCLOSED WITH MY LETTER !!**

A ***THIRD*** letter sent to **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** on June 10, 2020 was likewise **IGNORED !!** Ever heard the phrase, **"SOMETHING'S ROTTEN IN DENMARK" ?** Change **'DENMARK'** to **'CARVER COUNTY'** and you've GOT THE 'PICTURE' !

By this time, I had CONCLUDED that Metz had probably already been up at the HAMBURG CITY HALL handing out "GET OUT OF JAIL FREE" cards to HAMBURG'S CITY OFFICIALS like a 'hot dog vendor' at a baseball game !! My June 10, 2020 letter to Metz is also contained herein.

As stated NUMEROUS TIMES on my various Websites, I believe that I have 'stumbled' on to

something that is

"QUITE POSSIBLY THE BIGGEST ABUSE OF AUTHORITY & VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC TRUST INVOLVING PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN METRO AREA SINCE FORMER SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY KATHLEEN MORRIS and **FORMER CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S CHIEF DEPUTY JAMES CASTLEBERRY."**

GOOGLE: ***Former Scott County Attorney Kathleen Morris***
and
GOOGLE: ***Former Carver County Chief Deputy James Castleberry***

IN FACT, I listened to the (poor quality) of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** meetings and, while it's *POSSIBLE* (but I *DOUBT* it) I may have 'missed it'. I **NEVER HEARD A WORD SPOKEN** about what was taking place in the City involving **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, with ***one*** exception. *(That 'one exception' was when a* ***HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL member*** *referred to me as* ***"Our friend up the street"****. Let me* ***ASSURE YOU****: Because of their* ***'BAD BEHAVIOR'*** *that I've witnessed of them, I am* ***NOT*** *their 'friend up the street' and* ***HAVE NO DESIRE TO BE*** *!!)*

In listening to the (very poor quality) recorded audio of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** meetings, I've **HEARD NOTHING DISCUSSED** about the **MISCONDUCT** of **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, **NOTHING ABOUT** the sinister and underhanded 'dealings' taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** by it's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, **NOTHING ABOUT** the **'COVER-UP'** that was/is taking place and, certainly; **NOTHING ABOUT** my **WEBSITE** about **THE CITY OF HAMBURG** (**www.HAMBURGMINNESOTA.com**) where I had begun to 'chronicle' everything that was taking place from the time in October 2019 that **HAMBURG CITY CLERK JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** sent me his e-mal (an **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT**) that contained the **FALSE**, **FABRICATED** and **UNTRUE** information about the lawsuit against the **CITY OF HAMBURG** having already been filed.

The **'EVIDENCE'** already presented, **CLEARLY PROVES**, **BEYOND ANY REASONABLE DOUBT**, that **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**, a **PUBLIC OFFICIAL, LIED !!**

NOW, instead of only having to 'cover' for Gruenhagen and his inappropriate actions, behavior and conduct, **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** are **FORCED** to have to **DO THE SAME FOR THEMSELVES** because of ***THEIR*** **INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS**, **BEHAVIOR** and **CONDUCT**.

Fortunately for them and ***MUCH*** to their delight, the **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS DON'T HAVE TO WORRY** about **ANY** consequences or repercussions of their **OVERTLY BREAKING THE LAW** or their **INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT**, **ACTIONS** and **BEHAVIOR**; they're **EXEMPT FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION** because of **WHO**

THEY ARE (HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS) and **WHO THEY 'KNOW'** (CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ).

Eventually, on June 27, 2020; some **SIX MONTHS AFTER I HAD FIRST CONTACTED CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ**, I received a letter from **PETER IVY**, who identified himself as **CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY**. In Ivy's two page letter, he basically tells me to 'GET LOST', 'THESE ARE OUR FRIENDS', 'THEY'RE IMMUNE FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION' and gives me a list of nebulous 'excuses' as to **WHY** the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ISN'T GOING TO 'DO ANYTHING'**; none the less of which is ***".....the CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED CRIMES."*** So, the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DOES NOTHING !!**

Using the ILLOGICAL RATIONALIZATIONS, BELIEFS and PRINCIPLES of the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEYS OFFICE**, if PUBLIC OFFICIALS are allowed, WITHOUT FEAR OF CONSEQUENCE, to CONSPIRE to VIOLATE THE LAW, if PUBLIC OFFICIALS are allowed to CONSPIRE to LIE, if PUBLIC OFFICIALS are allowed to CONSPIRE to PREPARE, and submit, OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENTS that CONTAIN KNOWINGLY FALSE and FABRICATED INFORMATION, if PUBLIC OFFICIALS are allowed to CONSPIRE to REFUSE to PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION when requested, WHAT'S TO PREVENT those same PUBLIC OFFICIALS from ABUSING THEIR AUTHORITY, USING THEIR POSITION FOR PERSONAL GAIN, TAKING TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO WHICH THE AREN'T ENTITLED; the list goes on and on.

If somebody, anybody; sees a person wearing a mask and carrying a canvas bag in one hand and holding a gun in the other, run out of the OLD NATIONAL BANK in downtown Chaska, the message here, from the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** is, ***"IF YOU CALL US, WE WON'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY LEGAL AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED CRIMES" !!***

Think there's *ANY CHANCE* that they'd *AT LEAST* notify the CHASKA POLICE DEPARTMENT or call the CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ??

Based on *MY* past experience, as I've related in this book, the answer is a RESOUNDING *'NO' !!*

The last time I checked, PUBLIC OFFICIALS are held to a 'HIGHER STANDARD'; and that's as it should be.

However, the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEYS OFFICE** has now 'raised the bar' for that 'HIGHER STANDARD' so that now, those subject to the 'HIGHER STANDARD', are actually **'ABOVE THE LAW' !!**

It's Carver County's answer to the **'PETER PRINCIPLE'** and it **DOESN'T** afford Carver County residents the guarantee of fair and impartial **'Equal Justice Under Law'** that we're **ALL ENTITLED TO**, and as carved in marble above the entrance to the United States Supreme Court in our nations capitol.

Much of my correspondence and documents relevant to the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, is contained herein. Additional information is available on my Website at

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ CARVERCOUNTYATTORNEYRESPONSE.html

Another 'wrinkle' that readers will find interesting is **WHAT HAPPENS** (or, more appropriately; what ***DOESN'T*** happen) when lawyers **VIOLATE THE LAW** and **VIOLATE** their own **RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**.

The **LAWYER'S BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL FRESPONSIBILITY** is the 'agency', **ANSWERABLE** to the **MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT**, that is charged with the responsibility of investigating complaints made against lawyers.

Because of the **HORRENDOUS** and **DESPICABLE** lack of response to my formal complaint of **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**, I filed a complaint against **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** with the 'Lawyer's Board'.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS being accused of **MISCONDUCT** is a serious allegation and ***CAN'T*** be just be 'swept under the rug' by the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** because it involves their 'buddies and friends' !! But that's ***EXACTLY*** what happened !! ***NOT*** on ***MY*** watch !

I spent ***ENDLESS HOURS*** preparing, and sending to the 'Lawyer's Board, **NUMEROUS** substantiating documents and correspondence, explaining and describing, in **EXACTING DETAIL**, what had taken place, who was involved and supported my allegations and information with **IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE**.

As you will see by reviewing the documents related to my formal complaint against **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEYS MARK METZ**, me and my 'complaint' really got 'jacked around' by the 'Lawyer's Board'. Ultimately, the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY DISMISSED MY COMPLAINT** and **DISMISSED IT WITHOUT EVER CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION !!**

So much for the 'credibility' of the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY** !! You can (and you'll ***WANT*** to) **READ MORE ABOUT THAT**:

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ 09-16-20-LAWYERSBOARD.html

I would later find out, by **PURE ACCIDENT**, that, well; **GUESS WHAT ??!!**

Remember that formal complaint that I filed against **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** with the 'Lawyers Board' because he **'DIDN'T DO ANYTHING'** about what was reported to him taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** by its **PUBLIC OFFICIALS ??** The formal complaint that the 'Lawyer's Board' **DISMISSED WITHOUT ANY INVESTIGATION ??**

WHAT ??!!

DISMISSED WITHOUT ANY INVESTIGATION ??

WELL; WELL; WELL !!

It turns out that

ONE OF THE 'AVISORS', 'BOARD MEMBERS', 'BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER',

call it whatever 'title' you want, of the

MINNESOTA OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Is None Other Than

'DEPUTY' CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY

PETER IVY !!

See how '***NICELY***' this all 'works out' ??

I, now; have experienced the SAME JUDICIAL PREJUDICE and SAME INJUSTICE that our minority brothers and sisters are also may be subject to have to endure because of the unfair and biased actions of **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** and his **'DEPUTY' COUNTY ATTORNEY, PETER IVY** that each, **INDIVIDUALLY**, reap **TENS OF THOUSANDS of TAXPAYER DOLLARS EVERY YEAR** from **UNSUSPECTING** Carver County residents.

Most people aren't aware that **CARVER COUNTY RESIDENTS PAID $450,000.00** for *"..... violating their son's privacy ....."* to the surviving parents of a 16 year old who was killed. *(GOOGLE: CARVER COUNTY PAYS $450,000.00)* **METZ SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER !!** But instead, **METZ COST CARVER COUNTY TAXPAYERS NEARLY A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS !!** Does anyone ***KNOW***, does anyone even ***CARE*** ?? Metz *ONLY* got re-elected this past fall because **NO ONE FILED TO OPPOSE HIM !!**

On it's Website, the **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION STATES**,

PUBLIC CORRUPTION: *The FBI's top criminal investigative priority poses a fundamental threat to our national security and way of life.*

Because **'EVERYBODY IS 'IN BED' WITH EVERYBODY ELSE,** based on *MY* experiences with, and observations of, the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** in **BOTH** the **CITY OF HAMBURG** and in the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, in *MY* opinion, they are *ALL*, to put it 'politely'; **'LESS THAN CREDIBLE' !!**

That's been 'borne out' **NUMEROUS TIMES**, in **NUMEROUS** ways; you've just read about a couple of examples, previously !!

I have no tolerance or 'room in my life', for **'liars and cheaters' !!**

When such a 'warm and fuzzy' relationship exists between the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of 'a city' (in this case the **CITY OF HAMBURG**) and a 'contract' lawyer (in this case **KELLY C. DOHM**) from the largest law firm in Carver County (in this case **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**) and then that 'contract' lawyer publicly 'gushes' all over the **'DEPUTY' CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY, PETER IVY**; that, to me friends; is a 'recipe for disaster'.

SOUND THE SIRENS !! (Maybe **THAT** should have been the title to my book that you're reading!)

It seems that 'everybody' is (needlessly) 'chipping away' at Law Enforcement these days; our 'men in women in blue' (and brown and maroon and black and navy and green). United States Attorney General Merrick Garland is 'flying around the country' going to what he considers 'hot spots' with 'troubled' Police Departments. Let me tell you a 'story' about *MY* experience with US Attorney General Garland and **MINNESOTA**'s **'TROUBLED 'HOT SPOT' !**

In the MIDST of all of the 'CRAP' that's been taking place involving the **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** and the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, I sent a letter to Attorney General Garland 'blowing the whistle' on what was taking place in **MINNESOTA'S WEATHIEST COUNTY** and **MINNESOTA'S 'LEAST CREDIBLE CITY'**.

Attorney General Garland **NEVER RESPONDED !!** (No surprise there; it involved a 'fellow

lawyer' and 'sharks don't eat sharks'.)

A few weeks later I sent a ***SECOND*** letter to Attorney General Garland advising him of what was taking place with **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** and the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**. I *DID* receive a response to my follow up letter; not from the Attorney General himself, but from one of the minions in his office, advising me to contact the FBI and advise them of what was taking place.

During the past several months, I've sent **TWO LETTERS** (and a 'flyer' announcing the publishing of this book) to the FBI 'Field Office' in Minneapolis. as 'directed' by the United States Attorney's Office; I'm ***STILL*** waiting for them to respond !! That's **IN ADDITION TO** my **PREVIOUSLY UNACKNOWLEDGED** letters sent to the ***FORMER*** Special Agents (plural) in Charge of the FBI's Minneapolis 'Field Office', and to the previous **UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS**, at their office in Minneapolis.

I had pondered the thought of titling this book **"SYSTEM FAILURE"** to describe the response of the **CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM** and how it deals with 'less that honest' PUBLIC OFFICIALS and a retired cop with an impressive 'Record Of Service', trying to get somebody's attention and expose **'government corruption'**.

Before 'attempting'; to contact the United States Attorney's Office and the FBI (see below), I had sent a letter to **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON** advising him of what was taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** and **CARVER COUNTY**. I received basically a **'form letter from a file clerk'** in response; nothing was done; not even so much as a return telephone call.

A **SECOND** letter to Ellison went **UNACKNOWLEDGED**; guess it's the 'shark/shark thing' with him, like with the United States Attorney's Office.

Let's see: Governor Tim Walz is the 'top banana' (excuse me; **TOP ELECTED OFFICIAL**) in Minnesota where 'corruption' is apparently **running rampant** in a part of his state; maybe ***HE*** can 'accomplish' something or, at least, get the **'BALL OF JUSTICE'** rolling. I contacted the Governor when is was evident that Ellison was going to be 'useless' because of the 'shark/shark thing' and the US Attorney's Office and FBI didn't appear to be 'interested' in dealing with crooked and corrupt **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**.

SIDEBAR: When Covid-19 bombarded Minnesota, Governor Walz held daily 'News Conferences' that were intended to inform Minnesotans of what the State of Minnesota was doing to cope with this horrible 'scourge' that was overtaking the world and would eventually kill more than 3.3 million people worldwide. Because of the importance that our Governor was imparting to the residents of Minnesota, I took it upon myself to record the audio of those Governor's News Conferences and make them available 24/7/365 on **BOTH** of my Websites; **www.THEDELTASHOW.com** and on my Website about the **CITY OF HAMBURG** at **www.HAMBURGMINNESOTA.com**.

I didn't ***HAVE*** to do that; nobody ***ASKED*** me to do that, I **DIDN'T EXPECT** anything in return for doing what I did; it just seemed **'like the right thing to do'**. I **FULLY SUPPORTED**

then, and **STILL SUPPORT TODAY**; the response to the pandemic by Governor Walz and his staff. (To see how **HAMBURG MAYOR CHRIS LUND** 'paid tribute' the **GOVERNOR WALZ** and **PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN**, please visit the Website shown below.)

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ MAYORCHRISLUND.html

Truth be told (as it **IS** in this book), I even **DESIGNED A WEBSITE** paying **HONOR TO GOVERNOR WALZ AND HIS STAFF** for their efforts in helping Minnesotans deal with the pandemic !! The (much coveted) **DELTA DICK EXCELLENCE AWARD** was presented to **MINNESOTA's COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, JAN MALCOMB** and also to **KRIS EHRSMANN, MINNESOTA's DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INFECTIOUS DISEASE DIRECTOR**; a 'symbol of support' to **BOTH** of them for their **VERY COMMENDABLE EFFORTS !!**

Because it was an election year, I, like millions of other Americans, was getting inundated with text messages, e-mails and, as a testament to how infective the governments 'DO NOT CALL' program is; telephone calls, 'campaign flyers' in my mailbox and on my front door handle, from the candidate's campaigns seeking my support. Governor Walz, who was also seeking re-election, seemed to have 'adopted me' because I was flooded with text messages and e-mails from him and his campaign, keeping me updated on how the campaign is going and, of course, seeking my 'financial support'. I yielded to one of his 'pleas' for a donation but I am not a wealthy person and am of the belief that being able to buy groceries and pay my bills takes precedence over my continuing to financially help the Governor's 'campaign effort'.

HOWEVER, I DID see this as an opportunity to get my foot in the Governor's door to see if he could 'shake some bones' and have someone in authority look into what's taking place with the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, and the **FAILURE** of both the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY** *AND* the **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL** to do their jobs. I sent the Governor a letter.

Now; I'm not sure about this, but I SUSPECT that someone had developed a 'MONEY SNIFFER' for election candidates, through which all incoming mail is processed. If the 'machine' senses that money accompanies the letter, it's directed to a huge vault with several combination locks on it. If it's a letter like mine and 'all zeros' flash on the machine as it passes through as my and similar letters are processed, those letters are directed to ***ANOTHER*** file; usually cylindrical in shape and 'purged' daily to be used to produce heat somewhere during Minnesota's cool falls and cold winters.

My letter to the Gov never got a response; I hope it was used to 'warm somebody's heart' better than how it fulfilled it's intended purpose. While I **NEVER GOT A RESPONSE** to my letter from Governor Walz, whatever he used to send out his e-mails and text message seeking donations for his re-election campaign, never missed a lick.

I eventually sent him a **SECOND LETTER** expressing my being disappointed at his not re-

sponding to my **FIRST LETTER** and kindly, and respectfully, suggested to him that if his re-election campaign was more important to him than a citizen trying to report **'government corruption'** in his state, perhaps he could remove me from his telephone, e-mail and texts 'lists'.

The Governor didn't respond to my **SECOND** letter either, but his re-election 'campaign donation requests' continued to 'pour in'; much to my disappointment; X 2 !

Like my other letters attempting to 'get somebody's attention', those to Ellison, the Governor and others, are contained herein.

Let's take a 'time out' here and 'analyze' **WHAT'S TAKING PLACE** (or ***NOT*** taking place):

When I made my request for a copy of the lawsuit that was served on the **CITY OF HAMBURG** on July 31, 2019, I sent an e-mail to the City requesting a copy of it. Upon receiving my request, the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER** 'got together' (I really think that 'conspired' is a much more appropriate and more description than 'got together) with 'contract' **CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**. Instead of just simply providing me with a copy of the lawsuit, it was decided, instead, to 'hassle' me about my request and 'jack me around'.

So, Gruenhagen, a person that **ALWAYS** wants to be the **'center of attention'** and 'strut his stuff;' as to how important (he thinks) he is, decides, *PROBABLY*, with the agreement of (maybe even at the direction of); the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY, KELLY C. DOHM**, to tell me to get a copy from the Court because it had already been 'filed'.

PROBLEM #1: Gruenhagen **OUTRIGHT LIED** to me; the suit was **NOT** filed as Gruenhagen stated. **ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL COURT RECOTDS**, it was **NOT FILED** until **NOVEMBER 1, 2019**; possibly as late at November 6, 2019.

PROBLEM #2: Gruenhagen ***KNEW***, or should have known, that stating that the suit had already been filed with the Court was a **LIE**, furthered his **INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT** and **DRAFTED AN OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT**, an e-mail, that he **KNEW**, or should have known, **CONTAINED FALSE, FABRICATED** and **MISLEADING INFORMATION** stating that the suit had been filed with the Court (a **LIE**) and I could secure a copy by going to the Carver County Government Center (a **SECOND LIE**).

PROBLEM #3: The **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL KNEW**, or should have known, what was taking place involving **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREAURER JEREMEY GRUENHAGEN** and 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**, but **DID NOTHING** and **TOOK NO ACTION** to **PREVENT SIMILAR ACTIVITY** from taking place in the future.

PROBLEM #4: The **HAMBURG MAYOR, CHRISTOPHER LUND**, **KNEW**, or should have known, what was taking place involving the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREAURER JEREMEY GRUENHAGEN** and 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**, but **DID NOTHING** and **TOOK NO ACTION** to **PREVENT SIMILAR ACTIVITY** from taking

place in the future.

PROBLEM 5: The **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY**, **MARK METZ**, upon being advised **THREE TIMES** of what was taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** involving its **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** in **VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**, **DID NOTHING** and **TOOK NO ACTION EACH OF THE THREE TIMES HE WAS NOTIFIED**, to **PREVENT SIMILAR ACTIVITY** from taking place in the future.

PROBLEM 6: The **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL**, **KEITH ELLISON**, upon being advised **TWICE** of what was taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** involving its **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** and the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** in **VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**, **DID NOTHING** and **TOOK NO ACTION EACH OF THE TWO TIMES HE WAS NOTIFIED**, to **PREVENT SIMILAR ACTIVITY** from taking place in the future.

PROBLEM 7: The **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**, after being notified **NUMEROUS TIMES** of what was taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** involving its **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, in **VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**, and possible other, federal laws and statutes, **DID NOTHING** and **TOOK NO ACTION EACH OF THE NUMEROUS THAT AGENCY WAS NOTIFIED**, to **PREVENT SIMILAR ACTIVITY** from taking place in the future.

PROBLEM 8: The **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, after being notified **TWICE** of what was taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** involving its **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, in **VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**, and possible other, federal laws and statutes, **DID NOTHING** and **TOOK NO ACTION EACH OF THE TWO, OR MORE TIMES IT WAS NOTIFIED,** to **PREVENT SIMILAR ACTIVITY** from taking place in the future.

PROBLEM 9: Ellison got re-elected !!

The **PROPER** thing that Governor Walz would be expected to do **AT THE VERY LEAST**, is to contact the **SUPERINTENDENT** of the **MINNESOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION**, **DREW EVANS**, and direct that **HIS AGENCY** conduct an 'in-depth' **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION** of ***ALL*** of the actions of ***ALL*** of the **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS; *ESPECIALLY***, and to **INCLUDE** the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM**, and her 'inner action' with one or more members of the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** as investigate the conduct of both **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** and the **'DEPUTY' CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY, PETER IVY**.

Because of their **UINTRUTHFULNESS** in the past, coupled with the minor, if any; consequences for lying and deception, it is advisable for the **FBI** to become involved in the **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**; for the simple reason, and deterrent effect, that **LYING TO THE FBI** is a **FEDERAL CRIME** and would most likely introduce one or more of the City and County **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** involved, to the proverbial 'rock pile'.

YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT TOOK PLACE !!

My Webpage;

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/HAMBURGSURVEY.html

and will give you some preliminary 'insight' as to what my book is all about; the 'types' of **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** that I was (and still am) dealing with, **LOCAL GOVERNMENT INEFFICIENCY,** the 'seedy things' that local **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** do, and to what extent they'll go, to ensure their continued municipal employment and their 'job security'; while 'walking away' with **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS EVERY YEAR !!**

Much, if not all of what you'll read about in my book, simply **'defies common logic'** and **MAKES NO SENSE !!** While I'd like to believe otherwise, I feel confident saying that, sadly; similar 'events' like those taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, are also taking place is similar 'small' cities, towns and communities all throughout the United States, probably even 'big' ones; with **TAXPAYERS** being **TOTALLY UNAWARE** of what their **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** are doing and ***WHAT'S TAKING PLACE***, in their cities, villages and towns.

Until **CITIZENS BECOME INVOLVED** and ***TAKE AN INTEREST IN FINDING OUT*** what their **LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS** are doing and hold them accountable for their actions and behaviors, copious amounts of **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** will **CONTINUE** to be **WASTED** and 'ineffective' and 'inefficient' local government, will **CONTINUE** to thrive.

Remember: ***LOCAL*** governments 'mirror' **STATE** and **FEDERAL** governments !!

PUBLIC OFFICIALS have a lot of 'power and authority' and while most **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** use that power and authority effectively, efficiently and properly, there are those **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** who take advantage of that 'privilege' like 'hogs at a trough'.

Again; such is the case in Hamburg, Minnesota; 55339.

When someone, particularly an 'outsider', a retired **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**, no less; witnesses, then questions; the abuse of that power and authority granted to those **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, they will **DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER**, and at all costs **($50,000.00 TAXPAYER DOLLARS** in my case) to 'protect' and retain that infinite, irresponsible control that they thrive on and **WASTES TAXPAYER DOLLARS !!**

I've had 'quite a story to tell' for literally years, and it's a (**TRUE**) story' of how the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** in a local 'small' City (pop.566) in Minnesota, sincerely believed, that they could **'DUPE'** and **DECEIVE** not only the **CITY'S RESIDENTS**, but ***ALSO*** a retired, professional **POLICE OFFICER/DEPUTY SHERIFF** with a ***STELLAR*** and ***IMPRESSIVE LAW EN-***

FORCEMENT CAREER, and **'MANIPULATE'** *(there's that 'word' again)* the **CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM** to **PREVENT THEM FROM BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR SINISTER** and **DEVIOUS ACTIONS** & **MISDEEDS** **!!**

MOVING TO HAMBURG

After deciding to 'downsize' to a single level dwelling, we stumbled upon a suitable residence in Hamburg that had been built about two years earlier, but hadn't been totally finished. We met with the property owner and his wife (who happened to be a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL-MEMBER** herself) and were a very pleasant couple who were 'ready to sell'; and we were 'ready to buy' !! To make a long story short, we 'closed' on the property, much to our mutual satisfaction, in early March (I believe it was the sixth) 2007.

Moving to a new 'community' where you don't know anyone and where you plan to spend the rest of your however many remaining years of your life that you have left, is somewhat 'fatalistic', but only if you let it be. For us, it was a 'new beginning'. We'd moved twice before (from Minneapolis to Plymouth and then to Benton Township in Carver County) so that it *was-n't* all that exciting. Good friend and former coworker Toddy was the ***ONLY ONE*** who offered to help!)

SIDEBAR: You really find out who your friends are when you ask them to help you move. Beware of those that say ***"We'd really like to help, but Margaret and I have to back-flush our Water-Piks !"***

As previously stated. anytime you move to a new area, it can either be 'challenging' or it can be a 'breeze'; depending what's involved and who you have to deal with. At 'the house in the woods' just outside of Cologne, we had our own water well, septic tank and sewage drain field. No curbs, no gutters, no sidewalks, no blacktop streets, no cable TV, no Internet. (But we ***DID*** have 'Call Waiting' and 'Three-Way Conference Calling' on our white, Slim Line, pushbutton 'PRINCESS' telephone with automatic redial !!)

In the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, they had most of what we were used to (telephone service and features as described above) and were looking for; city water. city sewer, Media-Com cable TV & Internet, blacktop streets; pretty much everything we 'longed for' at the 'house in the woods'.

A couple of the first things we had to do was establish 'city services' and mail delivery. I wasn't sure which one I did first, but I was very favorably impressed by the friendliness and cordiality of 'the lady at the Post Office' in '55339-Land'. Her name, as I recall, was Judy, she 'welcomed' us to Hamburg and mentioned that she had a son named Brian, Brien, Bryan (take your pick of the spelling) who owned the local 'gin mill' (now called the Parkside Tavern). However he spells his name, he, too; was equally as 'welcoming'.

I opened up a Post Office Box (#97) at the Hamburg Post Office and then somewhere through all of this, it was 'on to the Hamburg City Hall' to arrange for City utility services and obtain some 'basic information' that new City residents should (and need to) know. That is when I first

met **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER, JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**.

While I had no reason to 'expect' that he'd be otherwise, he, too; was equally cordial. That didn't 'surprise' me, though. Working for the Police Department in the City of Maple Plain; (actually, it was a Village back then), the Village Clerk, there; was 'cordial'; he and I 'instantly connected'. I quickly developed a longstanding, cordial relationship with the **MAPLE PLAIN CITY CLERK**. In fact, we 'hit it off' at our first meeting and ***NEVER*** had ***ANY*** 'issues' during the two and a half years I was the 'town cop' in Maple Plain. I'm proud to report that we're still friends to this day. While I left the City (Village) of Maple Plain Police Department to join the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department in October 1969; the **MAPLE PLAIN CITY CLERK** remained working there and 'racked up' an impressive ***forty-five year career*** with the City (Village) !!

While it was in Maple Plain where I learned, early on, the a 'City Clerk' is the 'go to guy' (or gal) in any small town, I also learned, early on. that it's **IMPERATIVE** for ***ANY*** employee to be able to 'get along' with the City Clerk; he (or she) basically 'runs' the City (or Village).

Similarly, the City Clerk must ***ALSO*** have the ability to 'get along' with other City (or Village) employees, other City Officials, members of the local Fire Department, as well as residents of the City, Village or Town.

All in all, my 'employment experience' with the Maple Plain Police Department was the first 'real job' that I ever had and I was entrusted with the safety and security of about 1,000 residents living in the City. I have ***NOTHING*** but ***GREAT*** memories !!

As for when we moved to Hamburg, as I previously stated, that, too; was basically a 'pleasant experience' for about the first seven and a half years after we moved here. But, unknown to me at the time, that would all change and the individual that I first perceived to be the 'warm and welcoming' representative of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, turned out to be a **HUGE** disappointment, actually; I would ***PERSONALLY*** later find out that he was really **'A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing'** (as mentioned previously) !!

Gruenhagen is one of just a very few times in my nearly 80 years that I **TOTALLY** 'misjudged' somebody. In my view, he's a real 'fooler' and was a ***BIG*** disappointment to me !! Some of his actions were so **EGREGIOUS** after I became a City Councilmember (2013-2017) and since, I'm providing (as they say on TV) **"EXPANDED COVERAGE"** of and about him, in this book.

There's a ***REASON WHY*** the **CITY OF HAMBURG** has 'gone through' so many (other) City Hall 'clerical' employees. (I believe the 'current' Utility Billing Clerk is number four or five); the one who resigned last September served the City admirably for about **EIGHT YEARS** until she **ABRUPTLY QUIT** !!) Even his staunchest 'supporters', other than 'similar' City Officials, (birds of a feather syndrome) that are aware of 'what's going on', will be surprised, dismayed and disappointed when they learn more, little known information, about Gruenhagen, his **UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR**, his 'quick and ***VIOLENT*** temper', his mood swings and some of the things he's done; some of the acts that he has committed.

Malz's nonchalant, **ACCEPTING** response was a mere ***"That's just how Jeremy is."***

After speaking with Malz about Gruenhagen's **UNACCEPTABLE** 'tirade' at a recent **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** meeting, I also sent a letter to Lund on November 5, 2014, regarding Gruenhagen's highly **inappropriate conduct and behavior**, to Chris Lund, who was a City Councilmember at that time and a 'member' of the much 'touted' (***but really; useless, biased and overrated***) **'HAMBURG PERSONNEL COMMITTEE!**. In my **TEN PAGE LETTER** to Lund, I reiterated **SEVEN GRAVE CONCERNS** that I had about Gruenhagen and his inappropriate conduct and behavior, in addition to the concerns that I also discussed with Malz.

I even went to Lund's EDWARD JONES OFFICE in Norwood Young America on November 24, 2014 to discuss Gruenhagen's inappropriate behavior at a previous **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** meeting where Gruenhagen was (almost uncontrollably) **PUBLICLY** 'spewing forth' information that he ***KNEW*** was false; it was like he was 'making it up' as he went along !!

Gruenhagen's **'pot boiled over' AGAIN** as recently as just this **LAST SEPTEMBER !! As a DIRECT RESULT, t**he City suddenly went from **THREE EMPLOYEES**, down to **JUST ONE EMPLOYEE**: Gruenhagen.

ALL BECAUSE of that **ONE EMPLOYEE**: Gruenhagen.

Yet; **EVERYBODY** ***HAS*** (and ***CONTINUES***) to **'COVER' FOR HIM !!** Which is **WHY** the City is at where it is as of this writing. In the 'PRIVATE SECTOR', Gruenhagen would be **'OUT THE DOOR'** faster than you can say **HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT** !!

But the current (and ***FORMER***) **HAMBURG MAYORS**, the current (and ***FORMER***) **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBERS** as well as **EVEN** the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY, KELLY C. DOHM**, (who **ADVISES** the **CITY OF HAMBURG** on 'issues' like **sexual harassment**, **inappropriate behavior**, **misconduct**, **'Hostile Work Environment'** and other **'negative' workplace issues)**, **ACCEPT HIS OUTRAGIOUS CONDUCT** and ***CONTINUES*** to **'COVER' FOR HIM !!**

IT MAKES NO SENSE !!

I'll bet that **YOU DIDN'T KNOW** that on ***AT LEAST*** one occasion, the **HAMBURG MAYOR** and a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER** had to be 'summoned' the City Hall because of Gruenhagen's **EGREGIOUS CONDUCT** & **'OUT OF CONTROL ACTIONS** & **BEHAVIOR' !!**

C'MON; **HAMBURG**; is that ***REALLY*** the type of **PUBLIC OFFICIAL** and **EMPLOYEE** that should be 'representing' ***YOU***, ***THE CITY*** and the ***OTHER RESIDENTS ??***

WE'RE BETTER THAN THAT *and* **WE DESERVE MUCH MORE !!**

Because the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, as of this writing, hasn't had a **PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE** since **LAST SEPTEMBER**, are you **AWARE** that **HAMBURG TAXPAYERS**

are **PAYING A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR** (about) **$2,000.00/MONTH ??**

To substantiate that allegation, (actually; it's ***NOT*** an 'allegation'; ***IT'S A FACT !!),*** look for 'payee name' W.W.O.T.A. Inc." in the 'vendor' column of the monthly **'CLAIMS LISTS'** that accompany the **CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS**.

For example:

2022 JANUARY CLAIMS LIST
W.W.O.T.A. Inc.-Water/Wastewater Training & Assistance for December 2022 - **$2,062.50**

2021 DECEMBER CLAIMS LIST - (Note **WRONG YEAR** on City document)
W.W.O.T.A. Inc.-Water/Wastewater Training & Assistance for November 2022 - **$1,713.75**

2021 NOVEMBER CLAIMS LIST - (Note **WRONG YEAR** on City document)
W.W.O.T.A. Inc.-Water/Wastewater Training & Assistance for October 2022 - **$2,988.75**

2021 OCTOBER CLAIMS LIST - (Note **WRONG YEAR** on City document)
W.W.O.T.A. Inc.-Water/Wastewater Training & Assistance for September 2022 - **$1,782.50**

2022 SEPTEMBER CLAIMS LIST
W.W.O.T.A. Inc.-Water/Wastewater Training & Assistance for August 2022 - **$1,592.50**

2022 AUGUST CLAIMS LIST
W.W.O.T.A. Inc.-Water/Wastewater Training & Assistance for July 2022 - **$1,257.50**

2022 AUGUST CLAIMS LIST
W.W.O.T.A. Inc.-Water/Wastewater Training & Assistance for June 2022 - **$1,610.12**

2022 AUGUST CLAIMS LIST
W.W.O.T.A. Inc.-Water/Wastewater Training & Assistance for May 2022 - **$875.64**

SIDEBAR: ***ALL*** of the above information was obtained from the City's 'OFFICIAL' Website; it just takes a lot of time to 'dig it out', research it and 'document' what you've found. Plus, having the 'initiative', knowledge and ability of knowing ***WHAT*** you're seeking, ***WHERE*** to find it and ***HOW*** to 'glean' the information sought, helps as well. *(As I boasted during the Mayoral campaign, I was the* ***ONLY CANDIDATE*** *that had both the 'knowledge'* ***AND*** *the 'ability' to 'crack' one of the* ***City's 'best kept secrets'****.)*

That, in and of itself; was **REASON ENOUGH** for those former and current **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** to aggressively thwart my Mayoral attempts and my **'digging into the bowels'** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** **!!** ('Picture that' in your mind for a moment; what a ***HORRIBLE***, but ***APPROPRIATE***; comparison !!)

But, ***THAT'S*** what we're dealing with.

Those former and current **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** ***KNEW FOR CERTAIN***, that **HAD** I been elected the (new) Mayor of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, I would have then **HAD THE AUTHORITY** to 'blow the lid off' of what's taking place in the City and 'jettison' those that are responsible for the ongoing 'turmoil' taking place in our City.

I would also have **HAD THE AUTHORITY** to order a **FULL & COMPLETE 'AUDIT'**

of ***ALL*** of the **FINANCIAL RECORDS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** !! (Citizens should ***DEMAND*** that !!) Those involved in **'torpedoing'** my Mayoral aspirations, **HAD EVERY-THING TO LOSE** and would **STOP AT NOTHING** to 'keep everything under wraps'.

And, as most everyone now knows, they ***DID*** **STOP AT** ***NOTHING*** **!!** And, they ***WERE SUCCESSFUL !!*** Once again, it's **'BUSINESS AS USUAL'** in the **CITY OF HAMBURG**.

As I've stated previously, **THEY ALL BELONG IN JAIL !!**

Getting back to ***NOT HAVING*** a **PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE** for around **SIX MONTHS**, from my being on the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**, I am familiar with the individual who is the 'Private Contractor'; identified on the monthly **'CLAIMS LIST'** as **W.W.O.T.A.**; I've met him personally, he's a 'personable' individual and very knowledgeable in his 'field of expertise'. I ***CERTAINLY*** have no 'negative feelings toward him. It's ***NOT*** personal, rather; it's **BUSINESS !!**

Yet, my 'question' is, **"WHAT DOES W.W.O.T.A. DO"** for which the City (***ACTUALLY***; the **TAXPAYERS**) pay him **EVERY MONTH ??** The City **HASN'T HAD A PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE** for about **SIX MONTHS** as of this writing, so there's **NO ONE TO TRAIN !!** But, that's the 'excuse' given for ***'throwing away'*** **THOUSANDS** of **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** since **LAST SEPTEMBER !!**

To 'shield' itself from the **RESPONSIBILITY** of providing **TAXPAYERS** a ***'LEGITIMATE'*** explanation, the City will (probably) make the (feeble) argument that the State of Minnesota **REQUIRES** a 'licensed' person 'overseeing' the water and sewer services of the City.

But, **WHY** can't **GRUENHAGEN**, as a **CITY OFFICIAL**, 'obtain certification' from the State of Minnesota, for the **REQUIRED STATE ISSUED 'WATER LICENSE'** and **STATE ISSUED 'SEWER LICENSE' ??**

Or, **DOES GRUENHAGEN ALREADY HAVE THAT 'CERTIFICATION' ??**

If, per chance, **GRUENHAGEN 'HOLDS'** ***BOTH*** the ***REQUIRED*** **WATER & SEWER LICENSES**, ***WHY*** are **TAXPAYERS** paying **THOUSANDS** of **DOLLARS EACH MONTH** to a **'PRIVATE CONTRACTOR'** for something that, ***REALLY***; is a **RESPONSIBILITY OF GRUENHAGEN'S POSITION** as an **EXEMPT EMPLOYEE' ??**

I discovered several other 'issues' that **NEED EXPLANATION** that I came across while looking into the payments to WW.W.O.T.A.; one was 'sequestered' on the **2022 DECEMBER** monthly 'Claims' List included in the City Council Agenda for the **FEBRUARY 14, 2023** City Council meeting.

It was a check to **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** that raises a 'red flag'; the amount was **$915.93** with a **'CLAIM DESCRIPTION** of **"Mileage for 2022/Supplies for NNO". NNO** was held **IN AUGUST 2022 !!** Any kind of 'mileage log' ?

By now, you should have somewhat of a 'hint' of the type of person I found Gruenhagen to **ACTUALLY** be after I got to know him better. Like I said; he's a 'fooler' ! You, too; have no doubt learned some 'shocking' things about him that you didn't know previously.

Lastly, because Gruenhagen, (who is aided by Lund and Dohm as well as their 'positions' within the 'structure' of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**) is the primary person that I consider responsible for what taken place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG**., that **'TRIFECTA'** has to be **'ABOLISHED'** before, and if; this City is to flourish'. As you've probably already learned by reading this book, Gruenhagen is a **'CONTROL FREAK'**, he wants '***ALL*** of his fingers in ***EVERY*** pie', he wants to make sure ***EVERYBODY*** know **HE'S** **'IN CHARGE'** and he ***THRIVES*** on being the **'CENTER OF ATTENTION' !!**

It's also very easy to 'recognize' him; he usually always carries a 'big spoon' with him.

But there's one other City resident and individual that I met shortly after moving to Hamburg, that I'd also like to 'talk about' and 'bring to your attention'.

BRAD DROEGE

I think that the next person in Hamburg that I met; probably because of our similar **PUBLIC SAFETY** backgrounds, was **HAMBURG FIRE CHIEF BRAD DROEGE**. *(I was a **FIREMAN** in the Air Force.) Brad* was also a **PARAMEDIC** with the Ridgeview Medical Center Ambulance Service based in Waconia. *(I was a former **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN** for Smith Ambulance; a 'private' ambulance company based in St. Louis Park.)* I'm also a retired **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**. Obviously, Brad and I had 'a lot in common'; I think that's why we instantly 'bonded'.

I can't think of **ANYONE MORE QUALIFIED** that I'd like to see 'coming through our door' during a 'medical emergency' than Brad. (And, the **HAMBURG FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT** has 'come through our door' **THREE TIMES** that we required their emergency services.) I've seen Brad 'in action'; he's a real professional. I was **GLAD** that I met him when we moved to Hamburg and I was ***PROUD*** to call him my friend !!

While the 'order' is unimportant, there are three specific 'events' on which I worked closely with Brad. It was **TRULY** an **HONOR** to work and be '**ASSOCIATED**' with him !!

First was when Brad 'spearheaded' an effort to build a **PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL** dedicated to Law Enforcement, Fire and the Emergency Medical Services professions. I **CLEARLY** remember Brad coming over to our house one morning (I'm thinking this was in about 2008 ??) around 8AM with the perceived 'plans' of how this 'Memorial' would look upon completion.

I ***KNEW IMMEDIATELY*** from his enthusiasm, that I was one of the few people that Brad was totally sharing his 'idea' with; he was really excited and 'all charged up'. I told him that I would design a Webpage, complete with pictures, to 'chronicle' the construction of the project thinking

that 'publicizing' the project via a Webpage I could design, would encourage donations to help 'fund' the project !! I'd like to think the Webpage I designed probably DID 'infuse' some donations into the project.

As I said I would, I ***DID*** create a Website about the 'Memorial', took pictures of it during the various phases of construction and posted them on my newly designed **HAMBURG MEMORIAL WEBPAGE** that I **continuously** kept updated.

Once the 'Memorial' was completed, 'Domestic Associate' Stan and I (but mostly Stan) spent countless hours over the following years planting new flowers in the spring, trimming the roses that were permanently in place, replanting those that had died over the winter, watering the flowers and grass when it was needed, removing everything in the fall in preparation for winter, and then starting the whole process all over again in the spring.

Both of us have our names inscribed at the 'Memorial' for our continued, dedicated efforts, along with the other 'contributors' of money and/or their effort. Stan and I each also received a **Letter of Appreciation** from the **CITY OF HAMBURG** for our continuing efforts to keep the 'Memorial' maintained and 'looking spiffy' for many, many years after its construction and completion.

We both were more than happy to dedicate our time and effort and 'add our touch' to help beautify our City for everyone, residents and visitors alike; to enjoy.

But look how the 'Memorial's condition and appearance has deteriorated in the years since Stan and I stopped 'taking care of it'.

SOMEBODY'S NOT DOING THEIR JOB !!

I was **SO IMPRESSED** with Brad that I wanted to 'do something nice' for him to 'let the world know' what a **GREAT PERSON** that I thought he was !! I invited him to be a guest on my Internet Show to talk about his long and impressive career in the Fire and Emergency Medical Service professions. (As I recall, I think Brad told me that he was a member of the Hamburg Fire Department for something like thirty-seven years; nineteen of which he was the Fire Chief.)

I took my recording equipment to Brad's house and he gave me a tour of all of the 'memorabilia' relating to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services that he has collected over the years. (I hadn't **EVER** seen such an extensive, similar collection, before or since, when I toured the 'Sports Museum' that 'sports enthusiast' Dick Jonckowski has in his basement, several years ago !!)

While at his house, I took lots of pictures for a Website that I would eventually create about Brad to honor and 'recognize' him, as I did for the 'Memorial'. I also met Brad's charming wife Barb, and **THOROUGHLY ENJOYED** the couple of hours that we all spent together talking about his professional, and varied, **PUBLIC SAFETY** 'backgrounds' and our mutual interests.

I took a lot of time to do my **VERY BEST** to design a detailed and appealing Website honoring my good friend Brad, to spotlight him, his profession and his unending enthusiasm about his

Fire and EMS professions. I wanted to 'make him shine'. I think did. I even added appropriate sound effects to our interview while I was editing it, to enhance it's appeal.

When Brad was nominated by the Excelsior Fire Chief as the **MINNESOTA FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR** for **Communities of Less Than 2000 Residents** (I believe that was in 2009), once again he showed up at our door early one morning, ***BEAMING WITH PRIDE*** about his new 'Commendation'. Once again, I was only too happy to add this impressive award and new distinction to the Website about Brad that I had designed to honor him and his accomplishments.

I would also contact the Fire Chief of the Hamburg, Germany Fire Department upon Brad's retirement from the **HAMBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT**, and inform him of the dynamic person that Brad was to the Fire Service profession here in Hamburg, Carver County and throughout the state of Minnesota, as well as his many impressive accomplishments. My efforts yielded an acknowledgement from the Hamburg (Germany) Fire Department recognizing Brad and his dedication to the local Fire Service and I presented it to Brad as a 'remembrance' that I had designed and created to give to my very good friend who I respected and admired, so much !!

I did all of this for Brad, at my own expense, because of how much I thought about him. You do 'nice things' for people that you respect. Putting together the Internet Show 'program' and editing the audio from our talking about his career, was something I did to 'add that 'special touch', and the 'final production' of my **ENTIRE INTERNET SHOW** with Brad was available **THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WORLD, 24/7/365** with just a few 'keystrokes' and 'mouse clicks'.

Yes; Brad was my very good, personal friend. My Websites and Internet Show 'tributes' to a great and wonderful man, were testaments of my respect and admiration for him. My life became 'richer' as soon as I met him and I was **PROUD AS A PEACOCK** to call me my **FRIEND !!**

CITY COUNCIL FILING

Because of my 'stellar' career in Law Enforcement, I thought ***"Why not file for one (of the two) upcoming four year City Councilmember terms that were being vacated at the end of 2012 ?"*** If elected to one of the two vacant four year terms, I could share the things I learned and the experiences I encountered during my nearly twenty year Law Enforcement career (and my life), to benefit the City, and the many fine residents that call Hamburg 'home'.

I was elected; by about a 55% vote as I recall, and began my four year 'experience' in local, 'small town' politics. And what an 'experience' it turned out to be !! You could 'write a book' about what I experienced and what I was forced to endure !! *(Oh, wait; I **AM** writing a book about it, and **YOU'RE READING IT !!**)*

Shortly after taking office, I met with the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER, JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**, to 'get acquainted' with the City and also get some 'pointers' on what is expected of a newly elected City Councilmember for the **CITY OF HAMBURG**. I also 'got

the tour of the City' including the HAMBURG COMMUNITY HALL. I would subsequently find out that the **ENTIRE BUILDING** had a **SERIOUS MOLD ISSUE !!** I also was shown the **'CITY SHOPS'**; located in the **BASEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY HALL**; which ***ALSO*** had a **SERIOUS MOLD PROBLEM**.

SIDEBAR: To learn more about the **SERIOUS MOLD ISSUE AT THE HAMBURG COMMUNITY NOW BEING DISCUSSED**, please refer to the forty-five page transcript from the McLEOD COUNTY SHERIFF"S OFFICE contained herein. That 'quite telling' transcript is the result of the CITY OF HAMBURG (**DOHM, GRUENHAGEN & LUND**) filing a 'bogus' **FORMAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT ABOUT ME** with the CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE as a means of **'RETALLIATION'** against me and their **FAILED** attempt to **FORCE ME TO RESIGN** from the HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL !!

I thought that having **ALL OF THIS MOLD** in a **CITY BUILDING** that the **CITY RENTS OUT TO THE PUBLIC** where **PEOPLE CONGREGATE** and then, also **REQUIRING** the City's **PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE** to be **SUBJECTED** to, and become sick from, such an **UNHEALTHY** and **DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT**, because that is where his office is located, **DEFIED ALL COMMON LOGIC**.

For the City to **REQUIRE** the 'hands down' BEST EMPLOYEE THAT THE CITY HAS EVER HAD, who FAITHFULLY, and with UNPARALLELED DEDICATION & a VAST AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE, to **HAVE TO BE SUBJECTED TO**, and to **HAVE TO WORK IN**, such an **UNHEALTHY** & **HAZARDOUS WORK ENVIROMENT**, for **EIGHT YEARS**, is **CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR** on the part of the **CITY OF HAMBURG !!**

IT ALSO MADE NO SENSE !!

I was also shown the once operational single lane bowling alley, ***ALSO*** with a **SERIOUS MOLD ISSUE**, in the basement of the HAMBURG COMMUNITY HALL, Gruenhagen and I toured the Water Treatment Plant, the sewage lift stations, the antiquated, manual-start emergency generator for the main lift station at Bi-Centennial Park, the Fire Station (which Brad had already provided me a tour of), the City's wells and water tower; I think we may have even visited the 'sewage stabilization ponds' located outside of the City limits on Vera Avenue south of County Road 50 in the township adjoining the CITY OF HAMBURG.

After I had become an **'OSTRACIZED HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER'**, I was pretty much **NOT 'PRIVY'** any longer, to what was taking place in the City; therefore, I have NO KNOWLEDGE as to whatever happened to the **SERIOUS MOLD ISSUE AT THE HAMBURG COMMUNITY HALL**. It wouldn't surprise me if it's probably still there !

More information about the 'mold problems' at the **HAMBURG COMMUNITY HALL** can be found in the transcript of an interrogation, contained herein, by a **DETECTIVE** from the **McLEOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** as the **DIRECT RESULT** of **CITY OF HAMBURG** filing a **RECKLESS** and **BASELESS CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST ME**.

From what I can remember ***BEFORE*** being 'ostracized' by the other **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, they City didn't really have a 'plan' to do anything on a building that was **LOSING $20,000.00 A YEAR**; primarily because of the added 'expense' involved'. Instead, they were **HOPING** that the **MOLD PROBLEM** would **'just go away' !!**

PRETTY IRRESPONSIBLE THINKING, I thought, **BY THE CITY AND IT'S PUBLIC OFFICIALS !!**

Also, while I'm unsure exactly when the conversation took place, soon after I had taken Office, **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** described to me, the details of some sort of scandalous **'financial irregularities issue'** that he was aware of that had taken place in the City years earlier. I really didn't pay much attention then to what he was rambling on about or 'pursue' more information of what he spoke; I figured, "That was then; this is now."

The first year and a half of my four year term was 'interesting', to say the least. The Mayor was Richard Malz, who had been in office for a bunch of years; and I believe may have been a City Councilmember before that. Councilmember Steve Trebesh was the 'Vice' Mayor.

You probably already read about then City Councilmember Chris Lund and my initial 'suspicions' about him right after we moved to Hamburg and even before either one of us were elected to the City Council. Shortly after moving to Hamburg, Lund approached me and wanted me to 'spy' with him on the **CITY CLERK/TREASURER !!**

HAMBURG MAYOR CHRIS LUND

'CRIMINAL HISTORY'

INCLUDES *an* ARREST *for* DWI, *a* CONVICTION *for* CARELESS DRIVING

as well as an

ARREST *and* CONVICTION *for*

DOMESTIC ASSAULT !!

SIDEBAR: Even with 'all of that' and the other 'bone-headed' things that have taken place while he was a Hamburg City Councilmember and, most recently, 'under his watch' as the Mayor of Hamburg, **LUND WAS RE-ELECTED TO ANOTHER FOUR YEAR TERM AS HAMBURG MAYOR THIS PAST NOVEMBER !!**

What a **'LOVELY REPRESENTATIVE'** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** and all of its **FINE RESIDENTS !!** For more information about Lund and to see his **DENEGRATING** and **INSULTING** references to President Biden and Governor Walz, please go to

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ MAYORCHRISLUND.html

Of course, there was also the 'unforgettable' Councilmember Bob Gregonis; a person that made me ask myself, ***"I wonder who ties his shoes !"*** I would later observe Gregonis sitting barefoot, no socks, no shoes, at a City Council meeting, (at which a 'distinguished guest' was making a 'presentation' to the City Council) with 'flip-flops by his feet; that answered my question.)

Each of the current (and former) City Councilmembers, as well as Mayor Malz, have their own 'idiosyncrasies' (as do I) which, in itself, proved to be something I didn't really want to concern myself with. But one former City Councilmember (now deceased) and a former Hamburg Mayor (still alive), somehow thought they still 'ran the City', had some sort of 'assumed authority' and 'control' over me, were particularly obnoxious towards me and were also responsible for continually 'rallying the troops' and getting everybody all 'stirred up' in their **COMBINED, RELENTLESS** and **UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT** to force me to resign from the City Council because they 'didn't agree' with my 'views'. I **CONTINUED** to 'stand my ground'.

That was a **'futile effort'** on their part. Much to their dismay and a testament to my 'character', I **COMPLETED** my **ENTIRE** four year City Council term; they 'underestimated' my drive and stamina. I **REFUSED** to succumb to their **DESPICABLE, UNCONSCIONABLE** and **UNDERHANDED TACTICS** of trying to 'discourage' or force me to **RESIGN** from my **ELECTED** position on the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**.

My having all the 'ACES in the deck', didn't hurt; either.

In hindsight, I have to say that if I were to 'put my faith' in ***ANY*** of the City Councilmembers, it would be Councilmember Steve Trebesch. The other two City Councilmembers, the Mayor and ***ALL*** the rest of them, seemed, at least to me, to be in their 'elected positions' for the 'power, glory and authority'. That 'perception' I had of them, proved to be true. Oh; ***SO*** true !!

One thing in particular, though; that **DID** strike me as somewhat 'troubling', was that the Mayor of Hamburg, Dick Malz; **WORKED** for, and got paid by, the **SAME COMPANY THAT PLOWS THE CITY'S STREETS IN THE WINTER**. To 'complicate' the situation, the company, (**WM. MUELLER & SON**) is owned by the 'family' of **HAMBURG FIRE CHIEF BRAD DROEGE !!** Hmmmmmmmm.

WHOOPS !!

The thought **'CONFLICT OF INTEREST'** came to mind. But, while not 'justifying' it, apparently, that 'arrangement' has existed for some time. I guessed the City 'didn't care' about the 'appearance of impropriety'. I would find out how 'powerful' that statement ***REALLY*** was.

While the 'logical' company to plow the City's streets ***IS*** **WM. MUELLER & SON,** when I found out that about that 'arrangement', I thought that **AT THE VERY LEAST**, the City should 'solicit bids' for snow removal service **PARTICULARLY** when the **CITY'S MAYOR WORKS FOR THE COMPANY THAT GETS PAID TO PLOW THE CITY STREETS !!**

Lovely !!

For the record, I **DON'T** have a 'problem' with how the City's streets are plowed in the winter (When Else?), the very **TREACHEROUS ICE CONDITIONS** on the streets (because the City has put **WM. MUELLER & SON** on a 'salt free' diet), is **LUDICROUS** and a **SAFETY HAZARD !!**

As the months passed, it didn't take long for me to realize that what was taking place with the City's snow plowing, was likewise taking place in other 'areas' of the City. It was like one big game of **'MONOPOLY'** where the **'PLAYERS'** are the **MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**, and the **HAMBURG TAXPAYERS**, are the **'BANKER' !!**

Whenever I questioned a situation that could have ended with better results had the 'competitive bidding process' been implemented and utilized (to the **BENEFIT OF TAXPAYERS**), I was met with **'AGGRESSIVE CONFRONTATION' !!** When I questioned why the City was using a ***SPECIFIC*** contractor or supplier for a given service or supplies, instead of implementing a process of competitive bidding, that would 'favor and benefit' Hamburg **RESIDENTS**; instead of the **'FRIENDS'** and **'ACQUAINTANCES'** of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, I was soundly 'rebuffed' !!

We're talking **'HOSTILE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMEMNT' !!**

It was quickly made ***VERY CLEAR*** to me ***NOT*** to **'GO WHERE NO OTHER MAN HAS EVER GONE BEFORE' !!**

WAIT A MINUTE !! I was a Policeman for almost ***TWENTY YEARS***; licensed until 1997, and was never 'afraid' go anyplace or face any 'adversity' !

During my Law Enforcement career, I've been to a lot of 'places' where no man has ever 'dared to go', and **NEVER ONCE** was I ***EVER*** 'intimidated !! I can't even begin to count the number of people (including a lawyer) that I've **ARRESTED**, and **PUT IN JAIL**, I once **PICKED UP**, in **KANSAS** and **RETURNED TO MINNESOTA**, a man who had **MURDERED HIS GIRLFRIEND**, **ANOTHER WOMAN** and his **TWO CHILDREN !!**

(GOOGLE: Craig Bjork !!)

And a 'small town' City Council thought that they could **INTIMIDATE ME ??** Were they all 'on drugs' I pondered rhetorically ?? They're **DAFT** and they ***CERTAINLY*** 'underestimated' me !!

I ***KNEW*** that 'small town politics' can 'get ugly' and soon realized that my being a City Councilmember as a retired **PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** for nearly ***TWENTY YEARS*** with a 'history' of **HONESTY** and **INTEGRITY**, and, because of what had been previously taking place, I probably wasn't going to be a 'real good fit' with the Mayor and other City Councilmembers. I concluded, "That's just 'small town politics'." I figured, and anticipated, though; that **THIS** was going to a ***REAL CHALLENGE*** for me and could get **'MESSY' !!**

And it did 'get messy' !! ***REAL*** 'messy'.

Another 'situation' that seemed to be 'way out of line' and defied common logic, had to do with electrical fixtures that needed to be installed or electrical work that needed to be done, in the City. **WHY** was the ***SAME*** electrical contractor, **ROBB'S ELECTRIC** in Carver, being used for City electrical work and installing electrical fixtures and equipment in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** when the neighboring city of Norwood-Young America had three or four **QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS** (much closer) and based in our neighboring City ?

IT MADE NO SENSE !!

That question roused the ***IRE*** of **HAMBURG FIRE CHIEF BRAD DROEGE** to my cell phone by his asking me if I ***'had a problem'*** because I was 'questioning' what was taking place. Apparently, I was 'intruding' on his 'friends'; **ROBB'S ELECTRIC**. I thought, ***"Hmmmmmmm; that's 'odd'; I must have 'touched a nerve'." !!***

As an **ELECTED OFFICIAL** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** charged with 'watching where the money goes', ***YOU BET I DID !!*** And I paid a 'dear price' for doing do !

It seems **MORE** sensible to retain a qualified company, individual or supplier to 'do the work' or 'provide the supplies' at a cost that is **MOST ECONOMICAL TO TAXPAYERS !!**

But the City doesn't 'see' it that way; much to the **DETRIMENT** of **CITY RESIDENTS WHO PAY THE BILLS !!**

I soon found out that **'The Buddy System'**, much to the 'dismay' of the **TAXPAYERS**, is **IN PLACE** in Hamburg, and that 'friendships' were pretty much the determining factors in deciding who 'got hired' to 'do work' in the City. (One local contractor ***GAVE THE CITY A $300.00 'DISCOUNT'*** as a 'thank you' for 'selecting him' to do a particular 'job' in the City !!)

My 'asking any questions' about what was taking place, and why, was certain to start the (combined) 'bullying' by the other **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**.

Believe me; I **EXPERIENCED THAT FIRSTHAND; NUMEROUS TIMES; IT WASN'T PLEASANT !!**

AND IT ALSO MADE NO SENSE !!

I would **'TOUCH'** a lot of **'nerves'** while a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**; mostly by accident. But then; the **CITY OF HAMBURG** had a lot of **'EXPOSED NERVES'** that were **'easy to touch'** because of how **POORLY** the City is managed, with **NO ACCOUNTABILITY** of the City's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS !!**

Not many City residents are aware of it, but the City, as of this writing, has recently experienced a **'HOSTILE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT'** ***AGAIN***; resulting in the **IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION** of the **'DEPUTY' CITY CLERK** who had worked for the **CITY OF HAMBURG** for ***EIGHT YEARS !!!***

Also, 'keep your eye' on the **PUBLIC WORKS** 'opening' that suddenly became 'vacant' last September; **SIX MONTHS EARLIER**.

Take, for another example; the installation of a new, automatic start, emergency standby generator at the City's main sewage lift station at Bi-Centennial Park.

Before I was elected to the City Council, the City had obtained a bid for about **$31,000.00**.

However, because none of the City's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** had any idea of what they were doing, what needed to be done or had ***ANY*** experience with the purchase and installation of emergency generators, nothing ever 'happened'. (In my lifetime, I've installed about a **HALF DOZEN** emergency back-up generator systems in the equal number of homes I owned or where I lived !!)

After I was elected, I brought up the issue of replacing the old, manual start emergency generator; something that the City Council had (apparently) talked about for (literally) years, **I** basically was **'put in charge'** of that project **by the City Council** and the end result was that with the purchase and installation of the new generator that took place, **I SAVED CITY TAXPAYERS $8,000.00** on the generator and installation, and **SAVED TAXPAYERS ANOTHER $400.00** by arranging for the natural gas line to be installed in the fall before the ground froze !!

Naturally, I was criticized for how I arranged for the new generator to be 'permanently mounted' on a cement slab, thereby 'preventing' it from being 'trailered' to a neighboring City or town in case ***OUR*** emergency power was needed **THERE**, and leave Hamburg 'naked' !!

Like so many other things that were taking place in the City,

THAT MADE NO SENSE !!

When I checked, I determined that the **CITY OF HAMBURG** was ***NOT*** in the **'EMERGENCY GENERATOR LOANING BUSINESS'** and it should **ALWAYS** remain 'in

town' and be 'ready to go' whenever it's needed.

NOW, THAT *MADE* SENSE !!

We **MAY** be our **'BROTHER'S KEEPER'**, but Hamburg is ***NOT*** our **'BROTHER'S EMERGENCY GENERATOR LENDER' !!**

Of course, I was met with ***MORE*** **'HOSTILITY'** about "It's ***OURS***; it must remain in ***OUR*** town" when I 'stood my ground' on that 'concept'. Six large (and strong) bolts inserted into the poured cement slab before it dried, ensured the new, emergency standby generator's place in **'HAMBURG HISTORY'** for the foreseeable future.

My 'take charge' approach to accomplishing just this single task, was **AGAIN** met with **'HOSTILITY'** and criticism by the **SAME** former Hamburg City Councilmember, and the **SAME** former Mayor who both, of course, gained the 'sympathy' of the other City Officials and it was 'lynch time' for me once again !! (The City 'went through a lot of rope' while I was on the City Council !!) I was beginning to feel like **"TOM DOOLEY".**

Let's see: I got the new generator installed (which nobody else in the City knew how to do or could accomplish), it would **BENEFIT** the **ENTIRE** City, I **SAVED** the City's **TAXPAYERS** in the neighborhood of **$8,500.00**, and yet, **I'm the 'Bad Guy' !!**

THAT MAKES NO SENSE !!

Here's a 'link' to the 'Site Plan' that I created for installation of the new emergency standby generator for the City's main sewage lift station:

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/
LIFTSTATIONGENERATORSITEPLAN.html

And here a 'link' to my Website about the actual installation of the new emergency standby generator for the City's main sewage lift station as it progressed:

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/
LIFTSTATIONGENERATORINSTALLATION.html

Once the new, emergency standby generator at Bi-Centennial Park was installed and tested, I suggested that the City keep the former lift station generator, as it still was operational and had a **VERY DEFINITE PURPOSE** that could **BENEFIT THE ENTIRE CITY OF HAMBURG AND IT'S RESIDENTS !!**

My 'idea' that I presented to the **ENTIRE** City Council was to move the 'old' lift station generator to the **HAMBURG COMMUNITY HALL** and connect it to the Community Hall's electri-

cal system. My reasoning was that if, for ***ANY*** reason such as a thunderstorm but, **MORE LIKELY**, a winter snow storm (I've never heard of a 'summer' snowstorm, but the world's climate ***IS*** changing), if the City was without commercial **XCEL ENERGY** power for an extended period of time and their furnaces didn't work because there was no power, they would have a 'warm and welcoming' place to come to, to ***AT LEAST*** keep warm and bathrooms to use. Made sense to me !

The City Council gave me the 'go ahead' and directed me to contact **ROBB'S ELECTRIC** in Carver (who else?) and meet with one of their representatives and get an approximate cost to interface the old life station generator, with the **HAMBURG COMMUNITY HALL**.

I called **ROBB'S ELECTRIC** myself; and briefly explained what I was proposing and 'needed a ballpark price' for what was being proposed. I asked if they could 'send someone out' to talk about what the City was proposing to do. I **SPECIFICALLY ASKED** whoever I was talking to at **ROBB'S ELECTRIC**, to have their 'electrician' or whoever; **MEET AT CITY HALL**, so that he/she and I could ***ALSO*** have **HAMBURG CITY CLERK**, **JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**, accompany us to the Community Hall. That turned out to be a **VERY EMBARASSING MOMENT** for **ME**, as a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER**, as well as **FOR THE CITY** !!

The ***REASON*** that I **SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED** that we all meet at City Hall was for the **DISTINCT PURPOSE** of **INCLUDING GRUENHAGEN** to **ACCOMPANY** us to the Community Hall. After being elected to the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**, it didn't take me long to learn and realize that Gruenhagen **HAD** to be included in **EVERYTHING** for the reasons previously stated.

A time and date was agreed upon for the **ROBB'S ELECTRIC** representative to meet us at the City Hall. I was waiting outside of City Hall when the **ROBB'S ELECTRIC** truck pulled into the parking lot.

I walked over and greeted the man getting out of his truck, introduced myself to him and stated we could go into City Hall and I would introduce him to Gruenhagen; also stating that he (Gruenhagen) would be accompanying us to the Community Hall.

WELL !! As I opened the door to the City Hall to go in, I heard Gruenhagen, who was leaning up against the 'pass through' to the kitchen, on a cordless phone, 'talking very loudly' *(OK; he was literally* **SCREAMING**) to whoever was 'on the other end' of the conversation !!

Needless to say, I was embarrassed ***NOT ONLY*** for myself, but I was **ALSO EMBARRASSED** for the **ENTIRE CITY** !!

'Walking in' on one of his many 'tirades' (that I've observed ***TOO MANY TIMES***) that was taking place was, as you can understand; a **VERY AWKWARD SITUATION**; a 'situation' that I wanted to quickly ***REMOVE MYSELF*** from, as well as the **ROBB'S ELECTRIC** representative !!

As we exited City Hall; the last words heard from Gruenhagen, to whoever he was talking to on the 'other end of the line', were; **"THEY CAN TAKE THIS JOB AND SHOVE IT" !!**

Once out of City Hall and in the parking lot, I apologized to the **ROBB'S ELECTRIC** representative for what he (we) had just witnessed and stated words to the effect, "***The City Clerk***" or ("***Jeremy"***) ***must be having a bad day.*** *"* Just 'one' of 'many'.

The **'ROBB'S GUY'** and I went to the Community Hall without Gruenhagen; who would later present the 'event' to the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** in such a 'distorted manner' that he would gain the 'sympathy', **AGAIN**; of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**, would make ***ME*** look like the **'BAD GUY'** and he was the person 'wearing the white hat' !! **THESE PEOPLE LIE !!**

JACOB STREET GRINDER

Then there was the total demolition of the sewage 'Grinder Station' on Jacob Street caused by the careless driving of a motorist.

Once again, ***NONE*** of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** 'had a clue' of how to 'engineer' the **TOTAL 'RECONSTRUCTION** of the equipment responsible for ensuring that sewage from the homes in the area of south Jacob Street would flow to the City's main lift station and not backup into their basements.

The 'crash' happened about 6:00PM on a night that I was working at the Casino watching people 'throw their money away. (Kind of reminded me of the Hamburg City Council.)

At any rate, as I was coming home from work about 11:30 that night, I noticed that there was something 'seriously wrong' with the Jacob Street 'Grinder Station' as it is so affectionately called. I would learn the next day that an 'exhibition driver' had been driving recklessly and had lost control of his vehicle, crashed into the grinder station and **TOTALLY DEMOLISHED** it.

Xcel Energy had to come out and disconnect the power to the station and our Public Works employee arranged to get a temporary generator connected to what was left so that the grinder station could at least the 'grinders' could be operated manually (which had to take place about every three hours) so residents homes would be flooded with backed up sewage.

Long story short, I coordinated every detail of the reconstruction with **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** because I had quickly learned, during my short time on the City Council, that he was a 'control freak', wanted to be involved in **EVERYTHING** that was going on and thrived on being the 'Center of Attention.'

But this time, Gruenhagen **'REALLY WENT OFF THE RAILS' !!**

I 'went out of my way' to **ENSURE** that he knew, and **APPROVED**, ***EVERYTHING*** that I was doing in regard to getting the grinder station rebuilt and back on (the sewer) line again.

But, of course (as you've probably now guessed), Gruenhagen; cheered on by the other City Councilmembers, 'blindsided' me at a City Council meeting when the reconstruction was being discussed and publicly tried to 'rip me to shreds' in front of the entire City Council and the 'spectators' that were at the meeting. (I've got the actual recording of Gruenhagen at the City Council meeting and you can hear it, unedited, and **COMPLETE** 'story' on my Webpage about "**THE GREAT JACOB STREET GRINDER STATION CRASH**" at:

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/GRINDERSTATIONCRASH.html

At this point, 'things went from **BAD** to ***WORSE*** and **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/ TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**, once again, **SHOWED HIS TRUE COLORS** !!

While I respect the position that he holds with the City, I would **NEVER TRUST HIM AGAIN** because of his actions, not only this time but previously as well, what he did and how he tried to discredit me, 'blow me out of the water', publicly humiliate and embarrass me !!

Stop for a moment, and **JUST IMAGINE** what has taken place !! But that was just 'the tip (of many) icebergs' !

The 'problem', here; was that after reviewing the entire matter **INCLUDING** the 'facts of the case investigated by the **McLEOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DECTIVE**, the **SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** determined;

".....after analyzing the facts and applicable law, (we) believe there is insufficient information on which to prosecute. The information we have does not enable us to prove a crime beyond a reasonable doubt. Consequently, we will not be filing criminal charges in this case."

There was **NO BASIS** on which to prosecute **ANYTHING** !! (Please see the letter from the **SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, and the transcript of my **TWO HOUR INTERROGATION** by a **DETECTIVE** from the **McLEOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** contained herein.

I'm **CERTAIN** that **'PISSED OFF'** ***ALL*** of the **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**; that's something that they've ever 'experienced' before; dealing with conscientious and ethical attorney, something that, as far as I know, the **CITY OF HAMBURG** has ***NEVER*** had the opportunity to 'lay claim' to !!

Word ***ALSO*** got back to me that, after **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** were informed that the **SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** would **NOT BE FILING CHARGES** for the **REASONS SPECIFIED**, 'certain' **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, believed to be **LUND** and **DOHM**, reportedly **CONTACTED THE SCOTT COUNTY ATTOR-**

NEY'S OFFICE and **TRIED TO CONVINCE THE SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CHANGE THEIR MIND** and **REVERSE THEIR DECISION !!**

'MEDDLING' IS ALIVE AND THRIVING IN THE CITY OF HAMBURG !!

This **WHOLE MATTER** was a bogus, phony, 'trumped up' act of **RETALIATION AGAINST ME**, by the CITY OF HAMBURG, because I was **EXPOSING THINGS TAKING PLACE IN THE CITY THAT HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS WERE TRYING TO PREVENT FROM BEING KNOWN !!** The 'operative word' here is, **"COVERUP" !!**

The **HAMBURG SEVEN** as I've come to call them, realized that they could do, literally; **ANYTHING THAT THEY WANT**, ***WITHOUT FEAR OF REPERCUSSIONS***, to **FORCE ME OFF THE CITY COUNCIL !!**

For ***ANY*** 'legal action' to be brought against ***ANY*** of them, that 'legal action' would have to be 'initiated' by the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**. and, through Dohm being the 'contract' Hamburg City Attorney, she was well acquainted with, and 'friends' of, **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** and/or **'DEPUTY' CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY PETER IVY !!**

HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS 'enjoy' **IRON CLAD** and **INPENETRABLE IMMUNITY FROM ANY LEGAL PROSECUTION** for **ANY OF THEIR ACTIONS** or **WHATEVER THEY MAY DO !!**

That's been proven time after time after time; ***JUST LOOK BACK !!***

Like Arby's; ***'I GOT THE MEAT'*** and most of the ***'compelling proof and evidence'*** has been **POSTED ON MY WEBSITE** about the **CITY OF HAMBURG** for **WELL OVER THREE YEARS !!** (And **OVER 100,000 'HITS' !!**)

TO BE CLEAR, (as Governor Walz always says), I have to state that Councilmember Trebesch and I had a rather serious 'disagreement' immediately after one of the Hamburg City Council meetings and it came very close to being a 'physical confrontation'. But, not being a 'violent' person, I hastily left the building before anything really happened; it was just some shouting at that point.

However, Steve and I have 'reacquainted' ourselves and being the honorable man that he is, he apologized to me some time ago, and we've become, and have remained friends, ever since with no 'hard feelings.

WHERE'S THE HONESTY & INTEGRITY ??

Another **SERIOUS ISSUE** that I have with **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUEMHAGEN**, that only a few people know about but have managed to 'keep quiet' all of these years, is that in addition to his being prone to being **'UNTRUTHFUL'** (I've ***PERSONALLY WITNESSED HIM LYING***) and, rather than 'take a stand' and 'stick' with his decision, he, instead; has a tendency to vacillate 'back and forth' and 'side' with the 'team in power' or the 'side that is winning or popular'.

I'll be **UP FRONT** and **BRUTALLY DIRECT** & **HONEST**: *Based on the knowledge and information that I have heard, and read; it is my belief* **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/ TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** has **RECEIVED TAXPAYER DOLLARS** from the **CITY OF HAMBURG** to which he was **NOT ENTITED !!**

Further, the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** who I served with while I was a Hamburg City Councilmember, **INCLUDING** 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**, were **FULLY AWARE OF WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE !!**

Let me repeat what I just stated so there is **NO QUESTION** as to what I am stating:

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Am I alleging that he outright **'STOLE'** City 'funds' that belong to **HAMBURG TAXPAYERS ?**

'NO'; I have **NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE** of that taking place. I'm ***NOT*** calling, or accusing Gruenhagen, of being a 'thief' !!

'EMBEZZELMENT' is a pretty 'strong' word, too; (and allegation) so I'm not making that accusation, either.

I'll 'give you the facts'; **YOU** can make up your own mind. Here ***ARE*** the facts, in detail:

The **CITY OF HAMBURG** held one (of many) of its infamous **'CLOSED' CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** in, I believe, August or September of 2015 after Gruenhagen had returned to work from an extended absence. In attendance at this **'CLOSED' CITY COUNCIL MEETING** were then **Hamburg Mayor Richard Malz**, **Councilmembers Chris Lund**, **Steve**

Trebesch, **Bob Gregonis**, myself, 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN** and, of course, **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**.

In addition to the **OTHER** many 'salient' points that were discussed during this **'CLOSED' CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, the topic of **'rounds'** was brought up and discussed. *(**'Rounds'** refer to a City employee or Official going to each facility mentioned below and taking **RE-QUIRED DAILY** readings of meters located at the Water Treatment Plant, the main sewage lift station at Bi-Centennial Park and the Jacob Street 'Grinder Station', to measure the amount of well water being pumped out of the City's wells, and how much waste water, sewage, etc. (they call that 'effluent'), is being pumped to the 'sewage holding ponds' on Vera Avenue.)*

Normally, this task is part of the daily routine, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, of the **PUBLIC WORKS** employee. In his absence or if the public works employee is unable to accomplish a daily 'round' for any reason', then ***USUALLY*** it is **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/ TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** that accomplishes this duty when the **PUBLIC WORKS** employee isn't available.

While a member of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**, I was appointed to be the **'Ed Norton'** (from the 1955-56 TV comedy **'THE HONEYMOONERS'**) of the Hamburg Water & Sewer Department and facilities before I was 'ostracized'.

I, too, on occasional weekends and holidays, did 'rounds' when no one else was available. It probably took me all of 15 or twenty minutes and I don't recall ever 'putting in to get paid for doing it. But I ***DID*** think; **WOW !! FIFTY BUCKS** for **15 or 20 MINUTES OF MY TIME**; that comes out to somewhere **$45-60 DOLLARS AN HOUR !!**

Can you say, **"GET RICH QUICK SCHEME" ??** (I ***KNEW*** you could!) I could hear Drew Carey saying, **"CITY OF HAMBURG; C'MON DOWN" !!**

Doing 'rounds' had, and still ***HAS***, the potential of being is a **'real money maker' !!** And **NOBODY** would probably ever know because the City Council usually **DOESN'T LOOK AT THE MONTHLY 'CLAIMS LISTS'; THEY JUST 'MOVE TO APPROVE' TO PAY EVERY THING THAT'S LISTED !!** By Gruenhagen. (Note the number of times that **'Rounds'** appears in the monthly **'CLAMS LISTS'** adjacent *to Gruenhagen's name documenting **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** that he's received !)* **EVERY MONTH !!**

As the **"WATER & SEWER COMMISIONER"** for the **CITY OF HAMBURG** (before I was 'ostracized'), I thought that it would be a 'good idea' for all of the other 'City Officials' to know how to do 'rounds' in the event that was necessary. On a Saturday morning, everybody showed up at the Water Treatment Plant and I explained how to perform this 'menial' (but high paying) 'required task'. I must admit that there wasn't much 'enthusiasm' shown by those in attendance; the 'highlight' (or 'lowlight') of the 'event was when Mayor Malz told me, ***"You're beginning to get under my skin."***

The **PUBLIC WORKS** employee and **HAMBURG CITY CLERK TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** are paid (the last I heard a 'set amount' for **EACH** Saturday, **EACH** Sunday and **EACH** holiday, for visiting the three locations mentioned, and simply writing

down the meter readings on a particular form. **THAT'S IT !!** At one point, **PUBLIC WORKS** employee Dennis was ***NOT*** paid for doing 'rounds' (the City didn't want to pay him 'overtime' for 'doing rounds'); instead he was allotted two hours per **EACH** Saturday, **EACH**Sunday or **EACH** holiday for 'rounds and his 'work week' was reduced to 36 hours each week.

While I don't know (but suspect) whose 'idea' it was, that procedure changed when 'somebody' realized ***"Hey; there's a chance, here; to make some 'good' additional money for very little time and effort and very few people, if any, will know what's taking place"!!*** (As I stated above, nobody really reads the monthly "**CLAIMS LIST**" closely and wouldn't notice. (But I caught that 'right away' while I was on the City Council. But, because it had been taking place for so long, I guessed that it was 'fitting and proper'.) I was **WRONG !!**

Hence, the paying of a 'set' hourly amount to whoever was taking them, for weekends and holiday 'rounds', was born.

Reflecting from memory, I recall that the 'daily rate for' weekend and holiday 'rounds' was about $25.00 **EACH DAY !!** Not bad for about thirty minutes work; the two (previous) **PUBLIC WORKS** employees lived in the City.

Relying on my memory, I also recall some discussion shortly after I took Office, brought up by **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**, (words to the effect) ***"....we really can't expect an employee*** *(implying the PUBLIC WORKS employee)* ***to do 'rounds' for such a small amount. Council should increase the amount paid."*** (I heard that ***MORE*** than once !!)

The City Council agreed to the increase **EACH TIME**; and **GUESS WHO BENEFITTED THE MOST ??!! GRUENHAGEN !!**

What the hell; it was **ONLY TAXPAYER MONEY !!**

When I left the City Council, it seems to me that the amount had been raised to **$50.00/'round'**. God only knows what it's at today !!

BUT WAIT A MINUTE; LET'S 'BACK UP' to the infamous **'CLOSED' HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING** back in August or September 2015 attended by **Hamburg Mayor Richard Malz**, **Councilmembers Chris Lund**, **Steve Trebesch**, **Bob Gregonis**, myself and, of course, 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**. Because the meeting was about him, **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** was also in attendance.

Let's ***NOT*** lightly 'skim over' the topic that I was just telling you about, like those in attendance listed above; did at the meeting. Because I **REALLY CARED** about how my **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** we being spent and **BECAUSE** of what I had observed in the relatively short time that I had been a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER** and **BECAUSE** I was aware of the 'covert' manner in which the City sometimes 'operated', my ears 'perked up' when the topic of 'rounds' was brought up.

During the discussion when it was brought out that **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/ TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** was being paid, **OVER AND ABOVE HIS MONTHLY SALARY**, for 'doing rounds' on weekends and holidays. 'Contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law form of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN** **CLEARLY STATED, FOR ALL TO HEAR**; that the **HAMBURG CITY/CLERK/TREASURER** should **NOT BE GETTING PAID** 'extra' for making 'rounds' because, as the **CITY CLERK/TREASURER**, he is an **'EXEMPT' EMPLOYEE !!** That was ***DEFINATELY*** an **'AH-HAAA MOMENT' !!**

For **MONTHS** (actually years) I always thought that a 'salaried' employee for the City, is an **'EXEMPT' EMPLOYEE** for the City and as such, should **NOT** be receiving 'additional pay' for 'duties and responsibilities' that **CLEARLY** can be construed as 'being part of the job' of the (**salaried**) **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER !!**

MY THOUGHTS AND SUSPICIONS WERE JUST CONFIRMED by 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law form of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN !!** (No, I had ***NO DESIRE*** to kiss her !!)

Because **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** is classified as an **'EXEMPT' EMPLOYEE'**, he is **NOT ENTITLED TO RECEIVE 'EXTRA PAYMENT'** of **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** for doing 'rounds' or any other City-related 'tasks' performed 'outside' of 'normal business hours' !!

Reading the City's water and effluent meters ('rounds') ?? **NOT INTITLED TO GET PAID !!**

Changing the soft beverage canisters at the (once mold infested) **HAMBURG COMMUNITY HALL** in the (once mold filled) 'pop room' ?? **NOT ENTITLED TO GET PAID !!**

'Unclogging' a clogged-up toilet at the (once mold infested) **HAMBURG COMMUNITY HALL** or the public toilets at Bi-Centennial Park or at the City Hall/Community Center ?? **NOT ENTITLED TO GET PAID !!**

While 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN** isn't on my 'Christmas Card list', she obviously has enjoyed (and **STILL ENJOYS**) 'screwing me over' every chance she gets over the years the years, in any way possible and **NUMEROUS TIMES !!** (As evidenced by the existence of the transcript of my **TWO HOUR INTERROGATION** with a **DETECTIVE** from the **McLEOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE !!**) That's **'got her name'** all over it !!

The fact that she would make that statement **ABOUT GRUENHAGEN**, so ***OBVIOUSLY*** and so ***BOLDLY*** in the **PRESENCE OF ALL OF THE OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**, well; it was 'refreshing' to hear her confirm the 'suspicions' that I had been carrying with me since being elected to the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**.

Once Dohm made that statement, I reflected back to the 'early days of yesteryear' when Gruenhagen was 'giving me the tour' of the (once mold infested) Hamburg Community Hall. One of the things I **SPECIFICALLY** remember him pointing out to me was the **OBVIOUS MOLD** in the room where the canisters for the 'soft beverages' were stored in the (once mold infested) basement of the (once mold infested) Hamburg Community Hall.

So now, we, the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**, the 'governing body' of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, have a **VERY SERIOUS SITUATION** that we **MUST** 'deal with' **DIRECTLY**; the **IMPROPER PAYMENT OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS** to the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER**, that **MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TAXPAYERS !!**

We're ***NOT*** talking a couple hundred, or even a couple of thousand **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** here; because this has (apparently) been taking place for (presumably) **MORE THAN TWO DECADES**, we're talking in terms of (potentially) **TENS OF THOUSANDS** of **TAXPAYER DOLLARS**; **THE AMOUNT IS STAGGERING !!**

Did the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK TREASURER** **'OFFER'** or **'VOLUNTEER'** to return the **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** that he **WAS NOT ENTITLED TO RECEIVE** because he is classified as an **'EXEMPT' EMPLOYEE ??**

You'll get a **'RESOUNDING 'NO'** to that question !! But an **HONEST** and **HONORABLE PERSON** ***WOULD !!***

Did the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** initiate ***ANY*** action to recover the **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** that it **WRONGLY PPROVED PAYMENT OF** that were **NOT ENTITLED TO BE PAID ??**

Your **THIRD** **'RESOUNDING 'NO'** to that question !! But any **EFFECTIVE**, **ETHICAL** 'governing body' of ***ANY*** 'political subdivision', **WOULD HAVE !!**

How about this: ***EVEN THOUGH*** the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**, **TOLD THE CITY COUNCIL** that what was taking place was **IMPROPER** and **SHOULDN'T BE TAKING PLACE**, **WHY IS IT STILL CONTINUING TO HAPPEN ??**

"C'MON DOWN !!"

The former **HAMBURG MAYOR, DICK MALZ**, as well as the **CURRENT HAMBURG MAYOR, CHRIS LUND**, and the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**, **ALL KNEW THAT WHAT WAS INITIALLY TAKING PLACE WAS IMPROPER**, and **AFTER BEING ADVISED THAT IT WAS IMPROPER, FAILED TO HALT**

the practice and, instead, ***ALLOWED IT TO CONTINUE TO THIS DAY !!***

WAIT A MINUTE: This 'expensive issue' matter which is **KNOWINGLY WASTING HAMBURG TAXPAYER DOLLARS** is ***NOT*** 'over' yet; I'm not hearing any excessively corpulent females 'belting out any melodies' !! Let's take a look at the **'COLLUSION'** between the members of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** and the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/ TREASURER** .....

You'll recall (above) that 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM**, of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**, **SPECIFICALLY TOLD GRUENHAGEN**, the **ENTIRE HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** and **HAMBURG MAYOR DICK MALZ** that **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN is NOT SUPPOSED TO BE PAID FOR DOING 'ROUNDS'** and, by extension, he is **NOT SUPPOSED TO BE PAID FOR ANY OTHER CITY RELATED 'DUTIES'** accomplished 'outside of normal business hours' !!

HOW CAN *ANYBODY* MISCONSTRUE DOHM'S STATEMENT ?

Yet, to demonstrate how **ARROGANT**, **'SHIFTY'** and how **'CONNIVING'** these people are, the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** that **HAMBURG RESIDENTS ELECTED TO OFFICE**; about a **MONTH LATER**, ***after the 'controversy' over this issue had subsided, the 'smoke had cleared' and the 'dust had settled'***, **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS LUND INTRODUCED A MOTION TO PAY GRUENHAGE FOR 'ROUNDS'**, in **TOTAL OPPOSITION OF WHAT THE CITY HAD BEEN ADVISED BY** 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM !!**

OF COURSE, the other members of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL UNAMIOUSLY APPROVED LUND'S MOTION**; I would have been 'outvoted' and only 'went along' with them because the **TOXIC & HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT** would have ***BECOME MUCH MORE WORSE*** for me than it **ALREADY WAS !!**

That action in particular, initiated by Lund; **SPEAKS POORLY** of ***ALL*** of the **CITY OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, as do all of the other **IMPROPER ACTIONS** as **DESCRIBED ABOVE** and elsewhere in this book.

HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN

Who Doesn't Even Live In The City

OWES HAMBURG RESIDENTS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

THAT HE WASN'T ENTITLED TO RECEIVE !!

HAMBURG TAXPAYERS SHOULD DEMAND THAT HE REPAYS EVERY PENNY THAT HE RECEIVED !!

WHAT'S SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT THAT ??

The **ACTIONS** and **MISDEEDS**, of **GRUENHAGEN**, the **MAYOR** and the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS** constitute **MISCONCUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**, in **VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43:**

A public officer or employee who does any of the following, for which no other sentence is specifically provided by law, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than $3,000, or both:

(1) intentionally fails or refuses to perform a known mandatory, nondiscretionary, ministerial duty of the office or employment within the time or in the manner required by law; or

(2) in the capacity of such officer or employee, does an act knowing it is in excess of lawful authority or knowing it is forbidden by law to be done in that capacity; or

(3) under pretense or color of official authority intentionally and unlawfully injures another in the other's person, property, or rights; or

(4) in the capacity of such officer or employee, makes a return, certificate, official report, or other like document having knowledge it is false in any material respect.

OTHER CONCERNS CITIZENS SHOULD HAVE

When the City threatened to confiscate the hard drive of my personal computer because it contained 'City information', I suspected they wanted to do so because of the documentation it contained regarding the misconduct and other derogatory information about what was taking place with **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**. My fear, of course, was that because the City 'would stop at nothing' in their efforts to force me to resign my position on the **HAMBURG CITY**

COUNCIL (that had already been proven many times over), if the City gained possession of the hard drive of my personal computer, then they could, and would, delete those files that contained information about what was taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** by its **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** (if not **DELETE** the **ENTIRE CONTENTS**) drive.

I decided that the prudent thing to do to preserve the information on my computer about the City, was to 'duplicate' the hard drive of my personal computer and place that duplicate hard drive in a 'secure location' where it would be **IMPOSSIBLE** for the City to gain access to it; even with a warrant. (The City was **DESPERATE !!**)

That 'secure location' to store the duplicate hard drive turned out to be the Minneapolis Office of the F.B.I. I mailed the hard drive to them and asked that they secure it until such time as I would retrieve it.

Of course, when the City found out what I had done, we didn't all sit down and have coffee and cookies. The City now ***KNEW*** that even their now seizing the hard drive of my personal computer, wouldn't be of any value or purpose to them as a second 'pristine' hard drive was in the possession of the F.B.I. in Minneapolis.

So then, of course, their 'push was on' for me to have the F.B.I. return the 'duplicate' hard drive to the City. That, of course, wasn't gonna happen !!

The 'lay person' should know about something called 'the chain of custody'. It's a 'method' or procedure used by Law Enforcement to 'track' evidence so that it's every location and person who had access to that evidence, can be documented with 100% certainty; that's why I sent it, via (trackable) **PRIORITY MAIL**, to the F.B.I. in the first place. You can bet that when the F.B.I. received it, it was 'logged in'; an action that would be part of 'the chain of custody'.

The City tried everything that it could think of to get that 'duplicate' hard drive from the F.B.I.; I think that 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLEY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT**, **HUBERT** and **SJODIN** may have tried to 'use her influence' (I wouldn't trust her with a **CUPCAKE!!**) to retrieve the hard drive, but the F.B.I. **REFUSED** to give it to ***ANYONE*** but me; who sent it to them !!

THANK YOU, **F.B.I. !!**

I **DID** agree, however, to allow the F.B.I. to give it to the Detective from McLeod County, but the F.B.I. maintained their 'steadfastness' of **ONLY** returning it to me, **IN PERSON**. And, **AS THEY SHOULD HAVE !!**

Eventually, because I wanted to see what the City's 'next move' would be (but I ***REALLY*** thought that I already **KNEW**), I agreed to retrieve the 'duplicate' hard drive from the F.B.I., but the City wanted **ME** to drive to F.B.I. 'field office' in Brooklyn Center to get it, **ON MY OWN TIME** and **AT MY OWN EXPENSE !!** Again, **NOT GONNA HAPPEN !!**

So, the City agreed that they would have then City Councilmember Chris Lund accompany me (who was having a **FIELD DAY** 'playing the part' of **'THE CITY'S SAVIOR'**; as 'directed' by **HAMBURG MAYOR DICK MALZ**).

This **WHOLE FIASCO** was **ONE BIG 'CIRCUS'**; circuses have 'elephants' and **ALL** of the 'Elephants in the Room' in ***THIS*** circus were the other **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** and the 'room' where 'circus' was 'performing' was the **HAMBURG CITY HALL**; with **LUND** in a ***'Cameo Role'*** as the **'RING MASTER' !! POPCORN ? PEANUTS ? CRACKER JACKS ?**

Folks: **YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP !!**

So, Lund and I drive to the F.B.I. 'Field Office' in Brooklyn Center and retrieve the 'duplicate' computer hard drive that I had sent them for 'safekeeping' months earlier. I could tell by Lund's demeanor that he **COULDN'T WAIT** to get back to Hamburg; he was **ALMOST** 'foaming at the mouth' will all of he 'pent-up' excitement and 'anticipation'. When we arrived back in Hamburg, Lund turned the 'duplicate' hard drive over to **(WHO ELSE?)** but **HAMBURG CITY CLERK TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**. The 'duplicate' hard drive had come 'full circle' and was now in the possession of **HAMBURG CITY CLERK /TREASURER JEREMEY GRUENHAGEN** and the 'matter was settled'.

Or, was it ? Readers of my book, can guess the answer to that !!

MY PERSONAL 'STING' THAT I HAD SET UP; WORKED !!

Just as I had predicted, **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** would later admit the he turned the 'duplicate' hard drive retrieved from the F.B.I., over to 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** of the Waconia based law firm of **MELCHERT, HUBERT and SJODIN**. According to Gruenhagen, Dohm (or 'somebody') took the hard drive to **'ON TRAC RECOVERY SERVICES'** in Eden Prairie.

THAT MADE NO SENSE !!

Why not **FIRST** just connect it to a computer ? The **CITY OF HAMBURG** has a 'go to' 'computer guru' that the City used regularly, frequently and is **PAID BY THE CITY !!**

SIDEBAR: When I first joined the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL**, I offered to turn my **www.HAMBURGMINNESOTA.com** domain name, **AND MY HAMBURG WEBSITE, OVER TO THE CITY**, but they refused my offer.

I would later find out the reason **WHY** they refused my offer was because the 'computer guru', last name **MALZ** (Jr.) who I never knew existed, was **ALREADY ON THE HAMBURG PAYROLL** setting up a Website for the City as well as eventually setting up a City e-mail system as well. *(Could someone please explain to me **WHY** the City, with **ITS VERY OWN** E-mail system, **STILL HAS 14 GOOGLE E-MAIL ACCOUNTS** that **TAXPAYERS PAY $168.00 EVERY MONTH FOR ??**)*

Next, as no 'surprise' and **EXACTLY** as what I had **EXPECTED** would happen, the City contacted me a few days later and tells me ***'there's no data on the hard drive'*** !! When the City discovered that there was **NO DATA ON THE COMPUTER HARD DRIVE** that had been **IN THE POSSESSION OF THE FBI** for about a year, **WHY** didn't the City contact the FBI

Field Office and **ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION ??**

IT MAKES NO SENSE !!

I'LL TELL YOU THE REASON WHY: The City didn't contact the FBI when they 'discovered' that there was (allegedly) no data on the hard drive was because the City **ALREADY KNEW THAT !!** The 'Computer Forensics Department' of the F.B.I would most likely have told 'the City' to return the hard drive to them and their 'Computer Forensics Department' could/would determine ***IF*** data was ***EVER*** on the hard drive, ***WHAT*** data was on the hard drive, ***IF*** data had been ***DELETED,*** from the hard drive, ***IF*** the hard drive had been ***FORMATTED*** along with the ***TIMES AND DATES*** that any/all of the above actions and 'events' took place !!

And then, of course, there's the fact that 'fingerprints' would be on the hard drive.

Yes; friends; ***IF****, in their* **'ZEALOUSNESS'** *to 'frame' me,* 'The City' **WOULD** have contacted the F.B.I. to inquire about **"THE HARD DRIVE THAT HAD NO DATA",** the **CITY'S 'MOTIVE'** would have been exposed and they; ***THEMSELVES***, would have been, **'Caught With It's Hand In The Cookie Jar' !!**

NONE of that would have 'turned out well' for the City; that's **WHY** 'the City' **DIDN'T** contact the F.B.I. !! My 'poor man's sting' involving the City, and its bumbling **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, 'worked' !!

DESPERATE, GREEDY & GUILTY PEOPLE COMMIT INSIDIOUSLY STUPID ACTS !!

Other ***HONEST*** people, like me; write books about them.

Fellow **RESIDENTS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, **FRIENDS**, **NEIGHBORS** and **READERS OF THIS BOOK**: Do you **REALLY THINK**, as the **CITY OF HAMBURG WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE**, that ***ME***, with ***MY BACKGROUND***, ***EXPERIENCE*** and ***IMPECCABLE REPUTATION***, would have gone to ***ALL OF THE TROUBLE*** and ***POTENTIAL EMBARASSEMENT***, of sending a **BLANK HARD DRIVE**, to the F.B.I' with a **BIZZARE**, **PHONY**, **CONCOCTED STORY**, like **THE CITY WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE ??**

USE YOU COMMON SENSE'; the City sure didn't !! They thought that they could 'horns waggle' the many fine residents that call Hamburg, 'home'. And, of course, **FACE NO LEGAL 'CONSEQUENCES' !!**

READ THE ENCLOSED TRANSCRIPT (which is included herein) of my **TWO HOUR INTERROGATION** by the **DETECTIVE** from the **McLEOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** about **WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE IN THE CITY OF HAMBURG !!**

The **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** don't have much respect for it's

residents if it **EVEN THINKS**, for a moment; that Hamburg residents ***MIGHT*** believe their **FABRICATED STORY** !!

SABOTAGE OF THE HAMBURG FIRE TRUCKS !!

When not 'in service' or on a call, it is a COMMON PRACTICE for fire trucks and other emergency equipment to be connected to an external power source to keep the vehicle's batteries fully charged so that when the Fire Bell rings or the pagers 'alert'; the equipment is 'ready to go'. In the case of LARGER vehicles, like fire trucks and other equipment having 'air brakes', air hoses from air compressors in the fire station are connected to the emergency vehicles so that full air pressure is always available on the trucks, instead of having to start the trucks (that have their own air compressors) and wait for the air pressure to 'build up' before 'leaving' the station.

PROMPT EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN THEIR EMERGENCY VEHICLES IS CRITICAL !!

In **less than 30 seconds** a small flame can turn into a major fire. Because a fire **DOUBLES IN SIZE EVERY THIRTY SECONDS**, it only takes minutes for thick black smoke to fill a house or for it to be engulfed in flames. Similarly, a person that has stopped breathing, can **DIE** or suffer **SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES** in as little as **FOUR** to **SIX MINUTES** if the oxygenated blood flow to their brain is stopped or impeded !! And, depending on the type and location of a wound, large amounts of blood loss can cause a person to go into 'shock' and even **BLEED TO DEATH** !!

If emergency equipment, including Hamburg's Fire Trucks and other emergency vehicles can't **IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE STATION** when the Firefighters and other 'Emergency Responders' arrive because a trucks battery is 'dead' or they have to wait for the air pressure in the truck to 'build up', the **SERIOUS DELAYS THE RESPONSE TIME** of **WELL TRAINED** and **HIGHLY EXPERIENCED MEDICAL PERSONNEL** getting to the scene of the emergency and begin life saving measures or fire extinguishing procedures and techniques, can have **DISASTEROUS CONSEQUENCES** !!

As soon as 9-1-1 is called, that **'STARTS THE CLOCK TICKING' AND THE FATE OF THE PERSON IN DISTRESS**, be it from a **CAR ACCIDENT**, a **HEART ATTACK**, a **FALL**, a **SUDDEN COLLAPSE** or any other **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**, **RESPONSE TIME IS CRITICAL** !!

When I was a member of the Hamburg City Council, we were made aware that 'someone' had been **IN THE HAMBURG FIRE STATION** and was surreptitiously **DISCONNECTING THE BATTERY CHARGERS**, and the **COMPRESSED AIR HOSES**, **FROM HAMBURG'S FIRE TRUCKS** !!

Not only was this **CRIMINAL ACT** that **DELAYED** the ever important **RESPONSE TIMES**, it was also **PUTTING DEDICATED HAMBURG FIRE FIGHTERS AT RISK** !!

Because of the **SERIOUS NATURE** of this **HEINOUS**, **CRIMINAL ACT** and as a **FOR-**

MER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, I wanted the City to make a report to the **CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** and determine **WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE**. for these **DEVIOUS** and **CRIMINAL ACTS !!** This 'discussion' took place during one of Hamburg's **INFAMOUS**, and **SUPERFLUOUS, 'CLOSED'** City Council meetings and several 'names' were bandied around.

Approach this situation from a 'logical' standpoint; (which the Hamburg City Council **FAILED TO DO**):

Let's look at the persons that had/have unlimited access to the Hamburg Fire Station and Hamburg City Hall and also look at M.O.A.; **MOTIVE**, **OPPORTUNITY** and **ACCESS**.

First; I know from **FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE** (***THREE TIMES***) that the members of the Hamburg Fire Department are the dedicated and professional Hamburg Firefighters and Rescue Personnel. **NONE** of them are going to 'sabotage' their own Department or do anything to injure himself or herself or their fellow Firefighters !!

Additionally, a Firefighter being found at an 'odd hour', alone; inside the City Hall/Fire Station complex would be deemed 'unusual' and 'suspicious', and would 'trigger' **AT LEAST** a report to the Hamburg Fire Chief, but more probably, a call to the **CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** for a **THOROUGH INVESTIGATION !!**

Second, while members of the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** may have periodic 'differences' among themselves, they wouldn't 'take their differences out' on the Fire Department equipment or City personnel. That 'rules out' the City Council. Besides, the Mayor or a **CITY COUNCIL** member being found at an 'odd hour', alone; inside the City Hall/Fire Station complex would be deemed 'unusual' and as 'suspicious' as the 'rogue' Fireman mentioned above.

I was **REALLY DISTRESSED** to hear **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN EVEN IMPLY,** yet **ACTUALLY BRING UP,** former **HAMBURG FIRE CHIEF BRAD DROEGE**'s name as the possible 'culprit'.

For Gruenhagen to **RECKLESSLY BESMERCH** the **GOOD NAME**, **REPUTATION** and **'TRACK RECORD'** of **BRAD DROEGE**, an **OUTSTANDING, DEDICATED RESIDENT** that has **DONE SO MUCH FOR THE CITY OF HAMBURG** during his time as a Firefighter and **NINETEEN YEARS** as the City's Fire Chief, is **TOTALLY LUDICROUS** and **ABSOULUTELY IRRESPONSIBLE !!** I thought; ***"What a malevolent manner in which to 'misdirect' attention !!***

I was **TOTALLY ANGERED BY GRUENHAGEN'S 'SUGGESTION'; BRAD WAS MY CLOSE FRIEND**; a person who I **DEEPLY ADMIRED** and **UNCONDITIONALLY RESPECTED !!**

There's **ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON** that has '**M.O.A.**', look for the person in the City, that also **'carries the big spoon'** !!

The fact that 'The City' refused to report the tampering of the fire trucks to the **CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** because of who is/was suspected, troubled me a great deal,

in view of all of the other 'cover ups' I've witnessed in this City, used to 'protect the guilty parties'. This was **NO DIFFERENT !!**

It isn't well known, and most people will be hearing about it here, in my book, for the **FIRST TIME**; but I met, in private, with **CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF JIM OLSON** when I was a **CITY COUNCILMEMBER** and expressed my many 'concerns' of what was taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** by it's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**. During our ninety minute meeting, I told Sheriff (**Jim**) Olson him about discussion that the City Council had at a **'CLOSED' CITY COUNCIL** meeting regarding the sabotage of Hamburg's Fire trucks. To my surprise, he told me that he 'had heard' about what took place, but, for whatever reason, (and to the best of my knowledge), he **NEVER TOOK ANY ACTION !!** (That, ***TOO***, was troubling to me.)

But then, **UNLIKE** his predecessor, **SHERIFF BUD OLSON**, and his successor, **SHERIFF JASON KAMERUD**, Jim Olson, in my opinion, was another 'do nothing' **PUBLIC OFFICIAL**. Like a couple of other **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** that Carver County **STILL HAS !!**

That's just one, many reasons, why I wanted to get the FBI involved in what's taking place, **UNCHECKED**; in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** by its **CITY OFFICIALS**.
As it is now, with only 'local' officials and lawyers involved, **EVERYBODY CAN LIE TO OR 'STROKE' EVERYBODY ELSE** (which they do) resulting in **NOTHING EVER BEING DONE**, **NOBODY EVER BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE** and **NOBODY EVER BEING INVESTIGATED** !! Except a Councilman who's a retired Policeman/Deputy Sheriff, who **WITNESSES**, and **REPORTS**, unbridled **DECEPTION**, **DISHONESTY**, **DECEIT** and **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS** virtually **EVERY TIME HE 'TURNS AROUND' !!**

NOBODY EVER GOES TO JAIL !!

I EVEN WITNESSED THE HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER 'FLAT OUT' LIE to **HAMBURG MAYOR DICK MALZ** as well as to the **ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL** while I was a **CITY COUNCIL** member !!

If **ANYBODY**, **REGARDLESS OF WHO THEY ARE**, **LIES** to the **FBI**, that's a **FEDERAL CRIME** and is **TAKEN SERIOUSLY !!** I've already 'touched' on that.

Just **KNOWING** that being **CONVICTED** of **LYING TO THE FBI** can 'land' you on a **'BIG ROCK PILE' BEHIND** a **HIGH FENCE** topped with **'RAZOR WIRE'**, should be enough incentive for **ANYONE** to **'TELL THE TRUTH' !!**

The FBI **DOESN'T 'PLAY PATTY-CAKE'** with people like the 'locals' do; **REGARDLESS** of **WHO THEY ARE** and **REGARDLESS** of **WHO THEY KNOW !!**

But **'getting their attention'** has always been 'the problem'. Maybe **THIS BOOK** will **'GET THEIR ATTENTION' !!** STAY TUNED !!

"GREAT HAMBURG CELL PHONE CAPER"

For reasons that should be **OBVIOUS** to **ANYONE**, **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/ TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** *(there's that name again !!)* 'got together' with cell phone service provider **VERIZON** and 'arranged a deal' *(non-nod; wink-wink), apparently* **WITHOUT CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL**, **INVOLVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS**, *that would allow* **(ONLY)** ***CITY OFFICIALS***, ***CITY EMPLOYEES*** **AND THE FAMILIES** of ***CITY OFFICIALS*** and ***CITY EMPLOYEES***, *to receive* **DISCOUNTED MONTHLY CELLPHONE SERVICE !!**

Although this 'arrangement' that Gruenhagen 'set up' with cell phone service provider **VERIZON** **INVOLVED TAXPAYER DOLLARS**, the **'REDUCED' MONTHLY CHARGE** for cell phone service **WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO HAMBURG RESIDENTS** like you and me, whose **TAXPAYER DOLLARS WERE INVOLVED !!**

When I found out what was taking place **INVOLVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS**, I went straight to the **OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA STATE AUDITOR**. Upon learning what was taking place between VERIZON and the **CITY OF HAMBURG** because of Gruenhagen's actions, the City was directed to **IMMEDIATELY TERMINATE** the **AGREEMENT** hat **GRUENHAGEN** had 'arranged' with VERIZON !! To add to the suspense, you'll find **NO DISCUSION**, on **ANY** of the (poor quality) audio recordings, about how the **"GREAT HAMBURG CELL PHONE CAPER"** came about; **SUDDENLY**, it was **JUST THERE !!**

NOW, it's ***GONE !***

"THE GREAT HAMBURG FLOOD OF 2014"

A 'deluge from the sky' dumped about **FIVE INCHES OF RAIN** in a relatively short time and overwhelmed the City sanitary sewer system ***REQUIRING*** the **DISCHARGE OF RAW SEWAGE** into the City's **STORM SEWER SYSTEM**.

You can read all about that 'event' that former **HAMBURG PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE GREG SCHULTZ** and I 'rode out together' for **SIXTEEN HOURS STRAIGHT**; where ***I PUT THE CITY FIRST*** and chose to 'remain in the City' **INSTEAD** of 'going to work' at my 'regular job', because of the seriousness of what was taking place in the City. Please see

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ FLOODING-06-19-14.html

"THE GREAT HAMBURG FREEZE OF 2014"

There was **SO LITTLE SNOW COVER** and **BRUTALLY COLD BELOW ZERO TEMPERATURES** for such **EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME** that the **WATER SERVICE LINES** to the homes of some Hamburg residents **ACTUALLY FROZE UP**, **LEAVING THE RESIDENTS WITHOUT CITY WATER SERVICE FOR WEEKS** !! Please see

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ 2014WATERSERVICELINEFREEZE-UPS.html

I've **ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED** about the **WASTING** and **MISSPENDING OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS**; both **LOCALLY** and well as state and nationwide. When I found out that a **FORMER EMPLOYER** was **CLAIMING** that I was **STILL EMPLOYED BY HER COMPANY**, I **'SNITHED HER OFF'** to the **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**.

UNLIKE my reporting to **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY KEITH ELLISON** of what's been taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** for **YEARS** and **YEARS** and **YEARS**, the **MEDICAID FRAUD UNIT** of the Office of **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL MIKE HATCH**, **INVESTIGATED MY COMPLAINT** and as a result; **RECOVERED $31,227.23 TAXPAYER DOLLARS FROM MY FORMER EMPLOYER !!**

To view the letter that I got from the **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE** when **MIKE HATCH** was the **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL**, please visit

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ RECOVEREDTAXPAYERDOLLARS.html

I also find it **DESPICABLE** that latest City Flyer mailed to residents in February (2023), Mayor Chris Lund states, ***"I heard a lot of interesting ideas during the campaign season, and it*** (MISSED WORD) ***be great to hear more about them. Stop up and let's discuss them."***

The guy **CAN'T EVEN BE ORIGINAL** !! The 'interesting ideas' Lund is talking about were **'prosthelized'** from **MY MAYORAL CAMPAIGN WEBPAGE** outlining **MY VISION FOR THE CITY OF HAMBURG AS MAYOR** !! Please see

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/MYVISION.html

I am the **ONLY** former or current **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIAL** that can be **IMPARTIAL** because I am **NOT INVOLVED** in all of the sinister and 'under-handed' activities described in my book and on my Website; that was the 'catalyst' for my seeking to be elected the next mayor of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**. I was then, and still am now, the **ONLY QUALIFIED PERSON**, with **ANY** chance, to get the **CITY OF HAMBURG** back on the path, to **GROWTH**,

PROSPERITY, **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**, **INTEGRITY** and **ACCOUNTABILITY** !!

Instead, when it was learned that I was seeking to be elected Hamburg's next Mayor, current ***AND*** former **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, set out to 'derail' my Mayoral campaign for fear that even more information, like what's contained in this book and on my Websites, would be 'made public' and their other despicable actions, like revealed in this book and on my Website, would 'topple' them from their 'regime' which gives **THEM**, ***NOT THE CITIZENS***, **TOTAL CONTROL** over what takes place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** as well as what the City's future holds.

The 'catalyst' for me to write this very revealing and informative book and continue to maintain my Websites is to **INFORM HAMBURG RESIDENTS WHAT'S TAKING PLACE IN THEIR CITY** and because a few current and former **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**, fearing they would **LOSE ALL AUTHORITY AND 'CONTROL'** of and in the City, chose to **INTERFERE** with **LAST FALL'S MAYORAL ELECTION**.

Find out **MUCH MORE** about **HAMBURG'S MAYOR, CHRIS LUND** **WHO HAMBURG RESIDENTS JUST ELECTED TO ANOTHER FOUR YEAR TERM**.

In my view, Lund is **TRULY** an example of someone who **SHOULD NOT HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE**. Remember, I served with him for **FOUR YEARS** on the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** and I was **ANYTHING** but impressed with him, his ideas and his demeanor. Lund **THINKS** that he's **'GODS GIFT'** to Hamburg, but **HERE'S SOMETHING** that a lot of people **DON'T KNOW**:

Last July, I was contacted by a member of the **CARVER COUNTY GOP** and asked to seek election as Hamburg's next Mayor in the 2022 fall election. His being defeated would cause him, and his disgusting, distracting and egotistical personality, to *probably* be removed for the Organization because he would no longer hold any 'political office'. It came as **NO SURPRISE** to me when I was told that Lund, who apparently is (or was) the 'Chair' of Carver County's GOP Organization is basically, well; obnoxious. I certainly had **NO TROUBLE BELIEVING THAT**; especially after witnessing his 'antics' for four years when I was a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER**; and now witnessing his actions as **HAMBURG'S MAYOR**.

I really hadn't even thought about running for Hamburg Mayor, but all of the other negative things that I was told (and KNEW) about him, convinced me to file. He **REALLY** doesn't impress anybody but himself; I've heard a lot of 'negative feedback' about him; one person I spoke with referred to him as a **"Whack-A-Doodle"** and asked my why the **CITY OF HAMBURG** ***"Doesn't 'do something' about him." !!***

The fact that Lund **ONLY RECEIVED 14 VOTES** from Hamburg residents when he sought to 'jump ship' as HAMBURG MAYOR two years ago and be elected Carver County Commissioner, **SPEAKS VOLUMES** about his 'loyalty' to Hamburg and what people think of him.

To learn about his little known **'CRIMINAL RECORD'**, see the **SIX PAGE LETTER** I sent

him (to which he **FAILED TO RESPOND**) seeking **ANSWERS AND EXPLANTIONS** about him, his **ACTIONS**, his **FAILURE TO RESPOND TO CITIZEN CONCERNS**, as well as **WHAT'S TAKING PLACE** in the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, please see

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ MAYORCHRISLUND.html

WHY I RAN FOR HAMBURG MAYOR

In addition to being 'solicited' by the Carver County GOP, all you really have to do to understand why I sought election to be Hamburg's next Mayor, is 'take' my **"HAMBURG SURVEY"** that tells you about just ***SOME*** of all of the **ABSOLUTE CRAP** that's been taking place by the City's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**; before, during and since I was a **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER**. Please see

www.THEDELTASHOW.com/ HAMBURGSURVEY.html

Couple that survey information with the **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** disclosed in the written transcript from my **TWO HOUR INTERROGATION** with the **DETECTIVE** from the **McLEOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**, the other 'revelations' of what I've observed and found out about over the years that I've lived in Hamburg as well as with the massive amount of information (much of it **UNKNOWN TO CITY RESIDENTS**) contained in my book about what's taken place with the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, it's **OBVIOUS** that the **CITY OF HAMURG** is 'bobbing around like a cork in the ocean'; with **ABSOLUTELY NO LEADERSHIP, DIRECTION** or **ACCOUNTABILITY !!**

DRAMATIC EXAMPLES can be easily found **EVERYDAY** merely by reviewing the City's monthly **'CLAIMS LISTS'** prepared by **HAMBURG CITY CLERK TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** and that the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL** takes as 'gospel'; **USUALLY WITHOUT REVIEWING EACH EXPENDITURE INDIVIDUALLY.**

Also, to obtain an meaningful and accurate interpretation of the hours worked, taken as vacation and/or 'sick time' by **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN**, a **THOROUGH, INDEPENDENT** and **COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT** and **RECONCILIATION** with the City's 'Time Clock' record of his being at work, **IS IMPERATIVE !!**

For the **CITY OF HAMBURG** to have **ANY CHANCE** to 'turn around' and become a vibrant and more productive City, the 'clique' that exists between the current **MAYOR CHRIS LUND**, **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN** and the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY KELLY C. DOHM** is a 'toxic recipe' that **MUST BE DISOLVED !!**

The 'toxicity' that **CONTINUES TO EXIST** in the City has 'far reaching', deleterious effects, in addition to those outlined in this book, that City residents have no idea even exist.

When was the last time that you heard about a 'town's **WEALTHIEST** resident' that has the '**POWER** & **CONTROL**', because of his wealth, to be able to '**DICTATE**' the '**ACTIONS & BEHAVIORS**' and **INFLUENCE THE DECISIONS** of a City's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** ??

IMAGINE THAT: HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS CAN BE 'BOUGHT' !! They **REALLY** should **ALL BE IN JAIL !!**

When someone '**OWNS**' the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of a City, they then '**OWN**' the City. So it is in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** !! I've lived in Hamburg for eighteen years and served on the City Council for ***FOUR*** of those eighteen years and am **WELL AWARE** of 'what's going on'.

Like other City residents, I've ***ALSO*** heard remarks like he "**OWNS THE CITY**" and he "**HAS THE MAYOR IN HIS POCKET**" comments many times as well. I **WASN'T** 'born yesterday' !!

If I had even a '**FRACTION**' of his well deserved wealth, I would ***NOT*** want those kinds of comments about me 'swirling around town' or be known as the '**MILLIONAIRE THAT OWNS THE CITY**'. He **UNDERMINED** the **SINCERE & CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORTS** of an **EIGHTY YEAR OLD MAN**, who **THOUGHT THE WORLD OF HIM**, and was the **ONLY PERSON** that's **NOT INVOLVED IN WHAT'S TAKING PLACE** in the City, and has the **ABILITY TO 'FERRET OUT'** all of the **UNTOWARD ACTS TAKING PLACE** in the City, and **DISCHARGE** the **PERPETRATORS**, for the **BENEFIT OF ALL CITY RESIDENTS !!**

I'd **MUCH** rather be known as "**THE HONEST GUY DOWN THE STREET THAT'S GOT** (at last count) "**EIGHTEEN CLOSED CUIRCUIT TV CAMERAS MOUNTED ON HIS HOUSE**" and "**THROUGHOUT HIS YARD**" and hosts a Webpage or two; (**ACTUALLY** ***THREE***) that **EXPOSES GOVERNMENT WASTE & CORRUPTION**, and can '**ROOT OUT' UNETHICAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS** who are **GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT** and the **WASTING OF TENS OF THOUSANDS**, if not **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS** of **TAX-PAYER DOLLARS !!**

MEDDLING: *"TO INTEREST ONESELF IN WHAT IS NOT ONE'S CONCERN; INTERFERE WITHOUT RIGHT OR PROPRIETY."*

Somebody that 'meddles' in an election in which they **AREN'T A CANDIDATE** but want to 'skew' the results so that they ***CONTINUE*** to **HAVE CONTROL** over the **CITY OFFICIALS** and the **DECISIONS** that are made **BY** those **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, is really, **PRETTY PATHETIC !!**

And the fact that he **TOOK TOTAL ADVANTAGE OF ME** and our **LONG** and **PERSONAL**, **CLOSE FRIENDSHIP**, my **RESPECT** of him, my **HONOR** to him, my **TRUST** in him and my **LOYALTY** to him for **ALMOST TWENTY YEARS**, so that he could **MAIN-**

TAIN his **POWER** and **CONTROL** over the City's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** and the ability to **INFLUENCE THEIR DECISIONS**; speaks **POORLY** of the individuals that have been **ELECTED** to be 'in charge' of our City !!

As I've stated, **NUMEROUS TIMES** on my Websites, this whole matter is ***NOT*** about me 'losing the election'; that's a 'risk' that one takes when filing for **PUBLIC OFFICE**. I can (and have) 'accepted' that fact that I was 'defeated', and have 'gotten over it' (not that there really ever was anything to really 'get over').

Yet; it is **CLEARLY EVIDENT** THAT the **HAMBURG MAYORAL ELECTION** was **UNQUESTIONABLY** and **UNFAIRLY INFLUENCED** by **PAST** and present **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** and, possibly, other **'OUTSIDE SOURCES' !!**

This is all about **HONESTY**, **INTEGRITY** and **ACCOUNTABILITY**; three **CRITICAL FACTORS** that are sorely missing within the Hamburg City Hall and is (or ***SHOULD*** be) cause for concern for ***ANY*** 'self-respecting', honest and 'God fearing' Hamburg resident !!

I'm **TRULY DISAPPOINTED** in the sinister, 'back-door', underhanded tactics that a **PROMINENT PUBLIC SAFETY EXPERT & HAMBURG RESIDENT** used ***AGAINST*** me rather than being **'UPFRONT'** and **HONEST**. I thought he had more **INTEGRITY** and **CLASS** than that.

But, apparently that's **TOO MUCH TO EXPECT** of the 'seedy' individuals involved !! If he'll do that to one of his **STAUNCHEST SUPPORTERS**, he'll **DO THE SAME THING** to **ANYONE !!**

Folks; this **ISN'T 'ROCKET SCIENCE**: By **'MEDDLING'** in an election and successfully 'skewing' the outcome, one can ***RETAIN*** that **'POWER'** and **'CONTROL'**; thereby **INFLUENCING** what the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of a City or Town ***DO***, ***HOW*** they do it and what ***DECISIONS*** they make !!

It's **CRYSTAL CLEAR** that a 'change. is sorely needed. and I had a 'plan' to get the **CITY OF HAMBURG** 'turned around', 'back on track' and 'return the City' to the residents that **'PAY THE BILLS'** that I posted on my Hamburg Mayoral Campaign Website. Please see

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Thank you for purchasing my book titled "**PUBLIC OFFICIALS BEHAVING BADLY**".

Depending on the interest and success of this book, "**PUBLIC OFFICIALS BEHAVING BADLY**", I've already chosen the title of a **SECOND** book; **"HAMBURG: A MINNESOTA CITY *STILL* IN TURMOIL"**, should I choose to write another book; a very good possibility.

To receive updates about the content of this book, to further learn what's continuing to take

place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** and to visit my many other Webpages relating to the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, please visit

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As long as I am capable of doing so, the information contained in this book, will be periodically **UPDATED ON-LINE** (at **NO CHARGE** to purchasers) via my exclusive **WEBSITE (www.HAMBURGMINNESOTA.com)**; thereby making current information available about what's taking place in Hamburg and any new 'developments', ***ALWAYS*** available to readers who purchase my book.











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June 24, 2014

Robb's Electric
505 North Broadway
Carver, Minnesota 55315

Dear Sirs:

The purpose of this letter is to commend your company for the excellent work recently performed for the City of Hamburg at our sewage lift station site.

Specifically, I designed, was in charge of and oversaw the installation of a 30KW three phase emergency standby generator for our city's sewage lift station. The natural gas service and cement slab for the generator were installed last fall and the actual installation and testing of the new generator took place several weeks ago.

Anticipating our upcoming Zummerfest Celebration on June 20 & 21 as well as realizing that a final completion of installation and thorough checkout of the generator would take place on June 13, I also wanted to ensure that all of the other electrical work, not associated with the generator, would be completed.

I submitted a very detailed plan of how I believed the existing and additional wiring should be completed and submitted my concept to our City Clerk, Jeremy Gruenhagen for his input and review. Agreeing with my suggested plan, Jeremy contacted your company to schedule the work to be done.

On Monday, June 9th, I met with one of your employees, 'Larry'; went to the site and reviewed my 'plan' for the lift station. 'Larry' was familiar with what the city wanted to accomplish, was courteous and represented your company well.

On Thursday June 12th, another of your employees, this time 'Charlie', met me at the lift station site to accomplish 'wrapping up' the existing and additional wiring necessary. Prior to beginning any work, 'Charlie' discussed with me, in detail, what the city intended to accomplish. Only when he was thoroughly familiar with what needed to be done, how it needed to be done and where it needed to be done, did he begin his work.

Upon completion of the 'job', ***EVERYTHING*** was done ***EXACTLY*** as I had intended it to be done; it was done ***NEATLY*** and it was done ***RIGHT*** the first time !!! I couldn't be more satisfied with their performance; please ensure that 'Larry' and 'Charlie' get recognized for the great job they did for the City of Hamburg and for how well they represented Robb's Electric.

Sincerely,

Richard Odoms, Hamburg City Council Member

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September 18, 2014

Mr. Chuck Robb
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Dear Sir:

On June 24th, 2014, I sent your company a letter commending two of your employees for the excellent job that they performed on a project involving electrical work at the city's main lift station on Park Avenue. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your review.

I believe that you will realize, by the overall content of my June 24th letter, I was highly impressed and totally pleased with those two employees, "Larry" and "Charlie" for the timeliness of performing what the city needed done and the manner in which the work was completed.

As you are aware, our grinder/lift station on Jacob street was pretty much demolished by a vehicle on July 31st. Because Xcel Energy disconnected power to the site, the City of Hamburg required your company's 'after hours' services to allow us to get the lift station operating by means of a standby generator. Further, the city had to obtain a new lift station control panel, arrange for its installation and coordinate the required electrical work needed, with your company.

Once the control panel was installed and permanent electrical service from Xcel Energy restored, it was my intent to write to your company once again; this time expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation for the manner in which your company, and particularly "Charlie" (Ellison??) assisted our city in this very important project.

However, it was publicly brought to my attention at our September 9th City Council meeting, that a representative from your company went to City Hall and expressed disapproval of how I dealt with your company during this project, stated that 'mass confusion as to what's going on' existed during this project, stated that your company didn't wish to deal with me, an elected City Council member, on this, and similar matters in the future, stated that your company received conflicting information because of so many people being involved, and stated that it was 'very difficult to do things' because of all of 'all the people' (city staff) your company had to deal with.

The 'overriding tone' of the negative comments made during this City Council meeting, basically targeted me and the poor manner in which I worked with your company. All facts known, I 'went out of my way' to work ***WITH*** your company, and its employees, and, at no time, did I ***EVER*** receive ***ANY*** indication whatsoever, that your company was anything less that totally pleased with my cooperation and working with them !!

Because I have a 'working knowledge' of electricity, standby emergency generators, transfer switches, etc.; (I've installed at least FOUR such systems and installed additional wiring in my own homes), who else is more qualified, than me, to work with an electrical contractor (and North Star Pump) to get this project completed ?

The other, obvious question is "Did North Star Pump 'complain' about how I dealt with their company?

The answer is a resounding "NO"; I treated Mike Rippa (from North Star Pump) with the same decency, respect, dignity and professionalism (for which I'm known) as I treated and dealt with the employees of your company !!

I am distressed, and concerned, about the remarks that have been made and/or repeated about my (alleged) negative 'interaction' with the fine employees of your credible company that I had the opportunity and pleasure to work with on both lift station projects. I believe before you can make reach a proper conclusion of how I 'worked with' your company and its employees, you have to have all of the 'facts'; particularly from me, as I was the individual that 'spearheaded' and coordinated these entire projects.

I'd like to 'clear the air' regarding this entire matter. Prior to being elected to the Hamburg City Council, I am keenly aware of all of the great work, and dependability, that your company has afforded the City of Hamburg over the past decades. Former Fire Chief Brad Droege has also previously informed me of the generous 'donation' made by Robb's Electric to the Hamburg Service Memorial.

I have experienced, firsthand, the professionalism and courtesy that 'Larry' and 'Charlie' afforded me regarding the main lift station project and the possible electric service 'reconfiguration project' of the electrical panel at the Hamburg Community Hall so that the 'old' diesel powered lift station generator could be used to provide power to that building if ever needed in a case of emergency.

With those two 'projects' and this latest Jacob Street project, I had no reason to believe that my dignified, personal and professional relationship with Robb's Electric, and its employees, has ever been anything but that. And I sincerely believe that it always has been. And will continue to be. I can't believe how many people, not having all of the facts and information, have 'become involved' in all of this and how it, in my opinion, has no basis whatsoever and has been 'blown waaaaay out of proportion' !!

While I sincerely believe that this matter and all of the negative allegations and implications

stated at our City Council meeting on September 9th are not as 'serious' as they were made out to be (if they even exist at all); it is my belief that they still have to be resolved and any possible misunderstandings clarified and eliminated. If I have erred, I find it easy to offer my sincere 'apologies', if necessary. However, if there appears to be an 'internal, city problem' instead of an 'issue' between your company and myself, be assured that I will deal with that forthwith.

I request that you contact me at your convenience so that this matter may be 'put to rest' and we, collectively, can look forward to the type of mutual professional 'relationship' that I'm sure we both want, and prevent any possible, similar misunderstandings from occurring in the future.

Sincerely,

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P.S. If you've checked my 'political' Website as a Hamburg City Council member, (**www.hamburgminnesota.com**) I believe that you'll find my very favorable information and comments there about Robb's Electric as a testament to the quality of your company that I have and believe in !!

I also publicly complemented, on one of my recent Internet Shows that are heard all around the world, Robb's Electric for the great job your company did on the Jacob Street project !!

Enclosure

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October 17, 2014

Mr. Chuck Robb
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Dear Mr. Robb:

Neither my recent letter to you, nor my two telephone calls on September 25th and again on October 8th, have generated any acknowledgement from you or anyone representing Robb's Electric. I believe I have an accurate explanation of why.

I sincerely do ***NOT*** believe that you, or anyone from Robb's Electric, ever did, in fact, make any derogatory comments or statements against me personally, or criticize the manner in which I have worked with any of your employees !!

You'll recall that I sent you a letter on September 18th concerning derogatory comments allegedly made by employees of Robb's Electric to the Hamburg City Clerk about my interaction with them in the reconstruction of the grinder/lift station on Jacob Street in the City of Hamburg.

I have only dealt with three representatives from your company; "Larry', who met with me at the Hamburg Community Hall to inspect the existing electrical service and prepare a proposal as the city was exploring the possibility of using the 'old' diesel powered lift station generator to provide emergency power at the Hamburg Community Hall. Larry and I also discussed 'finishing up' the wiring for the flagpole light and the installation of additional weatherproof outlets at the main lift station location. **NEVER ONCE** did I find Larry anything less than personable, knowledgeable and professional. He represented your company well.

I afforded him the same 'courtesy and respect' that he exhibited toward me.

The second representative from Robb's Electric that I had the pleasure of dealing with was somebody named 'Charlie', who came out to do the final installation of the outlets and LED area light at the Bi-Centennial Park lift station site. Like 'Larry', 'Charlie' was equally knowledgeable, personable and professional, and he, too, fully understood what the city wanted to accomplish.

Again, we both professionally treated each other with courtesy, dignity and respect.

The third, and last, Robb's Electric employee that I had any dealings with was 'Charlie Ellison' who was the Robb's employee sent out to get our Jacob Street grinder/lift station operational.

As you are aware, 'Charlie' was able to discern what needed to be done; first to get temporary Xcel Energy power to the demolished lift station and, second, prepare, and connect up, the permanent electrical service. 'Charlie' and I had only brief conversations; I realized that he had 'work to do' and I didn't want to impede him; he fully knew what needed to be done. Our brief conversations between the two of us were direct, to the point, professional, courteous and respectful.

Because that's how I am. And always have been; always will be.

Because of the excellent cooperation and rapport that existed between me and the three Robb's Electric employees listed above that I personally witnessed and experienced, and then being told (publicly, in front of the entire Hamburg City Council) that basically no one in your company wanted to 'deal' with me because of my allegedly being rude, 'pushy', insistent, and 'difficult' to work with; well, I wasn't 'buying into that'.

Again; I fully believe that **NONE** of the derogatory comments alleged to have been said against me, by Robb's Electric employees, ***NEVER*** took place and were, instead, fabricated, for whatever reason, by someone **NOT** affiliated, in any way, with your fine company. The fact that your company has not responded to my letter or two telephone calls regarding this matter, further substantiates my claim that none of negative comments, claimed to be made by Robb's Electric employees, ever were made.

I think we can both agree; none of this ever really happened. I apologize that Robb's Electric had be become an 'unwilling victim' of something that neither your company, nor me, had any control over. If you wish to offer any other or additional information for any reason, please respond with your thoughts, by Friday October 23rd. If I don't hear from you by that date, I'm going to assume that we both agree that none of what's been alleged to have been said or happened, was, in fact, ever said or happened.

It is my belief that Robb's Electric is a credible, reputable company. To further prove my belief in your company, I, personally, introduced a motion at last Tuesday's City Council meeting to retain your company to 'finish up' the remaining electric work at the Jacob Street site.

Yes; the City Clerk wanted to get two or more bids to do the work, but that never happened. I expressed my additional belief that your company is best suited to 'do the job'. My motion was 'passed' unanimously by the full City Council; we're eagerly awaiting the arrival of your company on Jacob Street to 'finish things up'.

Because I've not heard back from you since bringing the vicious allegations against to your attention, I've formed the opinion that Robb's Electric never wanted to get 'dragged into' something of which they had no part. That's pretty obvious to me. And a wise and prudent decision it is/was.

I am really, sincerely sorry that some 'third party' tried to make me, and Robb's Electric, 'adversaries' rather than 'allies.'

To be clear, I ***DON'T*** believe, for one minute, that anyone affiliated with your company really said about me, what it is accused of saying.

Sincerely,

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November 5, 2014

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Dear Councilmember Lund:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation last week, I bring the following topics involving Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen to the attention of the Personnel Committee for their consideration and recommendation(s) to be forwarded to the full Hamburg City Council. I have talked with Councilmember Trebesch about the matters outlined below. Steve suggested that after you and he, as members of the Personnel Committee, have read over everything, that the two of you meet with the Hamburg City Attorney to discuss what the city's options are. I believe that to be an excellent suggestion !!

However, to avoid **ANY** question of violating the state's 'Open Meeting' law, I **PURPOSELY** have ***NOT*** provided Councilmember Trebesch with a copy of this letter or any of the enclosed documents; you'll have to 'share'.

I
MISREPRESENTATION

An assertion or manifestation by words or conduct that is not in accord with the facts.

After my sending two, separate letters to Robb's Electric and after not receiving any response to those two letters or to two separate telephone calls placed to Robb's Electric, I have been wholly ***UNABLE TO VERIFY*** the existence **ANY** of the negative comments being said or any negative information, allegedly stated against me, by any employee of Robb's Electric, to him, as stated by Mr. Gruenhagen to, and before, the entire Hamburg City Council at the City Council Meeting on September 9th.

When Mr. Gruenhagen was describing, before the entire Hamburg City Council, the details of the alleged 'complaint' he received against me by an employee of Robb's Electric, I noticed very distinct changes in his normal vocalization, tone of his voice and 'body language'; not consistent with Mr. Gruenhagen's usual mannerisms and demeanor that I have continually observed for the past several years.

I immediately suspected that the details of the 'complaint' against me Mr. Gruenhagen stated that he allegedly received were most probably, in fact, at best exaggerated (if any complaint was actually received at all), or, at worst, fabricated by Mr. Gruenhagen.

I truly, and simply, don't believe that any such complaint against me was ever initiated by Robb's Electric. The facts simply don't support Mr. Gruenhagen's allegation.

Were these alleged 'complaints' against me (if there were any, in fact), 'solicited' by Mr. Gruenhagen? Probably. Or, were the 'fabricated' by Mr. Gruenhagen. Quite possibly.

In the approximate twenty months that I have been a member of the Hamburg City Council, I have **ALWAYS**, unequivocally 'supported' Mr. Gruenhagen. More than once he has told me, in the past, that I turned out to be his 'strongest ally'. On several occasions, Mr. Gruenhagen told me, directly, that ***"If it weren't for you and Steve (Trebesch), I wouldn't 'be here.'"***.

I fully trusted and respected Mr. Gruenhagen since the day I was elected to the Hamburg City Council (and before) and believed him to be my good friend.

Now, however, after what I've personally experienced because of him and what he's done against me, how can I ever again trust him again after what I've just witnessed and the personal embarrassment, humiliation and degradation that I've been forced to endure; by someone who I believed to be sincere and was my good friend ?

II
INSUBORDINATION

Insubordination is a defiance of authority directed toward a higher level manager or boss.

When asked to identify the vendor who allegedly made the complaint to him, Mr. Gruenhagen reluctantly stated that the vendor was Robb's Electric. When I asked for the name of the specific individual who made the alleged complaint to him, Mr. Gruenhagen avoided providing the requested information.

The 'accused' has the 'right' to know his accuser. If, in fact, one even exists.

A single refusal, by Mr. Gruenhagen, to provide the requested information to an elected City Council member is grounds for disciplinary action. Yet, Mr. Gruenhagen compounded his improper conduct by refusing to provide the requested information to me a second, and a third, time, is unconscionable.

I sent Mr. Gruenhagen three e-mails formally asking him to identify the person from Robb's Electric who made the alleged complaint. These written requests were sent on September 10, 2014, September 11, 2014 and September 13, 2014.

When requested and as a city employee, Mr. Gruenhagen is obligated to provide information to any member of the Hamburg City Council. Yet, he has ***NEVER*** provided the name of the person(s) representing Robb's Electric that he (allegedly) has spoken with.

III
INAPPROPRIATE INVOLVEMENT

I can 'speak for myself'; and choose to do so.

On Saturday, September 13, 2014, I met with Mayor Malz, at his home, to discuss what had taken place at the September 9th Hamburg City Council meeting. I expressed my dismay at the manner in which Mr. Gruenhagen, without my knowledge or authorization, (apparently) freely and openly discussed my involvement and interaction with someone representing Robb's Electric and opted to 'speak on my behalf'.

Mayor Malz agreed with me that Mr. Gruenhagen's talking with anyone from Robb's Electric about my demeanor with employees of their company, instead of talking directly with me, was improper. I suggested to Mayor Malz that Mr. Gruenhagen ***"…..wouldn't do it to you"***; to which the Mayor replied words to the effect, ***"I can speak for myself."***

So can I.

Mr. Gruenhagen's entire, unsolicited conduct in this matter, on my behalf and without my authorization, coupled with his steadfast refusal to provide the information requested by me, an elected official of the City of Hamburg, is unacceptable.

IV
INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT

There is no place for rudeness and abusive language in the workplace. Blatant rudeness and the use of foul language is usually considered gross misconduct, especially if it is regularly demonstrated on the job.

On numerous occasions and since approximately September 2013, I personally have observed Mr. Gruenhagen in highly agitated states while on duty at the Hamburg City Office. During his vociferous tirades and uncontrolled outbursts, Mr. Gruenhagen has stated ***how much he dislikes his job***, how he can't (paraphrasing) ***'get my work done'***, how much he is (paraphrasing) ***'bothered'*** by ***'everyone coming into my office'*** preventing him from doing his work, how he just wants a job where (paraphrasing) ***"I can sit in my own little cubicle and do my work without being bothered.'***

Eventually, because of the quantity and severity of his tirades and outbursts and his claiming,

numerous times, (paraphrasing) ***"...this job is affecting my family"*** , I offered a possible, positive alternative by stating (words to the effect) ***"....If this job is affecting you and your family so badly, perhaps it would be better for you and your family for you to seek an alternate, more suitable source of employment."***

Additionally, Mr. Gruenhagen has threatened to ***"...quit my job"*** numerous times because it (apparently) is too overwhelming for him at times. In fact, he had an unsigned Letter of Resignation that he had written sitting in plain view, on his desk, that was observed by another City Council member and possibly other city employees.

While I used to frequently visit City Hall two or three times a week, I have intentionally avoided stopping in at City Hall since approximately June of this year because of what I consider Mr. Gruenhagen's unacceptable behavior and all of the 'negativity' within the confines of City Hall.

V
PROFANITY

Profanity is language or behavior that is considered to be vulgar, rude or offensive. The use of profanity in everyday life, such as in the workplace, can be deemed appalling or even disrespectful to those around us.

Because of the open use of profanity that I had basically continuously observed previously, I sent an e-mail message, on April 14, 2013, to Mr. Gruenhagen that, among other things, requested that all city officials ***'be more cognizant'*** of their inappropriate use of profanity while representing the City of Hamburg.

During his tirades and uncontrolled outbursts, Mr. Gruenhagen has frequently been heard to freely use profanity (such as slang for fecal material and using the Lord's name in vain) when other employees and/or City Council members are present.

Particularly troubling to me is the frequent use of the "F-Bomb' profanity in the presence of our newly hired female Deputy City Clerk. When I met with Mayor Malz on September 13th, I also discussed the issue of profanity in the presence of the city's newly hired Deputy City Clerk.

Deputy Malz agreed that such language is not acceptable and that he would talk with the Deputy City Clerk. A week or two ago I asked the Deputy City Clerk if, in fact, the Mayor had spoken to her about the overall 'working environment' at City Hall.

She stated that he had not.

And when I brought a vendor to the City Hall with the intention of introducing him to the Hamburg's City Clerk/Treasurer, when we walked into the building, the first thing we heard was Mr. Gruenhagen screaming **"THEY CAN TAKE THIS JOB AND SHOVE IT"** to whoever he was talking to on the (city's) telephone.

The embarrassment I experienced is indescribable; I apologized to the vendor by saying (words

to the effect), ***"Jeremy must be having another 'bad day'"*** and we immediately left the building.

VI
ATTENEDENCE

I have witnessed that Mr. Gruenhagen is absent from his job more than what I consider to be normal or acceptable. While it is true that the City Council approves vacation days for him to take off, there have been numerous circumstances wherein he's not at work because of illness or other reason. I believe the City Council members, all of us, are obligated to know whenever our City Clerk Treasurer isn't able to work as scheduled.

While I certainly am acceptable to having to take a 'pre-approved' day off 'here and there' for personal/medical reasons, it appears to me and as far as I know, there is no 'recording' or 'accounting' of him not working on scheduled work days.

Approximately one year ago, Councilmember Trebesch suggested a time clock be installed for ALL employees so the city could 'keep track' of their 'hours worked'. At that time, I didn't think it was necessary.

I've completely reversed my thinking about that topic; I totally support the installation of a time clock.

Also, I don't believe it's unreasonable, and I believe it is appropriate, for the city to require Mr. Gruenhagen to provide a full accounting of his hours/days off not previously approved during 2014.

When I discussed this topic with Mayor Malz on September 13th, he told me, directly, that he had previously asked Mr. Gruenhagen to provide an 'accounting' of days that he had not worked that had not been previously approved.

Mayor Malz told me, again, directly; that Mr. Gruenhagen stated that he ***'didn't have to'*** provide that information to the city !!

Mayor Malz further went on to state that he then contacted the Hamburg City Attorney as asked if Mr. Gruenhagen was required to 'account for' the days that he had taken off without prior approval.

Mayor Malz told me, again directly, that the City Attorney stated that Mr. Gruenhagen, in fact, as an employee of the City of Hamburg, **IS REQUIRED** to provide the requested information.

VII
NEGLECT OF DUTY

How many times at City Council meetings, has a certain topic or subject been brought up that was previously discussed and authorized to be purchased, completed, etc., by the City Council?

Sometime, at a later date when a City Councilmember would inquire as to the 'status' of one of those topics or projects, how often have we, as a City Council, been told that nothing had been done and given the excuse, "That must have fallen through the cracks" or "That must have slipped through the cracks."

Since Mr. Gruenhagen 'assumed command and control' of the rebuilding of the Jacob Street Grinder Station, **NOTHING FURTHER** to complete the project, has taken place !! When he declared that he was 'in charge' at the September 9th City Council meeting, the Jacob Street Grinder Station needed a weatherproof, generator connection installed, it needed an LED 'area light' installed, and it needed a weatherproof 110 volt convenience installed.

Now, ***two months later*** and under Mr. Gruenhagen's assumed direction and control, **NONE** of those three items have been accomplished or completed !!

Additionally, in a September 8th e-mail to Mr. Gruenhagen, I stated ***"Also, I strongly urge that when this all finally does happen, that you ensure that Robb's Electric physically connects the generator to the lift station and that everything be run 'under load' for a period of time to ensure everything is working properly."***

As of about two weeks ago when I inquired, I was told that this hadn't been done; I seriously doubt if its ***EVER*** been done.

Also, at the September 9th City Council meeting, Mayor Malz expressed concern about the order in which Floyd Security notifies city personnel in the event of a 'problem' at the Water Treatment Plant or Park Avenue Lift Station.

On September 15th, after conferring with Floyd Security, I submitted, to Mr. Gruenhagen, via e-mail, directed to Mayor Malz and the other City Council members, a suggested, updated notification sequence to be used by Floyd for alarms at the city's two locations monitored by their alarm company.

In checking with both Floyd Security and another City Council member, I was advised that ***NEITHER*** of them had received the information I sent to Mr. Gruenhagen.

Mr. Gruenhagen has **CONTINUALLY** been reminded, by me, that the exterior 'area light' on the north side of the Fire Station burns twenty-four hours a day even though it contains a photo-electric cell designed to turn it off during daylight. Mr. Gruenhagen has stated repeatedly that he would contact the electrical contractor that installed the LED lights on the entire building, Robb's Electric, and get the light replaced or repaired.

Yet, as recently as this week, it continues to be illuminated around the clock.

These are just a few instances of 'needed things not getting done'. Ironically, when I met with Mayor Malz on September 13, he, too, believes that Mr. Gruenhagen doesn't always 'follow through' with his responsibilities by saying to me, directly; ***"He doesn't always get everything done."***

VIII
EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT

Employee misconduct, because it subjects an employee to disciplinary action up to, and including, termination of employment, **MUST** be taken seriously.

I believe that a 'case can be made' for Employee Misconduct based on the content of this document and the several pages of supporting documents accompanying this letter.

Should the city's only female employee choose to terminate her city employment because of the unacceptable working conditions to which she has been subjected for the past six or seven months, she is certain to be victorious should she decide to initiate civil litigation against the city.

Think about it: If I'm sworn to 'tell the truth' about what I've observed, in a court of law, there is no way that I can 'forget' or minimize, what I've seen and heard as a City Council member.

If any other City Council member(s) or other city employees or representatives are dragged into court and are also sworn to 'tell the truth', that's what they have to do. Period !!

Because of what's taken place in the past, partially documented in this letter and on the attached supporting documents, the City of Hamburg now faces a potentially perilous, litigious situation.

"The city knew, or should have known ....."

Our city, like may other similar cities of our size, have a limited number of full time and part time employees. Like Hamburg, similar cities rely on an equivalent to our City Clerk/Treasurer to ensure that the day to day needs of the city, and its citizens, are continually met.

It is impossible to delineate each and every duty of any of the three of our city employees. Our employees have to be 'flexible' enough to adapt to the ever-changing needs of our city and its residents. In my opinion, a City Clerk/Treasurer, or similar position, ***REQUIRES*** that that person be able to 'maintain their cool' when stressful situations arise; not rush into a raging tirade.

Granted; this past year has been an extremely unusual year for the City of Hamburg. The only way that we can be effective to our citizens is by 'working together'; not by trying to demonstrate who has the most power or the most influence. I believe the rest of the City Council would agree with my philosophy: Forget about ***"..... Who gets the credit; just 'get the job done'".***

It would appear that Mr. Gruenhagen has 'lost sight' of the fact that he is an employee of the City of Hamburg and his 'bosses' of the city are the elected City Council members; collectively AND individually. In the most simplistic terms, we give him direction and authority; he doesn't assume direction or authority arbitrarily, by himself. The 'tail doesn't wag the dog'.

The City Council **MUST UNITE** to swiftly, and steadfastly, rectify the circumstances and

causes, past and future, that currently exist within the walls of City Hall and subject city employees to a less than an ideal working environment.

Probably more than any other City Council member and because of my 'retirement status', I have had more interaction with Mr. Gruenhagen than has any other City Council member. I respected his position (and still do) and sincerely believed that he respected my newly elected position when I took office in January 2013.

For the next eighteen months, I would go to City Hall several times a week, if only briefly, and talk with Mr. Gruenhagen about various items of 'city business' of mutual interest to both of us.

Early on, I made it very clear to Mr. Gruenhagen that anything that might involve me and the city that I believed he should be made aware of, that I would inform him of so he would not be 'surprised' if he heard about me 'being involved' in something/anything city related. Mr. Gruenhagen stated that he appreciated the fact that I would 'keep him informed'.

I can't count the number of times since taking office that Mr. Gruenhagen and I discussed the various e-mails that I would send to him in an effort to 'keep him informed'. I was 'sensitive' to not 'overloading' him with information and inquired numerous times if I was sending him 'too much' information in the form of e-mails generated.

Each time I inquired, Mr. Gruenhagen assured me that he'd much rather have ***'too much information'*** than ***'too little information'***; he could always ***'sort out and discard'*** what wasn't relevant; and he could make the decision of what he wanted to retain. That seemed logical to me.

The enclosed e-mail messages exchanged between the two of us demonstrates, without a doubt, that I strived to keep Mr. Gruenhagen informed of my every 'involvement' in 'city business'. It is quite evident, by reviewing the enclosed supporting documents, that I ***ALWAYS*** sought Mr. Gruenhagen's input.

It is also worth noting and to the best of my knowledge, I **NEVER** authorized the expenditure of any funds for any city 'project' in which I was involved; I **NEVER** ordered anything for any city 'project' in which I was involved without first gaining 'permission' from Mr. Gruenhagen.

As evidenced by the enclosed supporting documents, I **ALWAYS** left those decisions up to Mr. Gruenhagen. I was very 'comfortable' with that and believed then, and believe now, that was/is how it should be.

Yet, when I met with Mayor Malz on Saturday, September 13th, he stated that Mr. Gruenhagen 'complained' about all of the massive amounts of e-mails that I was 'flooding' Mr. Gruenhagen with. What?

I explained to Mayor Malz what the 'agreement' Mr. Gruenhagen and I had reached regarding e-mails (paraphrasing): ***"It's better to have too much information than not enough. Send me everything you've got; I'll sort it out."***

Nonetheless, the Mayor asked me to (paraphrasing) ***"....quit sending him e-mails"***; which I immediately did.

Mr. Gruenhagen, for whatever reason, also pretty much ceased sending me information about what was taking place in the city. (Particularly regarding the Jacob Street Grinder Station with which I was 'heavily involved'.) As an elected city official, I believe that I have a 'right to know' what's taking place in the city in which I was elected, by its residents, to serve.

The result is that now I, as a City Council member, am not fully, and properly, informed about what's taking place in the city. The city in which I am an elected City Council member.

What's wrong with this 'picture'?

So, you ask, "Where do we go from here?" A good question, indeed.

Based on the foregoing narrative and supporting documents attached herewith, I have a sound basis for bringing this entire matter, and all of the associated details, to the attention of the Personnel Committee. The City of Hamburg simply can not continue to flourish under this type of hostile environment that has existed much too long. In retrospect, yes; I can be faulted for not directly addressing these issues when I observed them developing over a year ago.

Do I seek to have Mr. Gruenhagen terminated? **A RESOUNDING "NO" !!**

Do I want Mr. Gruenhagen to quit? **A RESOUNDING "NO" !!**

Do I wish to see Mr. Gruenhagen 'change his ways' for the betterment of our city, our employees and our citizens? **YES**; I do, and I believe I share that sentiment with the other members of the Hamburg City Council.

From what I can gather, Jeremy has done a 'wonderful job' for the City of Hamburg as its City Clerk/Treasurer for the past eighteen years. On the occasions that I have observed his interacting with members of the public, he has represented the city well. And professionally.

However, I feel that it is in the best interest of the City of Hamburg, it's employees and its residents, that he gain control of his tirades and seemingly uncontrollable 'outbursts'.

Yes; his job can be admittedly stressful. But when a stressful situation arises, we need someone who can provide leadership and act authoritatively, not 'collapse' under the pressure and begin swearing and screaming.

Mr. Gruenhagen also needs to be reminded, and understand, that he works at the pleasure and direction of the City Council; collectively and individually. He is not ***OUR*** 'boss'; we are ***HIS*** 'boss'. We 'direct' him; he doesn't 'direct' us.

To get a better, more complete understanding of everything contained in this letter (and more), I strongly encourage you to carefully read ***ALL*** of the documents attached herewith. Please pay

particular attention to the areas highlighted in the enclosed documents.

Should you, Councilmember Trebesch, other City Council members or anyone else wish further information or explanations, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Various documents in chronological order

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January 22, 2016

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RE:	SUSPECT:	Richard Edward Odoms
	ICR NO.:	15008920
	OUR FILE NO.	154118-15
	D/OFFENSE:	October 9, 2015

Dear Detective Fredrickson:

We have reviewed the above-referenced report and, after analyzing the facts and applicable law, believe there is insufficient information on which to prosecute. The information we have does not enable us to prove a crime beyond a reasonable doubt. Consequently, we will not be filing criminal charges in this case.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Neil G. Nelson
Chief Deputy Scott County Attorney

cc: Kelly Dome
Peter Ivy

Supplemental Report

ICR:15008920 (McLeod County Sheriff's Office) 12-17-2015

Created By: Rieger, Barb

Last Modified By: Rieger, Barb

Title: Stmt 2 - Richard Odoms

Q: Detective Fredrickson
A: Richard Odoms

Q: The following will be a taped recorded interview regarding McLeod County case #15-8920. Today`s date is 12/11/2015 and the time is 1004 hours. I'm Detective Jessica Fredrickson with the McLeod County Sheriff's Office and I'm speaking with **RICHARD EDWARD ODOMS**, o-d-o-m-s, DOB , address . His phone number is All right. Richard, does everything I said regarding your personal information correct?

A: It is.

Q: Okay. And as I told you before I turned on the audio recording, you are free to leave at any time if you wish to do so.

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: The door is simply just closed for privacy.

A: Sure.

Q: You're not under arrest, you don't have to answer my questions if you don't wish to, okay?

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: But if there's something that you just wanna skip over, just let me know and we'll move on.

A: Okay. Sure.

Q: Um we had phone conversation and so you understand that McLeod County is investigating a matter for the Carver County Sheriff's Office. There was a report made to their agency um regarding you and some members, I guess, of the City of Council of Hamburg as well as the City Clerk in the City of Hamburg. It was referred to our agency just because it was a conflict of interest case and so I've been working on this and can you just tell me when um you were elected to the Hamburg City Council.

A: I can. Can I make my comment to make it on the records?

Q: Sure

A: That ah at the December 8th City Council meeting, Council Member Robert Gregonis boldly stated that I'm not returning any the phone calls that the Sheriff's Office has made to me. For the record, I've returned your phone call, the first time you called, the same day that you called.

Q: Yep, and I can attest to that.

A: Oh that's what I need. Ah all right. I'm sorry. I was elected to the City Council ah in November of 2012 and took office on about January 1st or January 9th or whatever it was.

Q: And when does your term expire?

A: In 20 s - well it expires end of next year.

Q: Okay.

A: December 31, 2016.

Q: Okay. And um in your free time, it's my understanding that you have a private - privately run website for the City of Hamburg or about the happenings?

A: It is a website that is privately funded by myself at no cost to the taxpayers that allows me as an elected official of the city to ah provide residence of Hamburg and the surrounding areas of information that I believe is of interest and of concern to them.

Q: Okay. Can you tell me what that website is?

A: www.hamburgminnesota.com

Q: Okay and how long have you operated that website?

A: Ah I'm thinking since about 2007 when I moved to Hamburg.

Q: Okay and are you the only person that um post any information on the website?

A: I am. Yes.

Q: Okay. Um it's my understanding that obviously in the last year, it looks like to me, there were some concerns raised about that website and data posted on that website.

A: Ah.

Q: Do you remember when this first started?

A: Yea, it was about ah - I believe it was called to my attention by a letter in ah March of 2014. However, I found out it is that it was surreptitiously going on ah as of early as June of 2000...

Q: Okay.

A: ...15.

Q: And um has the City Attorney ever asked you to remove any information from the website?

A: Yes.

Q: And did she give an explanation on the reason behind that?

A: She did.

Q: Kay. What was - what was some of the information that she had asked you to remove. Do you remember?

A: She stated that it was ah person information about employ - about an employee specifically Greg Schultz the ah Public Works employee from the city.

Q: Okay and what information was on the website about Greg Schultz?

A: He was never identified by name.

Q: Okay.

A: He was only referred to as the Public Works employee.

Q: Okay.

A: And ah on my website, ah I brought up an issue about a serious mold problem...

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: ...at this Hamburg Community Hall that was discovered ah as early as June of 2014, but it - it existed for several years. Ah once I became aware of this, ah I went down there and saw firsthand how bad this mold situ - situation was ah and we - we all know the mold is bad for the environment and that we were the sw - we the City were requiring this employee to work under these horrendous conditions. The City hired a professional environmental whatever, company, and they came out and looked at it. They went in there with - with ah respirators and I - I s - I heard ah protective ah clothing and they took eight samples from eight different places and every one of 'em came back positive. And they s - sent a letter in Ju - about July 2014 saying that this place is a - it's a death trap. Not their own words.

Q: Not quoted.

A: But I mean this is a serious situation that you have and you have to take immediate action. The City didn't do anything and this is - this is back in I think June 10th of 2014 when I wrote this letter to the City Council. I sa - you know, I didn't believe it's as bad as it was, but I went down there and looked. I says we got to do something. They called this company out. they did their checking and testing and all that and they said yea, it's a mess. You know, it's gotta be done. And I - my concern was here we have a city employee, is being subjective to working in down there and the City is aware of the problem, I think we've got a real problem with a - a serious ah liability if this guy gets sick, if OSHA comes out, you know how OSHA likes to you know levee all kinds of fines, and so I brought that to Ci - the City's attention. The City did nothing about the mold problem and today, December 11th, 2015, the City has done nothing about the serious mold problem that they've had ah called to their attention officially in Januar - in July of 2014 and that they've known about it for years and years and years and years and there's all kinds of evidence down there. So what happens is ah back in about I'm thinking mmmmm the early summer or late spring of 2015 (pause) yea, 2015, ah all of the sudden the Public Works ah Director is having all this hard time breathing and he has no energy, he has stamina. He lives

right across the street from me. I've known him since I've lived in Hamburg, he's a great guy. He used to walk to the City Hall which is or to the Community Hall which is like less than two blocks I would guess. He couldn't even make that trip to go to work by walking. He had to take a car. Numerous times as I'm told, he went home sick because it was just totally exhausted. He would come to the Council Meetings and he would have all he could do to talk and report what's going on in the water and sewer department because his health is so bad. The City knew about this. He - he'd been to the doctors. They couldn't figure out what it was. They were giving him antibiotics and whatnot and I put two and two together. I says this guy's working in this hazardous environment. He was healthy when he started here and he's been subjected to this for a year and half or a year or whatever it was and I says just now the guys just sicker than heck. After that one particular council meeting, he ended up going to the hospital with blood clots in his legs and blood clots in lungs. So the City is not doing anything about this problem up there. Instead, the City Council now is deciding I'm ma - I'm kinda a rabble rouser. Let's get rid of him. Let's you know put our head in the sand and let's not listen to the message. Let's shoot - shoot the messenger. And that is about where it really took off. And so what I had put on my website and I have that website address for you ta - to look at.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: Is I - I basically went to the citizens and I said here we've got a City Council that is doing nothing. You sub - they're subjecting the City to all kinds of OSHA fines...

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: ...if OSHA came out here. And if even if OSHA came out today, they would be subjected to all kinds of OSHA fines. Ah we've already got a documented ah illness and sickness being sustained by our Public Works employee and the City is doing nothing about it. Now that's what my webpage said in a nutshell. It did not nutter - identify him by name.

Q: Okay.

A: Ah I was doing this because I was looking after this guy's welfare. Plus the City, ma'am, is - is renting out this space for dances and weddings and receptions and all this kind of stuff and there's - there's mold in it.

Q: Okay.

A: Does this make any sense to anybody? And so that was the whole thing. You know they're trying to shut me up and so there's t - they're trying to do all this stuff - all this nasty stuff hoping that they're going to force me to resign and that's why I'm here today is because they're hoping instead of going through all this, I'm gonna resign. Oh no. I'm gonna tell the truth and I - I don't care who I offend and I'm gonna tell you the truth because you have a job to do and you can't get the true facts if you got somebody that's blowing smoke. So that's why I'm saying I'll tell you anything you wanna know. I got all the facts, all the details. the website address for this where I talk about this ah Public Works employee and health issues, I will give you that website address so you can look at it and read it for yourself.

Q: Okay. I - I - I have a copy of it. Um in the file from Carver County.

A: A - a copy of?

Q: Just a print out of that information from the website. Um...

A: Can I see if it's the right one because it's been changed.

Q: Um I have to find it in here. I have a lot of the website. I just looked at it.

A: Do you a find it ah uniquely interesting at all? That there's a copywrite notice on that web page that states this website may not be photocopied, printed, recorded, reproduced in any way shape, or form? It has been done?

Q: No, um it was taken as evidence so.

A: (inaudible) didn't say that I don't - I don't mind - I don't mind adding nay of it - this on the website so everybody in the world can look at it. I understand that, but I just thought you know that's what the mayor did the other day. He's waving around a copy of my website cuz he printed it off at the City Council meeting. The City Attorney, she came to the Council Meeting and she's handing out - she printed it and handed out copies of my website.

Q: Um let's see - I - I have it about...

A: Well I'll - I'll give y - I'll give you...

Q: What...

A: ...another one.

Q: What was the title of the article? Do you remember? Or the...

A: It is www.hamburgminnesota.com/ I'll give it - I'll give it to you after I (inaudible) ah hamburgcommunityhall- - oh wait a minute. Yea, that I'm sorry. Let me back up here. That website where I identified - I referred to him as the Public Works employee not that you know ...

Q: Okay.

A: What I just said to you that website was taken down.

Q: Okay.

A: Because back to your original question, did the City Attorney ever object to what was on there. So I redid the website.

Q: Okay.

A: And I removed the reference of the public employee.

Q: Okay.

A: I don't think I had to do that. I just - just as a show of cooperation.

Q: Okay, but you also said you never um wrote his name on there.

A: That's correct.

Q: Okay.

A: ...and so and here - and here ma'am is the - is the website that you want. And I - I writ - I resurrected this website just for your office.

Q: Okay.

A: It's www.hamburgminnesota.com (pause)hamburgcommunityhall-, you're gonna love this, mcso.html. So that was - you go to that website address - I'll give you a copy of this. But ah you go on that website address and you will see the original website that I put on there that referred to the medical problems the Public Works employee was experiencing.

Q: Okay.

A: Then you go to the - the regular website www.hamburgminnesota.com/hamburgcommunityhall- - and this website may have been taken down - ah .html, that was the revised website after the City Attorney ah I'm not sure that she asked me or told me. I would say if she told me I would probably not be inclined not to take it down. If she asked me, I probably would do that voluntarily, which I did so. She probably asked me rather than told me.

Q: Okay. So you - you responded to her, the City Attorney's request to just amend that information so that um...

A: ...to cooperate.

Q: ...that it - that it employee really wasn't identified anymore.

A: And - and the employee was and I mean we only have one Public Works employee.

Q: Right.

A: So I - and everybody - this town's 516 people so everybody knows who that...

Q: Right.

A: ...guy is, right? But I purposely a - a - and this I think this is worth the mentioning is I purposely did not mention his name.

Q: Okay.

A: Even though everybody there knew who he was ah - ah I afforded him that privacy. Yet this is just a serious concern involving a city employee, who potentially could be sick and sue the city and be disabled for you know however long, and was big - I thought it was important enough for me to bring this out that there was an issue.

Q: Okay.

A: Because the City Council didn't wanna do anything about it.

Q: Was um the mold issue discussed during a closed meeting or was that a public open meeting?

A: Well we have had - ma'am, we've had so many closed and special and open and ah meetings I've lost track. I - I...

Q: Oh...

A: ...I really don't know. Ah I would say that for sure, it was I think probably thoroughly discussed at an open meeting because my June 10th, 2015, 2014 letter to the City Council and the mayor you know talked about this about the problem we had.

Q: Okay.

A: A - and you know I guess it really rubbed me wrong that they knew this problem was there and they're not doing a darn thing about it.

Q: Okay.

A: You know.

Q: Um my next question just regarding the city employee, it's my understanding that there was personal information posted about ah the City Clerk Jeremy Greunhagen.

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: Do you remember - um did you ever post his name and date of birth on your website?

A: Not that - not - not that I recall.

Q: Kay.

A: And I would have no reason to do that.

Q: Um I do have - have a - a notation from May 10th of 2010 where his name and date of birth was posted. Um but were you a - an elected city councilor...

A: No.

Q: ...at that time?

A: I had nothing to do with it.

Q: Kay. Did anybody ever ask you to remove that information? That you are aware of?

A: Ah to be honest, I don't ever recall posting it.

Q: Okay.

A: Ah I'm not gonna say I didn't, but I can't imagine why I would.

Q: Okay.

A: Ah I - I just I - I don't recall anything about that.

Q: Okay. Do you understand the concern about having somebody's name and date of birth posted on your website?

A: Oh sure, yea.

Q: Kay. Um and if you had been asked to take that down? Would you of done so?

A: Absolutely.

Q: Kay.

A: I mean I did it - there's no reason - number one, I can't imagine why I would even put it there, but you know I guess I'd have to see it. And number two ah - ah I would have no reason not to take it down if somebody asked me if it was there in the first place.

Q: Okay. Um my next question is about the eh when I spoke with the or I reviewed the file and I also spoke with several ah individuals, when you first were elected to the City Council, it's my understanding that they asked you to record the meetings.

A: No.

Q: Audio record?

A: That's not correct.

Q: Okay.

A: Ah how that came about is - is you probably have judged by our last 40 minutes together, I'm an advocate of open government and I think everybody should know what's going. You know how their money's being spent. What their city politicians are doing. I lead a pretty ah unexciting life, but I do everything right. I don't cheat. Ah I expect people that hold an office comparable to me, above me or below me as public office, I expect them to be at least as honest as I am. And the higher up the chain they go, the more honest they can be, if you can be more honest than I am. So ah anyway - I lost my thought here.

Q: Oh I was just asking if you were asked ah or directed ever to record the City Council meeting?

A: Oh so - so they have - so part of this being this - this open government type of situation. We all hear about that - taxpayers you know taxes are going up and they wanna know wha - what am I getting

for my service and so I suggested that probably I'm thinking the March 2013 meeting I said I you know we don't hav - we don't have anybody that really cares what goes on in Hamburg as far as citizens are concerned and so this - this the town is based of the elected officials has done basically whatever they wanted to do for the last when the town was founded I suppose. And so I've lived there since ah 2007 and I saw some of what was going on there. And this just doesn't make - make any sense to me. And just the way that they throw away money. And so anyway when I became elected, I says I think what we have to - in fact I talked to the clerk about this ah before - before I took office, but after I was elected. I says you know we gotta get more people involved in what's going on in our - in our town. And he says will look at our council meetings, nobody cares. And so because nobody cares, nobody knows what's going on. Wait a minute, I just came on the stage. I just got elected to City Council. I'm gonna see what I can do about it you know getting some more people at the Council ah to meetings and putting out the word of what's going on. So one of my things I suggested to the ah to the City Council in a - I think it was probably a March meeting - I says I would be willing, at no charge to the city, I will be willing to bring my little laptop up here, plug into the city's mixer for all the microphones, and record all the City Council meeting goings on and then I will take and reduce those down to an MP3 format, and I will edit out the dead spot at the front, the dead spot at the end, but nothing in between. And I says I will put those on a little jump drive and I will give that to the City Clerk and he can take and load that into his computer and upload it to the City's official website. And so the City Council they all (laughs) that was one of the last times they agreed me by the way. I was only three months into my term. Ah I said ah I would be willing to do that at no charge as a service to the community and so they - they said okay go for that. So then the next meeting and I'm thinking this is April. The next meeting they said ah I started recording the City Council meeting so I go in there half an hour or 15 minutes before the - the ah meeting would start and I'd plug into the City's mixer and I get my computer fired up and get - get the program ready to go and so when they said okay are we ready, I pushed my record button and I would record everything that happened from the beginning of the meeting until the end of the meeting unless we took a recess, at which time I would shut the thing off. And I don't ever remember that having - happening specifically. But anyway so then once they go back into session, I record it. I would then home within the next day or two, I would cut off the dead air in the beginning, the dead space at the end, I put it on the jump and give it to Jeremy and he would upload it to the - to the um ah City website.

Q: Kay. How about closed meetings? Did you ever record closed meetings?

A: Closed meetings, yes. They're...

Q: Kay.

A: ...back to answer your question is yes. And the City knew I was doing that.

Q: Okay was it with the same device? The laptop?

A: Yes. Absolutely.

Q: Do you remember um were you ever asked to stop recording those...

A: No.

Q: ...meetings?

A: No. The only time ah, ma'am, that ever - that ever came up was one at one of the meetings ah it was the City Attorney is the one that made an issue of it. And she says you know are you recording this? And I says well yea, I record everything that - that goes on here. Well she says I object to that. So she went crazy and she says well I - I - you have to turn that off. So who wants to get into a big confrontation at the City Council meeting, right? The newspapers would be all over it so I says no - I -I said okay I'll - no big deal and I know where you're going with your question. So if you let it go - go ahead. I know.

Q: Well I was just gonna ask you...

A: I know.

Q: ...um how many meetings were recorded? Do you remember? Was it only a year? Two years?

A: Ah oh um I don't know. They took my - they took my recording prevleges away in April of this year.

Q: Okay so...

A: And that was one of their little retallier I mean retaliatory things that says we're in charge here. You're nothing. You shut up and why don't you just resign. I can't even count one - two hands the number of times I've been asked to resign.

Q: So you - you were able to record until - for about two years basically. April 2013...

A: Nobody ahhh yea. Yes. Yes.

Q: Rough...

A: Yes.

Q: ...approximately?

A: Yes.

Q: And then um when - do you remember when you stopped recording the closed meetings? After County asked you?

A: Mmm ah the closed meetings I was never told not to record the closed meetings.

Q: Kay. Did she ever and after she brought that up to you at the meeting and asked you stop recording or she had a problem with it, did you ever record anymore closed meetings?

A: No. No.

Q: Okay. Where are the recordings of the meetings at now? Do you still have them on your hard drive? Or are they?

A: The Ci - the City has them.

Q: Okay.

A: And let me just (inaudible) and I - I did this specifically well like I said, I told ya I take this jump drive, I would take it edit out the front and back and I bring it in there and I would label each ah file so that Jeremy would know exactly what it was.

Q: Okay.

A: Jeremy knew and I know he's gonna deny this, but he's - if he denies it, he's absolutely, flatly lying because I've got the absolute 100% proof. He knew that I was recording evaluations of employees.

Q: Okay.

A: He knew that I was recording somebody - some of the closed meetings. I wasn't doing it because I was being - I about it being sneaky about (inaudible) This is I had the recorders going, I just let it go. If somebody says shut off the recorder, as the attorney did, I shut it off. Or...

Q: Okay.

A: ...it was a laptop. But anyway so all of these - all this stuff that I've recorded and edited out and whatnot, and this is closed meetings and everything, Jeremy had that information because it's on the jump drive, excuse me just one minute here, (pause) ah camera. That's what it is. (pause) We had a house fire in Hamburg...

Q: Oh.

A: ...so that's why all these pictures here. Ah here is the jump drive - ah come one.

Q: Did you put them all the same jump drive?

A: I did.

Q: Just different files, right?

A: Right. Yea.

Q: Okay.

A: So and this is the jump drive that I had...

Q: Okay.

A: ...that I would take and edit these files and put 'em on this jump drive and I would put the title on what it is and I would bring that up to Jeremy so Jeremy absolutely, positively knew that I was recording these meetings.

Q: Okay.

A: And nobody ever told me not to do that. Once - once it was the - the ah City Attorney says well you can't do that, I quit doing it.

Q: Okay.

A: So and if you and ma'am if you go to ah if you go to ah the City's laptop that Jeremy uses, you will find, and unless he's deleted 'em, you will find files that match the files that are on this jump drive.

Q: Okay.

A: And there will be Brad Droege the former fire chief, his evaluation. I think there's an evaluation on there for Sue Block whose the former Deputy City Clerk. There's ah ah evaluation on there for - for Jeremy. So you will see that those files are there. And for Jeremy to say I was sneakily recording those,...

Q: Well...

A: ... totally false. He has those files.

Q: That - I'm not ah - he - he never said that you were...

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: ...it's not his ah allegation or anything.

A: Mm-mmm.

Q: Um that's not something I sp - specifically...

A: Yea.

Q: ...spoke with him about. Um...

A: Well I just want you to know that - that he - he knew...

Q: Okay.

A: ...what was going on and there was nothing ever recorded that - that they - were not aware that I was recording. And when they said oh we can't in closed meetings, well Jeremy should have caught that right off the bat the first time it happened. We can't record employee evaluations. Jeremy should of caught that the first time right after that when it happened. But he never did it. So if his - if he would have told me no, I wish - I wouldn't have done it.

Q: Okay. Um do you have ah any of those recorded closed meetings at your residence?

A: On the jump drive.

Q: Okay. You still have the jump drive.

A: I do.

Q: Okay. (inaudible)

A: Because I - I got an inkling that - that this was gonna happen and they say oh well we - we recorded those and we didn't know about it. They did know about it.

Q: Has the City Attorney ever asked you to turn over that jump drive or um any other private what would qualify as private data?

A: They asked for ah the hard drive off of my computer.

Q: Okay and

A: And with all that's been going on and you can probably tell it's a lot, ah the one thing the City Attorney did and I don't mean to get off the track here, but the one thing the City Attorney did ah she said you should contact - let me back up. I basically sent her one or two emails and I says you know if you see anything on the website that you object to, you think violates any of these laws or whatever, and I'm paraphrasing, I said please let me know and I will be happy to comply. You know? It's the decent thing to do, right? So she said naw that's not my job to do that. You know you have to get a private attorney. So I contacted a private attorney who I know personally. I said here's what's going on and I told her some of the crap that's going on and it was in the City and she says, you oughta contact the FBI. Well, those three letters. Never talked to those words before.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: So I and she says you know I tried small town politics you know for one term and she says it's just a really a rat's nest and it - and it really is. So but anyways she says yes, you should contact the FBI. So then what I did, I called down to the US Attorney's Office.

Q: Okay.

A: And I talked to the, I can't remember his name, but I talked to him down there and explained to him that - what's going on in our little town of 516 people and he says basically holy smokes. He says you gotta get this (inaudible) to the FBI. And I says well yea. I says maybe it's (inaudible) they investigate just you know they go aggressively after this. I said well okay I can do that. Where do I call? He says, I'll tell you what I'll do. He says, I'm going to call the FBI myself and I'm gonna find out what number you call and who you speak to so you can get this information to him and he says I will call you back with that information. The next day, he called me back and gave me the who to talk to, the number to call and to - to give the information.

Q: And ah it's my understanding you spoke with um Special Agent Steve Vitale?

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: Okay and did you...

A: No - no - not in this (inaudible)

Q: Okay. Did you send the hard drive - a hard drive to...

A: I did.

Q: ...Special Agent Vitale?

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: Did you receive that back? Or?

A: No.

Q: They still have it?

A: I - I and I don't - can I just ask whose notes you're reading here?

Q: I'm reading the Carver County Sheriff's Office...

A: Okay.

Q: ...report.

A: So ah what the thing is is that I don't trust the people that are on the Hamburg City Council. I don't trust the Mayor any further than I can throw your courthouse. I - I feel sorry for the City Clerk because ah even though he's done some misdeeds and done some things wrong, he's being manipulated by the Mayor and he has to go where the power is. The power is now with three council members and a Mayor so I - I appreciate that. I don't forgive him for what he did, but I appreciate his position. So anyway, I don't trust any of them. And so because the of fact yo - you know, I fully believe that the Mayor could go in there and say to the clerk, Jeremy, I want to erase these files (inaudible) and I believe it would be done. So if I give them the hard drive and I know what's on that hard drive, an there's some pretty damning information against the City that I have amassed, you know since I took office, so what I did, I took the hard drive out of - I - I - I took the hard drive and I thought where should this go. After talking to the - to the ah - ah Duty Officer up there and the letters that I sent up to the Director of the FB or the ag - Special Agent in charge, I thought what a better place to keep - put this for safe keeping than with the FBI? And they know what's going on cuz I've already talked to them or whatnot. So I sent the hard drive to them with a cover letter basically I think I expressed my concern the fact that City's gonna go in there if they get a chance and they're gonna erase all this stuff so here's the hard drive. You can look at, what's on there and whatnot and ah that's you know we'll talk. Well then this Steve Vitale called me and we ah we talked about what was going on and what not. So we had some meetings set up to go to get together and he thought I was gonna be up there at 10:00 one morning, but he never called me back to verify it or whatnot so we never really got together and you know then all this other stuff kept going on with the City and the - the attacks against me you know just started escalating And it just it got it just is - it's so far outta control, I can't believe it. But that - that's okay. I ah I - I can put up with this because you know there's a lot of power in the truth and you know these people are gonna fall and they're gonna fall hard. So I'm just standing my ground. Ah I'm glad to come here and talk to you.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: Tell you anything that you wanna know. So anyway, at the Council Meeting today in the City with

Chris Lund, and watch out for him. Chris Lund would say well you know what about the hard drive?

Q: (inaudible)

A: FBI. Well when's it coming back? I don't know. You're gonna call the FBI and say hurry up get this done? I don't think that's a real smart thing to do. Right? It's like me calling and say when's this gonna be done? So anyway ah so(inaudible) the hard drive is at the FBI ah then the you know and so we were gonna get together and then we had this Jacob Wetterling you know re ah.

Q: Ah new information.

A: The new very good, excellent. The new information and - and then we had this Starky Labs ah scandal you know then we had Paris attacks and then we had the this thing out in San Burnardino, California. You think the FBI is gonna drop everything and say Odom's got this hard drive. We're gonna take a look at it and we're gonna look at his - his complaint. No. You know and I realize that and they're trying to get this over and done with because it's starting to fester and fester. It's - it's getting bigger and bigger and - and the more they're trying to cover it up, the sevwo - the worst it's gonna make them look at the end. So they're trying to get this whole thing done, get me off the Council so that I just go away and they don't have to give me any information. Well they don't give me any information as it is. I've requested information and they - they say no, you can't have it. You have to fill out these forms. You know it's just a bunch of crap. I couldn't even find out how much the City Clerk is paid per year and I'm a City Council member.

Q: Hmm.

A: Can you imagine that? Fact is stranger than fiction, ma'am.

Q: Well ah so ah the hard drive is still with the FBI.

A: It is.

Q: Okay. Have you asked for it back or anything. You're just kinda letting it...

A: No, (inaudible)

Q: ...(inaudible) they'll contact you when they're ready.

A: Well, yea. And and he knows...

Q: (inaudible)

A: ...what's going on.

Q: Okay.

A: You know I had - I think we had two or three good conversations and he's aware of it and whatnot and he knows why the ah why the F - ah hard drive's there and he has read all the correspondence starting with my complaint to his agency to the director or the Special Agent in charge on the 30th of June.

Q: Okay.

A: Ah do I think it's a good idea to call the FBI and say come on let's pick up the pace here? Absolutely not.

Q: Well.

A: And I'm not going to - and if it takes another six months, I don't care because it's in - it's in safe hands.

Q: Um was that just the hard drive from your laptop? Or what hard drive did you send? Was it a from different com - puter?

A: No, I - what I did - they - here's what the City wanted me to do. They wanted me to take and copy the entire subdirectory Hamburg, Minnesota City of Hamburg onto a hard drive. And I said okay I'll be willing to do that. And they said well when you gonna do that by? I said well give me a hard drive. Well no, you have to supply that. Let me get this straight. You want me to go out and spend my money to buy a hard drive to transfer information from my desktop to the hard drive that I just paid for to give to the City? Okay I'll do that, but you know do I get paid for - get reimbursed for the hard drive? Well no.

Q: Hmm.

A: Does - does this seem odd to you? So and I - I don't want your - don't expect you to answer that. It's a rhetorical question. So anyway what I did, I thought no. I mean number one, I'm happy to turn the information over to 'em, but I don't think I should have to go out and spend a 150 bucks or whatever for a hard drive to do that. So I found a hard drive that I had that was doing nothing. I formatted it, I transferred all the information over to that - let me back up. I didn't transfer all the information. Anything that was on my City of Hamburg ah subdirectory prior to my being elected was deleted.

Q: Okay.

A: Ah and I mean there's a lot of stuff on that hard drive. It's like all my pictures to the webpage. All my pictures that I did for the former fire chief. That webpage I made for him. So th - there's a lot of stuff on there and I went in there and I - I deleted what I thought was not pertinent. And I know what they're gonna say oh I deleted all these files because ta-da-ta-da-ta-da-ta-da. You know I just guess I'll just have to live with that. So anyways so I copied - I - I - I copied that hard drive onto this hard drive that I (inaudible) - hard drive in my computer onto the hard drive that I - the old hard drive that I had, formatted, put it on there, and that's when I sent it to the FBI.

Q: Kay.

A: And so it's still out there. When - when it's coming back, I mean that was done by Lund again at the ah at the ah meeting on Tuesday and he's bugging me about that. He said well you said you're going to get that on the (inaudible) on the 17th of August and I said - I says yea, but then you know all of the sudden I realized you can - you guys can get it and destroyed it. I don't trust ya. So that's why I sent it to the FBI for safe keeping. Well when it gon - gonna come back? And they're all excited about that, but there's - there's nothing on there that's gonna be of any major significance, but again, this is - this is the

deal where they want - they're trying to use their power, influence, and intimidating me and whatnot. (inaudible) The F (inaudible) I would be happy if Greg Larson or Steve Vitale and say that hard drive I sent you back and whatever it was oh and they're accusing me of not even sending it. Well, do you have any receipts that you did that? You know you're the dishonest one, you're not me. Don't start questioning me. But you know I'd be happy to write a letter to Steve Vitale and tell him to send you the hard drive.

Q: I can - I'll contact him here to see what his plan is with it.

A: Kay and see I - I would because he and I haven't gotten - he wants me to come up there and sit down face to face like you and are doing. Boy I'd love to do that because I got a lot to say as you probably already have gathered. But the thing is, ah he and I haven't sat down and talked about the nitty gritty, the details or whatnot.

Q: Okay.

A: The hard drive? My guess is that they haven't even probably looked at it.

Q: Probably not.

A: And ah giving it back to the City you know I'm not gonna have this FBI send it to me and I'm gonna open up the box and bring it over to Chris Lund and say oh Chris, here's the hard drive because he's gonna say well, you've erased all this kind of stuff off of it. I want it in pristine condition from the FBI. Ah either to go to a third party or I don't wanna get involved in getting it back from the FBI...

Q: Okay.

A: ...and handing it off to somebody.

Q: Okay. Um another question I had about that information with Rid was - the information that you had stored in your subdirectory about Hamburg, was that private data given to you just for review before City Council meetings or what kind of information did...

A: There's no private data...

Q: Okay.

A: ...on there at all.

Q: But...

A: The only private data that there - that would be there would be on that jump drive which would be those evaluations and stuff like that...

Q: Okay.

A: ...which at the time you know we've already been through that.

Q: Okay.

A: So.

Q: Um.

A: And so ah is a copy of what's on that jump drive probably is on that hard drive.

Q: Okay. Um the next question I guess the next point I wanted to talk to you about was information from closed meetings. Um there was some concern that references to closed meetings were posted on the - on your personal website and ah are you familiar with that accusation? I'm assuming that Kelly has probably talked to you about that?

A: On, ma'am, there's been so many accusations flying around about me, you know I just it's like water off a duck's back now. I'm a credible person. Ah I - I do what's right, I - I know what's right from wrong, and I would never intentionally do anything. The direct answer to your question is I have no knowledge at all of any information that could even remotely be classified as clo - as a ah class or closed information or what's the word I want - that you know what I mean.

Q: Yep.

A: Did - did - that would ever be was ever on my website.

Q: Okay um...

A: Ah you know d - do they have a specific?

Q: Yea. I was gonna just refer to that...

A: Okay.

Q: ...for you. Um do you remember being at a closed meeting held on September 29th of 2015?

A: Yes.

Q: Okay um on your website, and I was able to review it too, that um you had written on - in paragraph three specifically, from I think it was on or it was referring to that City Council meeting, *City Council Meeting, The Way They Should Be* was what the title was.

A: Yes. Oh I remember that graphically. Absolutely.

Q: (laughs)

A: In great detail.

Q: You ah had made a comment about, "but it was back to reality of the September 29th"...

A: "We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto." Right?

Q: Ah, "...the yelling and disrespect (inaudible) once again..."

A: Yep.

Q: "...Council Member Gregonis resumed his meaniacal..."

A: Maniacal.

Q: Menay "...maniacal hollering..."

A: Sorry.

Q: "...the Mayor too even screamed at me, 'You shut up.'"

A: 'You shut up." Oh he went nuts. Yea.

Q: Um so did that occur during a closed meeting?

A: It did. Absolutely.

Q: And you understand that that is deemed private data?

A: No, the way that it explained is that if we talk about your evaluation, that's private.

Q: Okay.

A: If somebody says something that is totally unrelated to that, that's not private.

Q: Okay. Um did you ever get a copy of or do you have a letter um from the Information Policy Analysis Division, it references um Ms Dohm had contacted the Minnesota Department of Administration for them to do - kinda look at your website.

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: And see if there was anything of concern...

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: Basically for advice on the data privacy issue under Minnesota Statute, Chapter 13.

A: Right.

Q: Did you have a chance to look at the letter...

A: I did.

Q: ...from the iPad? Um Information Policy Analysis Division.

A: May I just look at that a little over your shoulder?

Q: Yep. You can - I'll give - I'll take it and you can look at it.

A: No, no, I just - I just...

Q: So it talks about - that's just from them to...

A: Okay. Can I take - can I go to the next page?

Q: Yep. And it was her request for them to do a review.

A: Okay. Now, are you ready for this? She submitted an altered copy of this letter to the City Council and nobody else caught it.

Q: Okay.

A: But me. And I have a copy of that altered letter.

Q: Okay. Um did you...

A: And that...

Q: ...you got a copy - the correct copy?

A: I have both copies.

Q: Okay. How did you get both copies?

A: Well at one - at one meeting, she handed out one letter and at a second meeting, she handed out the altered letter.

Q: Were they both dated the same dates?

A: Yes.

Q: Kay, um is this the accurate letter?

A: Ah I don't know which - I...

Q: Kay.

A: ...I think that that was the - I think that this was the first one she handed out.

Q: Okay.

A: Because the one - the second one as I recall, and I'm going from memory on this, but the second one that I recall is much shorter and I think and I think you'll probably agree with me, that any attorney that alters a document and represents it to his - to a governing body of a City, I think that' s pretty serious offense.

Q: Kay.

A: And I got the absolute 100% incontrovertible evidence that she did that.

Q: Uh-huh, but it was addressed to the same...

A: Right. Yea.

Q: ...address?

A: And so - and see - and see ma'am that's - that's what I'm dealing with. I mean we've got a City Attorney that's as crooked as a snake and she's trying to represent the City and she's got everybody on board with her because she's part of the majority.

Q: Would you be willing to provide the other copy of the letter that you received?

A: Absolutely. You bet.

Q: Um...

A: And if it's appropriate to take it - have her criminally charged, yes, you bet. I'll be carrying the sign.

Q: Um let's see here.

A: You're enjoying this, aren't you?

Q: I'm learning a lot.

A: Yea. And you know I - I - and this - you can't win, ma'am. I'd like to call you Jessica, but I don't wanna get that friendly. I think you're a heck of a lady. I think you're doing a fine job. But I can't tell you ma'am how happy I am to be sitting here with somebody who appears to me to be very creditable, very interested, very sincere, and very good at their job and is - I'm able to tell the truth to for once and I haven't even begin - begun to submit my - my evidence to you.

Q: Right.

A: I've got six things I would like you to do as a result of, and you know when this thing today is all over and done with, and I would hope and pray that you would do what I ask you to do. And we'll get to that...

Q: Yeah.

A: ...when we wrap it up.

Q: Um obviously you (inaudible) a - and I have a lot of different copies here of letters, letters that you've written, um there's specifically a letter that I think is ten pages long - well 18 page one from March...

A: That would be dated March something, right? Yes.

Q: ...9th. Yep. Then there's another letter ah from November of 2014...

A: On the 5th.

Q: (inaudible) Yep, November 5th...

A: Right.

Q: I think that one was 10 pages if I remember correctly.

A: Right. Yes. Ah-huh.

Q: Ah regarding Jeremy Greunhagen.

A: That's correct.

Q: And then there's - there was an allegation that ah I know it came up. It's in the, addressed in the iPad letter about um that you had received a text message from a constituent or a citizen in the M - in Hamburg regarding Jeremy's performance.

A: That's correct.

Q: And the concern was that um it wasn't brought forth to the personnel committee. Did you ever raise that concern with the personnel committee?

A: Not at all.

Q: Did you ever present that text message to anybody else?

A: Ma'am, this - let me tell you, - are you familiar with the Hamburg personnel committee?

Q: No, I don't. I don't even know who - who's on it.

A: It's - it's kinda like the same vein that we're talking about today. It's Jeremy Greunhagen oddly enough. It's ah Council Member ah Travish and it's Chris Lund.

Q: Kay.

A: Now, did you check my website about the mal - alleged malfeasance of...

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: All right and you see two familiar names there? Chris Lund and Travish. So I come up with a complaint. A legitmate testified complaint, which was verified on that September 29th or 28th meeting, whatever it was, about some of the things that Mr. Gruenhagen has done. But you know that's all kind of swept under the rug. And once again I'm the bad guy for bringing up this misconduct.

Q: Okay. Did you ever re - did they ever ask you to present that text message or show it to anybody?

A: No.

Q: Okay.

A: And the thing is ah let me - let me back up and qualify that. I suddenly got it because of somebody must of liked what I wrote on my website because they said, Geez this guy's got something going or this - what's happening? So I got and I saw - I assume you saw the very positive comments I got. One of the comments I got was about you know and I'm paraphrasing this, but and you maybe saw it. But you know Jeremy's a real idiot. I'd like to see him gone, or whatever. So you know put the good with the bad. Well that took Jeremy right into orbit. However, it was an email that I got from a residence which has just a much creditability as any other rrr ah (inaudible) You know I'm an equal opportunity employer. I - I put on the website all them comments on there. Jeremy also has in the past said that you know I do moo - do more for that City than any other Council Member and I got that in an email. And he is sending me all these nice accolades about how wonderful I am and how valuable I am and how fortunate the City is to have me. All the sudden you know, when I - when I jerk his chain because of his ah inappropriate behavior or whatnot, and - and nobody does anything about it. I talked to the Mayor about it I talked Lund about item. Lund being on the personnel committee. They didn't do anything then I filed, now we're back to your comment here, I filed that - that ten page letter outlining nine serious problems that we have with this City Clerk. The subjecting the City to potential saler - ah sexual harassment lawsuit. Again, do they listen to me? No, they sided with Jeremy. Let's get rid of Odoms. Let's not listen to message. Let's shoot the messenger. So and I gotta be careful how I word this now, but at this 20 - September 29th meeting, let's just say a lot of stuff was brought up and discussed that proved I was right and had been right for the last year.

Q: Kay um...

A: But was anything done about it? No, no. Gregonis screams at me like an idiot and mayor says, 'You shut up.' You know I - and this is a ugly wound.

Q: Um I appreciate you answering you know my questions today. It helps me understand more of what's going on.

A: Well a - and I hope I - I hope I've given you a - some good insight, and I think I have, I've also tried to not make light of a - a terrible tragic situation. I tried to make it somewhat interesting to listen to.

Q: Yeah, I ah - you know there's - there's a lot of information in the file, but um did you ever post anything egregiously or that you knew...

A: Maliciously.

Q: Maliciously...

A: No. Absolutely not.

Q: (inaudible)

A: I would never do that. In fact, I'm sure you've seen my website. There's a thing on it that says if you ever see - see anything you don't agree with, let me know.

Q: Okay.

A: You know.

Q: And if anybody had raised an issue and asked you to remove it, you had already explained to me that you would have done so. For the most part. If it was...

A: For the most part yea I mean if...

Q: if I made a...

A: Well like (inaudible) they wanted to shut my website down. You know I - are they are drugs? I'm not gonna shut that down. I've had - I - I got - I got ah almost 42,000 hits on that website. It's very popular. I don't know, did you see the article that the ah Norwood Young America or that the ah...

Q: I have it in here.

A: Oh. Well just look on my website. You go to (inaudible) I mean that just drove them people crazy. And then at the next meeting, now there's this guy sitting at the back of the table. I have no idea who he is. Come to find out, he's the editor for the - for the Norwood Young America Times and you know they're - they're writing on me about my website and the Council Meeting so he's writing all those notes and whatnot. He calls me the next day or two days later. He says Yea this is Adam Gruenewald from the ah - ah from the Norwood Young America Times. I know who you are. You're the editor. He says yea. He said I'd like to talk to ya you know about your website a little bit. I says oh yea. I says you heard about that, huh. So - so anyway he says yea so I ah I says well I'm just I - I - I'm at Mystic Lake Casino and I'm ready to go to work. I says can you call me back tomorrow in the morning. He says, yea. Well he never did. Well then he didn't call me back Friday if I recall. So I had the weekend off, editors don't work weekends. You know that. Just policemen do.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: And Mystic Lake security guards. So anyway, I ah - ah I sat down and I basically wrote him a synopsis again, um it's on my website there. This wasn't - you can look at it. Ah telling about what my website does. So in the next week's edition, the paper comes out with this glowing review. Very popular website (inaudible), google searches and whatnot. City Council went nuts as you can probably well imagine. And you know I mean they just ach it was unbelievable. Okay. Adam was at the next council meeting you know and he doesn't know but all the sudden the clerk and the mayor are gonna unload on him like he wouldn't be and it was so bad and so viscious and so violent, so out of order, I wrote a letter of apology on behalf of the City to Adam Gruenewald cuz the way that he was treated at our City and he hasn't been back to a City Council meeting since.

Q: Hmm. All right. Um if you - if you were requested to do so, would you um and you kinda already said that, you would allow the FBI to send the hard drive to us?

A: Yes. Absolutely.

Q: Um do you have any other private data regarding the personnel, besides that jump drive obviously, at your residence on any other equipment?

A: Not - not that I'm aware of. I have you know - I have pictures of like the fire department webpage, I have my webpage webpages and all that so. Do I have any private data to the best of my knowledge, no.

Q: Okay. Um one other thing that I noticed in the iPad letter that I just wanted to ask you about was the pictures of the City Employees...

A: Glad you asked that. Yes.

Q: Um and I - like I said, I'm trying to remember everything...

A: Well I...

Q: ...that I've reviewed and I...

A: Here - here - let me tell you this. Here - here's my feeling on that. The Mayor's - I got a webpage I made about his malfeasance and all the nasty things that he did with Trebesch and ah Lund. Seems to me now here's a guy that's a public official, he's being paid with public funds, he's at a public location (the city hall), and at a public function (a city council meeting), ah that seems to me like he's pretty public, right? I have my iPhone there. I paid for it. The City does not pay for my service. They're - the mayor's giving an award to somebody. I take a picture of that mayor giving this fireman's award and post it on my website. Oh that's wonderful. I did that four separate times, ma'am. Nothing was ever said about that.

Q: Kay.

A: So then I figure well all right and I think we know based on the fact that he's a public guy, public funds, public place, public function, you know and he's done a naughty thing, I think I can identify him. I think that's probably okay.

Q: Kay.

A: And so he brought that up again at the last council meeting on a - on a Tuesday, and he says ah this is a I think it's time for you to take that down. No. Not gonna happen. Look what you did. I don't suppose anybody ever told you about the - the October fireman's meeting up in Duluth, did ya? Yea. Different story, but I mean this is all - it's just a pattern that's going on out there. And the average people - an average person would say they're making this up. This is not happening. But I've got the evidence. I've got the documentation. I've got my creditability. I've got my reputation. You've seen who - who's been on my internet shows or whatnot. Do you think I would do anything - anything at all, no matter how miniscule to take and jeopardize the - the image and the reputation I have with them? A judge, county attorney, inves - criminal investigators, Hennepin County Sheriff, Bud Olson the - the you know would I do anything to jeopardize what you know what they think of me? Absolutely not, but the City, they are just a bunch of ruthless bastards. Pardon me. That's what they are and I mean you - you will see that as - as you probably you've already kinda realized that - that you know they got ten pounds of air. They got ten pounds of air and they're trying to cover their butts. And the longer that they - the more that they try to cover their butts, the deeper they're digging a hole.

Q: Um do you at the city have - as a City Council member, do you have city run email?

A: No. And let me tell you about that. Ah I anticipated that they were going to want to get into my emails. And do I have a problem - do I have a problem with that? Yes.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: Do I understand that because I'm a City Council member all of my city related emails are public. I guess I don't - I don't know that. Ah I think there has to be some - some ah privacy or some personal issues or whatnot. Ah another thing back to something the - the text message I got. They asked me for the phone number where that text message originated from. I gave it to them.

Q: Kay.

A: If you see on the website and I didn't discourage cooperation. I'm doing this, this, this, this, and this. So ah anyway so what I did, I, in one of my correspondences to the ah - ah FBI, I said I have a fear that if I give them the password to my email account to the City, that they're going to go in there and delete the messages that make the City (inaudible) bad. And so I changed my password on my email account. However, FBI, here's what the password is. Feel free to go in there cuz I trust you people. And so then I - I set up another - another email account and I virtually don't use that for anything. Ah they are trying to - this is something that Lund is pushing for. Ah they're trying to set it up so the City will have one server that all the Council Members and the Mayor and the City Clerk go to and this - now this - this is what I disagree with and ah we haven't even discussed this but you know here's - here's my feelings just for your - for your information. I think it's wrong for the City Clerk to have access to all of the City Council members' and the Mayor's email, but the City Council members and the Mayor are who are his boss don't even have access to his email.

Q: Okay.

A: It doesn't make any se - you know, who's running the show here? Does the City Council and the Mayor run the City or does the City Clerk run the Mayor and City Council?

Q: So you don't have the - your emails are not on city server. They're on the...

A: No, but that's apparently that's coming.

Q: Okay.

A: Which for the very reason I just stated I would oppose.

Q: Okay. All right. Um you had asked me um or told me that you had some things you wanted to (inaudible)

A: Does that mean we're wrapping up?

Q: You - feel free to...

A: No.

Q: ...if you want to ah bring information up.

A: Do you - no. Do you have anything about what you would like to talk about.

Q: I don't. I do have a copy of um the Minnesota Statute (inaudible) and I printed it out. It's not something we're (inaudible)

A: Right. I'm sure of that.

Q: ...(inaudible), but I disregarding what is personnel data and what is not, if you would like a copy of t, I will provide that to you or I can give you the statute number.

A: You mind if I have a Coke?

Q: No, that's fine.

A: I wish I would of brought one for ya.

Q: No, I can't...

A: I didn't know you would be this nice. I'm just kidding.

Q: Um.

A: I mean you are nice. I can get in trouble.

Q: No, you - I understand you probably worked late didn't you?

A: I do well I - I get to bed at 2:30.

Q: (inaudible)

A: I was up at 6:30 and you know I - I was up until 2:30 working on this and you know it's all in my head, but it's kinda hard to have you look inside of my head.

Q: Right.

A: And so I had to put it down and I mean I haven't (inaudible) - I think I got three pages here. I haven't even scratched the service.

Q: Okay well I appreciate you coming in early. I know we had to change our appointment a little bit, but um...

A: And if this thing is (inaudible) I should tell you this. I had a cold chill up my spine yesterday afternoon. I thought this time change - I wonder if that City Attorney's gonna be there.

Q: Oh, no. Nope.

A: Because and I'll tell you this honestly, he's said I think you know that I'll talk to you until midnight if you want me too, but if that City Attorney would have been here and insisted on sitting in here, I would have left.

Q: No, she actually is just a - she's not or she's basically a kinda of a party to the investigation because she has some information, some letters and she is the City's attorney. No, we aren't - we don't share our information with her. She's treated like any other - I guess you could say...

A: Yea.

Q: ...any other person that we're - is involved in the case with us.

A: Right.

Q: It's an open investigation so I cannot give - and she has contacted and asked for stuff. Our supervisor here and the Chief Deputy here both told her the only information you will get would have to come from a County Attorney's Office after the case has been reviewed and criminal charges come forth. So it's an open case...

A: Yep. Well...

Q: ...and told her basically you know you...

A: And I understand. I'm just - the fact that she - she submitted an altered document at the second council meeting, I think that's - you know that tells you a lot about the type of a person she is. Plus, she sent me you know I ser to me a City Attorney should be somebody that advises the entire City Council and the Mayor about various matters, not join with the factionist gang to get rid of a City Council member. And that's exactly what she has done. I have no respect for that lady and it's lawyers like her that give lawyers a bad name. I was even thinking about putting a link to lawyers jokes. I did a lawyers jokes webpage on my website, but I'm not (inaudible).

Q: Okay so um you had already said that you wanted to talk about a few things so feel free if you wish to...

A: All right. Here's what it is. Ah those are the supporting documents. We'll take and wrap this case up in a hurry.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: You wanna get my formal comp - and you may have some of this. You may have my formal complaint that I submitted about Jeremy Gruenhaden - Gruenhagen back in November.

Q: Yep, I have that.

A: That was when the gas got poured on the fire. You wanna see my letter to the City Council dated March 9th. You have that.

Q: You have that.

A: You wanna see Dohm's letter sent to iPad in July of 2015. The reason I wanted you to get that from her, and you've already got it, is because I wanted to be able to prove to you that she submitted a second documented forged - eh forged, I don't know if that's right - altered document to the City Council. For a City Attorney to do that, it's reprehensible. She should be held accountable. Ah do you have my letter to Dohm dated July 30th?

Q: I believe I do. Ah I apologize. The file came to me...

A: No.

Q: ...with notes all over everything.

A: That's all right. I understand. No problem.

Q: So it's ah I have all of the letters. I know that. Um and I know which one you're referring to I've got in here. I'm just not exactly - you said July. Is that the one where um - these would be emails. Website. Those are all (inaudible) one. I'm wondering if it's not with that iPad letter.

A: Ah no. It shouldn't be. I - I'll - I'll tell you what it is.

Q: Okay.

A: And if you - you - you really have to have it. If you don't have it, you have to have it cuz it's important.

Q: I - I feel like I do. I just wanna make sure quick. I apologize it might take me a while but I wanna find it.

A: No, I - I understand. Am I getting you into cri - a time crunch here cuz.

Q: No. We're...

A: Okay.

Q: ...we're okay.

A: Kay.

Q: Um this one is from the Kelly. This is the August 17th...

A: No.

Q: ...here.

A: Oh and see that - that's ah...

Q: That's the one you wanted me to ah make sure I had so I have that one.

A: Yes.

Q: And then the November - I'm not sure why, but was - why is this blacked out here?

A: Oh! Is that the one you saw redacted? What's that about?

Q: It's August 17th, 2015, and then I have to...

A: (inaudible) like they redact out. Oh! Do you know why they black that out? They don't want you to know that Chris Lund is a dead beet. Chris Lund, the Council Member, he's got a ah $13,000 - I'll talk slow so you can write this down. The reason that's redacted and I can tell you this because it's public information because I got it off the website for the court system.

Q: Okay.

A: Chris Lund has - he's the City Council member, he has an active judgment, which I verified just last week, for about $13,000 against him in Carver County Court.

Q: Kay.

A: Now, does this seem strange to you? A Council Member having a judgment against him? Oh wait a minute. There's a couple of more things here. Number one, he's a financial advisor for Edward Jones. Would you put your money in this man's hands? I don't think so. Ah also oh here's another thing! You'll find this interesting. He also boasts about being ah the president of the Hamburg Lions Club. Not gonna donate to them! Ah oh yea he was the president of the Norwood Chamber of Co - Norwood Young America Chamber of Commerce. They still got a $13,000 judgment against him and he knows that. Did he tell the council that? No.

Q: Okay. Could you - would you be able to provide me with a true and correct copy that has not been redacted? Do you think you still have that?

A: Oh absolutely. And I - you know I - I had all the as I told you when I talked to you on the phone Monday, I have a workbook probably comparable as that, and when you said that you had a lot of stuff, I didn't wanna come in here and overwhelm you.

Q: Okay.

A: And I will give you whatever you want, but yea I do have it. So anyway...

Q: Okay.

A: Oh! Here's another thing about Chris Lund. He represents Hamburg on the Carver County Leaders board. So now we have - oh one - one last thing. He frequently appears on the delinquent utility bills for the City of Hamburg. So now you got somebody who doesn't pay his water bill on time, he's got a judgment against him in Carver County Court, ah he worked for ah financial investment company and um he's trying to criticize me for what I do and how I do it. Oh another thing. Bobert - Robert Ger - Gregonis the guy that was sscea - always screams like a maniac, ah he has ah two months before he filed for ah before he started his write in campaign, ah for the City Council and by the way, he got that position by default. The first person to try to write in campaign against me got 29 votes. They didn't want the position. Gregonis got 24 votes so he accepted the position so he got it by

default. I got 161 votes. You know so but anyway so the - a couple of months before Gregonis mounted his - his ah campaign to start his write in campaign, ah he discharged $68,860 or whatever it was in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy filing.

Q: Okay.

A: Ah bad enough as that is, if you see - could see his demeanor at the - at the city ah meeting of City Council meeting, it would make your skin crawl. But ah oh he's also got $31,000 in outstanding judgments against him in Carver County Court. And he's - he's on the ah on Hamburg City Council and him and Chris with their judgments against them are deciding how the city taxpayer munch - money is going to be spent.

Q: Hmph.

A: Does this make any sense?

Q: Well.

A: You don't have to give me an answer, but it - it's - it's stuff like this that's and oh - Gregonis he's currently on the - on the deliquant water us - water and sewer utility list on this last meeting, he was there for $300 and some. He hasn't paid his water bill. And so I'm sitting there and I'm trying to live my life and shovel my sidewalks and - and you know and do everything right and see that money is spent properly and these guys I mean this is what I'm up against.

Q: I have a few copies of different things. I'm not finding your letter on July 30th, 2015. Um...

A: Okay.

Q: ...it's certainly possible it's in here.

A: Well I - I will tell you briefly what that is.

Q: Kay.

A: And ah I will have no problem sending a copy to you. Is that ah this thing - it was getting pretty hot and heavy you know this - this thing that they've been trying to get me out and whatnot.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: And so I didn't get too excited. I just kinda sit back and you know I - I hope you don't consider me extremely raving maniac telling you this going on because I'm not that type of a person. I just say well, this is the way it is. Now we gotta figure out what to do with it. Well I mean the - the tirades and the attacks against me at the Council Meetings were so intense, I decided I had to do something so what I did was ah I wrote Kelly Dohm a letter and ah I - the - the crux of it was you know the City Council's got some real serious problems here. Number one we had a - we got a City Council - we had a - we had a City Clerk that was out of control and instead of reigning him in and getting him under control, somehow he won the other Council Members and Mayor over to his side and convinced them that I made all this stuff up about him with my - my ten page ah report about his misconduct and inappropriate behavior. And I says you know I - I can't believe that this is happening and I says and

then for the City not to do anything about it and just assume the fact that I'm fabricating on this. This is a cover-up. It's an absolute cover-up. And then, and I don't know if you've heard about this or not, but then when it was discovered that somebody was going into the fire station and I'm telling you that (inaudible) cord that keeps the batteries charged and unplugging air hoses that keep the air and keep the brake system so that when your truck takes off it's got already got air pressure in there. Otherwise they don't have brakes. They could go into the neighbor's living room right across the street. Not a pretty sight. And I thought man we've got criminal activity taking place in our city by somebody that has access to the fire station that is jeopardizing the lives and safety of our firefighters and also is slowing they're response times. Now does anybody see anything wrong with this picture? And because of who the alleged persons were, it was covered up.

Q: Hmmm.

A: And that and so - and so that's what was in that letter to Kel - Kelly Dohm. I'll get you a copy of that now. And I'll get you what's the other one you want oh the 17th one.

Q: That August 17th.

A: So I - I'll get that to you and ah so I said you know Jeremy and I gotta be careful what I tell you now because they don't want - can I violate data practices if I'm talking to you about this?

Q: Um is it relevant to the investigation?

A: Oh absolutely.

Q: Then I mean...

A: Let me - let me say it this way. Ah sorry and then I'm doing this intentionally begin vague so that I don't violate any laws. God knows I've been accused of violating how many but (coughs) anyway ah so Jeremy is continu - he saw he had the Council's support against me. So he continues on this tirade of his. I mean he's screaming at me at the City Council meetings and - and it's - you know it's just unbelievable what's going on there so and Jeremy says oh I'm so stressed. I can't do my job blblblblblblbl I'm going to go crazy and all this kinda stuff. What the problem is ma'am is that Jeremy, he knows that he has lied. He knows that I know that he has lied. He thinks he's got the City believing and he does have the City believing that I'm the one who's full of hooey and that he's absolutely truth so he knows that he's got the City going so he's just got all this momentum going and the more he's (inaudible) the more of momentum he gets, the more or the more successes he has the momentum he gets (inaudible) so he's just going full steam ahead. All the sudden, one way or another, I make it very clear that you know this Jeremy going for so long. The truth is going to come out and if it comes out in a la - in a court of law, I mean people are going to go to jail. I really hope so. I'll push for that. And so I have already sa - I've submitted this report of his misconduct for the you know the November of 2014.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: Here is an affidavit attesting to the truth of this of that allegation - or those allegations. Now, Jeremy knows that the jig is just about ah is just the jig is up and his world is caving in around him and realizing that. And so instead, he's making it me the bad guy that I'm making this so he can't do his - his work. It's just like you hold up a bank and you know the cops are looking for ya, they're gonna find you eventually and you - your life is not gonna be the ch - is the same while you know the cops are out there

looking for you. So he knows his world's ultimately gonna collapse because the truth will come out. That's why he can't do his job. This is - this is you know his ah his own behavior's is - are - was causing his illnesses and like that. He's blaming it onto me and he's got the City Council sympathy that I'm worst S.O.B. that you know ever lived. And I'm the reason for all his problems. No. No. No. The other shoe is gonna drop one of these days and he knows that. So that's why the City is trying to get me outta they're hair. (cough)

Q: Well.

A: And so anyway I says to him now between and I says and I - I - I'm a forgiving person, I'm a compassionate person, but I'm also - I believe in the truth. If Jeremy would come and say geez you know I ah - I really had a bad couple of months there and yeah some of this stuff that went on yeah I - I - I really realize - but he wouldn't do that because he's got the Council convinced that I'm the bad guy and none of this happened. Our Deputy City Clerk that we just hired, she's gone. Chris Lund told us - said at a Council Meeting well the reason Shari's ah not at this meeting is she's afraid to - her name will be on the website. No, her name's not gonna be on my website. The only people that will be on my website are city officials that are sc - you know screw up. So anyway so that was what the (inaudible) the letter was and I says you know so Jeremy's - he's causing his own problems and he's got the City believing I'm the bad guy. No, I'm not gonna put up with that. (coughs) Excuse me. So this has been going on since probably the middle of month the summer of 19 or ah 2014.

Q: Kay.

A: You know and it's ah it'd be easy for me to say then screw it. I don't need this. No, I'm not gonna do that. I pay a lot of taxes out there. Hamburg is the highest - has the highest tax base than any other municipality in Carver County and it's been that way as far as I can figure out for like at least the last ten years. Probably since the day began. So am I concerned about where my $2400 a year that I pay in taxes are going to with my little dinky townhouse that sits on a lot? You know that far off the street? Yea, you damn right I am. And can I do anything as a citizen? No, because it's the good ole (inaudible) we've been doing it this long for this you know do - doing it this way for this long we're gonna continue to do that. No. No, no, no, no. I work hard for my money you know I don't get a lot of money in retirement now. I still work out at Mystic Lake and I'll - I'll you know throw away my money the way I want and as a citizen, none of us have any say over how that happens. As a City Council member, I hope that I would have. I don't because I'm in the minority. You know there's three of them. There's one of me and then the Mayor. Should the two - should two of ever agree, the Mayor would - would break the tie. All right so that's it. So ah the other thing you wanna really do to get the - get the full gist of what's going on here is listen to the recording and I - I don't know if they'll let do you - let you do this or not, but this is absolutely critical, ma'am. Listen to the recording of the September 29th closed meeting.

Q: Who recorded the closed meeting?

A: Jeremy.

Q: Okay.

A: I wanted to, but they wouldn't let me. Just kidding. (coughs)

Q: Okay. I know we've talked about a lot of different things...

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: ...today and I appreciate your writing this out for me. Um I - like I said, I have most of those and the ones - the information that I don't have...

A: I will get - let's see this. (inaudible) I gotta write this down. I have good memory, but it's short.

Q: It's um...

A: Is that the - the ah September - August 17th...

Q: Yep. August...

A: ...one.

Q: ...17th, 2015.

A: And then July 30th...

Q: 2015 letter.

A: Two and two.

Q: And then if - if you do have a copy of that other iPad letter Kelly wrote um in July 2015, I'd like a copy of that.

A: You know and - and the thing is - I gotta tell you this. This - this is the fear I have. She's an attorney and attorney's never look at it.

Q: Um.

A: Ah if there you know she should be held accountable I mean just you know you're POST licensed, I was POST licensed. You know if you do something wrong, regardless of who you are, you're licensed and you have to follow the rules.

Q: Yea. This will...

A: You know?

Q: Like, this um I wanted to let you know too. It's gonna go to the Scott County Attorney's Office for review. So um...

A: Oh really.

Q: Yep.

A: Ah how come is that?

Q: I'm not sure. Originally it was, it's my understanding, it was given - everything was courtesy or given for courtesy in investigation and review at Scott County and I'm not sure how McLeod County ended up with it. My supervisor just hands over the cases that we get. We don't - I don't know come or even how it came here, but it did.

A: Yea. Here we are.

Q: Um and then Carver County already had asked Scott County to look at it um for review. So when I have all my information, its gonna go to their County Attorney's Office and they'll look at it.

A: So you're County Attorney's Office doesn't get involved at all?

Q: No.

A: Does that - I mean is that normal do you think? Does that seem odd? I mean...

Q: It's...

A: ...if you - if the Sheriff's Office here is investigating a case, it would seem to me that it's a lot easier for you to go up...

Q: It is. Yes, and it would be and our County Attorney would happily discuss the case with me if he had been asked by Carver County to review it, but since he was not, he doesn't have jurisdiction and he can't.

A: Yea and he's probably

Q: So.

A: ...(inaudible) whatever the rules are.

Q: Yea and I'm not sure...

A: I - I - I'm - I play by the rules. I think you know that.

Q: I'm not sure how it's all - how or why, I don't have any say in that.

A: Yea.

Q: It's just - I did make contact with them yes - Scott County Attorney's Office yesterday and confirmed that they'd been asked and that they were going to be involved and they said, yes.

A: When do you think they will make - you know the thing is the la - the worst possible thing that that could happen is that I get charged. Cuz then I'm going to court and you know the information I have, do you think the City of Hamburg is gonna want that out all over the newspapers? And that's exactly what's gonna happen and that's part of what's driving is driving Jeremy crazy is because he knows you know this is eventually all gonna come out.

Q: Yea and I'm not sure - like I said, I can't even speculate on this.

A: Sure.

Q: I just do a report, I present the information that have, they get everything that I have so whatever you give me, the Scott County Attorney will review.

A: Well and you can tell the Scott County Attorney for me they will get the same cooperation that you're getting.

Q: Yep and I mean um I don't know what their timelines are. Here, if I submit a piece to our County Attorney's Office to be looked at, it just depends...

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: ...on what's going on. So...

A: Yea.

Q: ...sometimes I hear back within a few days. Sometimes it...

A: Yea.

Q: ...you know months down the road.

A: And I just before I forget this, as for the FBI, you know, I - I have no idea what you're doing.

Q: Okay.

A: And I'm not gonna call 'em up and say what are you doing? You know, not a good idea, right? So ah I suspect with the information I gave to them, you know with the conversations that I had with both the duty officer initially and this Steve Vitale ah they know that there's something going on here.

Q: Okay.

A: And I don't know if there's kickbacks or - or what - there's all kinds of - all kinds of stuff that's going on. I mean you got a conspiracy to get me outta office, you know I think that's well it would be a big deal, but they've got bigger fish to fry and I understand that and I'm willing to wait. If it takes two years, that's fine.

Q: Right.

A: My term goes until the end of next year and I'm gonna go for re-election just to let 'em know I'm still around.

Q: Okay.

A: You know.

Q: I will - I can also contact them just to make sure they (inaudible) still have them hard drives.

A: Yea oh yea and just yea - ah but - but anyway here's a couple other things you should know.

Q: Okay.

A: And we can wra - I - you have anything else you wanna talk about?

Q: No, no, no, no. Go ahead.

A: All right. Let's wrap this up. Ah and this well yo - those six things there, look at that. That's basically the whole thing in a nutshell.

Q: Okay.

A: You'll see that this is a conspiracy. This revenge retaliation and pockets. What I mean by that is that Malz, the mayor, he's in s - in the former fire chief's pocket because he works for the former fire chief's personal company. Ah Brad, the fire chief, the former fire chief, he didn't get along good with his men in the fire department and so they voted him out. We don't want you to be our fire department anymore. So Brad says oh you gonna vote me out? Okay, I'll teach you. So now he goes to the Mayor and he says let's see we can - let's see what you can ah engineer and orchestrate against the fire department. So the first thing he did - they - Hamburg is the only fire department in the entire Carver County area that does not get paid. Do not get paid for fire calls or going to meetings or training, required training. So that was originally talked about, the training being paid for, starting in ah 20 ah 16. There's no reason why it couldn't have started in 2015 except allegedly - allegedly former fire chief told the Mayor, no, no, don't let the firemen get paid for their training. Cuz this is retaliation. So anyway ah the Mayor was successful in getting ah other Council Members who are not - who are in their pockets and don't think on their own ah and give him anything that he wants so they - they voted to ah not pay the firemen for their required training until 2017. Oh let's see, 2016 that's when the Mayor's term is well isn't that interesting. Ah however, I'm a (inaudible) loyal and ardent supporter of the fire department. I was law enforcement for about 18 a 1/2 years. I was a fireman in the air force for six years so I understand how fire departments work. They have absolutely my 100 ah hundred percent support. If you've seen my - my Christmas webpage to support our military, police, fire, EMS, right? That goes against what Brad likes because Brad likes to be in control and tell people how to think. Nobody tells me how to think. I support that Hamburg Fire Department. Now I'm on Brad's list and so Brad is going to the Mayor and saying you work for me now you know you get this straightened out. So that's what that is.

Q: Hm.

A: So ah that you know so by - by the fact that the boss can have all this power ah and the other City Clerk and the Council Members and the City Attorney you know they're - they're all in Malz's pocket, that gives Malz all kinds of power and authority. And that makes him real happen. Well guess what? That also makes Brad very happy because Brad is the one who's pulling the puppet strings on Malz in telling him what to do. Brad Droege, he and I - do I like him, yes. Do I respect him, absolutely. Do I like his tactics, like what he's doing, absolutely not. He's hor - hurting the whole City and he's tearing down the legacy that he spent 35 years to build up by doing these cheap things that he's doing. Be that as it may, Brad was one of the first people that I met, the fire chief, when I came out to Hamburg. I made him a website of his own, which is still there today, you probably saw that?

Q: Um possibly.

A: (chuckles) Anyway, and I mean what a wonderful person Brad is. I took all these pictures. Did anybody complain the fact that I had Brad's picture on the website? No, not at all. So all the sudden just because they're trying to make it rough for me and get my thrown off the Council and maybe ah put in jail or whatever it is it makes no sense, but anyways so those that webpage is there for – for Brad ah as of this date ah last May I got together with the fire chief – the current fire chief and I says hey I you know I made this webpage for Brad to use. Want me to do a webpage for the Hamburg Fire Department. He says yea geez that'd be great. So then he came over to my house one day ah we recorded about an show and I made a webpage up, I don't know if you've see that or not.

Q: Oh is it Justin…

A: Justin Buckentin, yea.

Q: Okay, yep.

A: So and so in fact so then this – I'm getting ahead of myself if that's okay. Ah so ja ah when I put on my webpage, after the Council meeting Tuesday night that I voted against this raise for the property taxes because if they haven't got enough money – if – if they have enough money to get another $9000 allocated to this lawyer Dohm you know for to continue this circus against me, but they don't have enough money you know $5000, $6000 to give to the firemen that taking a required training, that's why I voted against it – against it. Yesterday I get a text message from Justin Buckentin the fire chief. Oh he says yea, it's about your website. I think we gotta talk. You know in your heart that Malz saw that on the website cuz I put on there Malz had the power and the authority to do this and make this happen, but no, he didn't do it because he – he - he's taking advantage and because Brad doesn't want him to do it. So anyway so Justin says well we gotta talk. So Justin's coming over to my house tomorrow and sure as hell – sure as I'm sitting in this chair, I'll bet the Mayor called him and says what's this thing about you know get that straightened out. You know otherwise (inaudible) one of your firetrucks. I don't know. Um anyway this goes back ah Malz's – this thing for me goes back to December of ah December of 13 of 12 or January 13. I was at the last council meeting when they were trying to figure out how they could waste all the rest of the money that was left in the budget, and they had budgeted – I'll wait.

Q: No, you're okay. Go ahead.

A: I – they had budgeted between eight and $900 for lights outside of the city hall cuz it's just really dark you know (coughs) and in the winter – in the winter time when it's dark or it's raining, you can't see your hand in front of your face. So everybody thought yea, we gotta have new lights. Well, Rob's Electric, who you're gonna hear more about.

Q: Kay.

A: Ah they're in Carver and there's something – something going on. I don't know what it is and ah that's probably another reason why they're trying to get me outta their hair is because they don't want me to find out what's going on. And anyway, so ah to make a long story short, They decided that ah Malz came out and recommended that they put in more lights. So instead of spending $800 or $900 to Rob's Electric, the city spent almost $3000 to have these lights put in which give less light than the lights that were there. But they did it because Rob's wanted to do it. This makes no sense and so every time there's an electrical issue that has to be done, oh call Rob's, call Rob's, call Rob's. I says wait a

minute. What about competive bidding? You know we've got three companies right here in Norwood Young America that are electrical contractors (coughs) excuse me. Ah why not have them come out and give us a bid and let Rob's come out give us a bid and let's save the taxpayers some money. Oh no, we can't do that. Rob's Electric has been – been doing our work for all you know there's something sticky there. And when I put an issue on my website, before I was council member, about why is the city always dealing with Rob's Electric you know in two hours, Brad Droege's knocking on my door. What's the problem you got with ah Rob's Electric? Come to find out so I he – so I'm told, Rob's Electric does all the work for Brad Droege's company.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: So anyway so that the Mayor can see that I was gonna be raising some issues and some questions and it was not gonna be business as usual. You know it's been that way for probably since the - the beginning of time and I thought no. I'm worried about where the taxpayers dollars are going. I'm looking for accountability. We come to our City Office and the City Clerk – he' – he's not there. Nobody knows where he is. Where's the City Clerk. Well geez I don't know. Is he sick? Did he die? Is he in a car wreck? You know (inaudible) gonna see there's no accountability. So anyway ah the Mayor – and then – then we had our City our original City Worker Maintenance Worker quit and so our water meters and our sewer meters have to be read every day. So the Mayor and City Clerk and myself and another Council Member, Trebesch, we all got together up at the ah water treatment plant to learn how to read the meters, which is not rocket science. But anyway ah we said ah well here's you know we talked about a few things and the Mayor just out of the clear blue sky, I must of said something (inaudible) he said he's beginning to get under my skin. Excuse me. Well that – that also told me how the – he didn't like me going against Rob's Electric when I first started my term then I said something that offended him at the water plant, now he suddenly realizes he's not gonna be the top banana, not that I wanna be the top banana, but he's gonna have somebody asking some questions and some tough questions. He doesn't have any answers for and he has to answer to the former fire chief cuz that's who he works for. Does this stink or does this stink? So anyway ah oh by the way, guess what company plows the snow in ah Hamburg and sands the streets. It's the fire chief's company that does that.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: And who do you suppose is driving the snowplow? The Mayor. Okay. Um so everybody love – love my website in the winter of – of ah 2014 when we had all their water service lines freezing up cuz my website was the one stop place to go, you probably saw…

Q: I read that. I…

A: You know it was very popular. You know and also like when the lift station got ah got wiped out so ah everybody – nobody said anything about my website then. When I raise an issue about the City Clerk's behavior and then they're all over me like a cheap suit. Um when we had the – the main lift station, we had the generator put in out there, I sent this beautiful letter to Rob's Electric. Did you see that?

Q: I have it.

A: Okay. What a wonderful job they did. All the sudden you have two months later – a month later when ah when a car crashes into the lift to the Jacob Street grinder station, and I'm going down there to help and he knew this and I'm going there every three hours, 24 hours a day, seven days a

week. Filling the generator up with gas you know and getting everything pulled together, all a sudden I'm a S.O.B. because then Rob's (inaudible) business at me. This is because I'm doing the stuff that Jeremy should be doing and I don't want the credit for it because it's – I – I don't do a job for credit, I do a job to get things done. But Jeremy you know he should be doing all these things and he's just sitting there on his hands for the you know and he says oh that's I'm ov – I'm overworked. I said, I'm under all this pressure (inaudible) you know, if he would spend half as much energy working and getting things accomplished, as he does spending energy saying how busy he is you know it'd be a much better world. So anyway, I – I'm upstaging Jeremy is basically what is happening. I'm you know I'm accomplishing what he should be accomplishing, but he's not. So that was kinda then the frosting on the cake is when I – he's doing all this screaming and hollering and yelling and swearing and throwing stuff ah that's when – when ah I made this complaint because Lund didn't do anything about it as the first (inaudible) and the Mayor didn't do anything about it. So that was the gas on the fire, let the games begin. Ah then of course there was the letter about the mold at the community hall. We've talked about that.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: When we had the June 19th, 19 or 2014 flood of five inches, I worked 68 hours shoulder to shoulder with Greg Schultz, our public ah works guy. Ah we had to pump the – the ah sand into the sanitary sewer into the storm sewer because the lift station is so overwhelmed. I was the only one who had a clue who underteach – who had to notify at 3:00 in the morning to do that so Greg and I got along just marvelously. Yet the Mayor says the employees don't like you. As recently as last week, I asked Greg, I says Greg, do you and I have any problem at all here. We we ever had a problem? And he says, no, we get along fine. Well I says I'm sorry, I can't talk to you becasue that was one of the orders from the you know. Shari, the – the Deputy City Clerk you know the couple days after the meeting or whatever, I says the Mayor ah says that ah you don't like me. I says you're – something I've done to hurt you? She says that's not true. She says you and I get along fine. So the mayor isn't – in front of the whole Council lying saying these things that aren't true just like Gregonis is saying I don't return your phone calls. You know. And you be – but they all believe it. That's what the bad part about it is. Ah (pause) Malz also stated at one of the Council meetings, because of me, pub – the new Public Works employee is ready to quit. I says Greg, are you ready to quit because of me? He says, no. (chuckles) So Malz said and see that's the next thing about this, ma'am, is that all of this stuff is on they're own recordings that are made at the City Council meetings.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: And I think that's one of the reasons why they probably wanted me – well they wanted to flex their muscle (inaudible) they said I couldn't record the council meetings anymore because then they can edit out what goes on the website or what doesn't go on the website. Which they could have done anyway when I give jemem – give Jeremy the jump drive, but you know whether he would do that I don't know. But I (inaudible) he doesn't have an audio program. Ah so anyway because I submitted my March whatever it was letter explaining my website and all the positive things that it does, we got into a discussion about that and when somebody you know if somebody attacks you, your natural defense is you better stick up for yourself, right?

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: Unless you're – you're totally off base and you're smart enough to realize it. But these – I mean these people again just going after me like crazy and so in my letter of rebuttal to them, ah I said some things that they didn't like. So then they considered my – my ah response to be obscene and so they

censured me for my obscene behavior. Obscene behavior you know look at the – the – con – the connotations of that. You know what's he doing down in the park? You know so they're putting this thing out there. That show's you how viscious these people are. Ah and then the second time I was censured is Brad Droege was the one who (inaudible) the guy that engineered our – Hamburg's service memorial down there. He went out and got $50,000 worth of donations. I was there with him just about every – every day there was work going on. You probably saw my website about the construction to that.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: Is that somebody who doesn't care about the persons in charge of doing it or somebody that doesn't care about their city? You know So I do that so they have these lights on there, installed by Rob's Electric by the way I might just add, I and so I happened to notice that the lights – two of the four lights were bur – were not on whenever I come home from the casino cuz I drive through prevent vandalism, kids are out there doing stuff.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: So anyway I drive in there and ah I see these lights are off. I noticed a couple of weeks you know so I thought, hmm. So on my way to work – like I saw this on a Wednesday, on my way to work on Thursday, I happened to stop at the city hall before I left for work. Shari, the Deputy City Clerk was there. Now this is after I was told I couldn't have any contact with anybody in the City. So I just said Shari, ah I just if you see Greg, the Public Works guy, would you tell him that the lights are burned out at the ah memorial two lights are burned at the memorial. She says okay. While I'm driving by in the memorial, there's Greg so I so I pulled in there. I says Greg I just stopped in the Town Hall and Shari to tell you this, but now that you're out you. Ah two of the lights are burned out two of the smaller flood lights are burned out at the memorial saw 'em when I come home at night that they're off. He says okay I'll check into it. I don't know if I – I gotta get bulbs. That's what the conversation was with me with her and with him. The Mayor found out that I talked to these two people, regardless to what the topic was, he had me censured again. You know so and I said – now by this time this is getting to be a joke. Well ah then we had this August 1st ah meeting and that's when the attorney put the bug in their ear. Well I think we should have the Sheriff's Office and you know check this guy and investigate him ah and ah get his website taken down. He's just making all these things that – that she's gonna do as the City Attorney, but she just needs the City's approval to do it. You know they're being ledder – lead around by the nose so they go for it. You know so that's – that's why you and I are here talking today. And ah oh and then so then in another meeting she shows up and she says well he's had two censures and that doesn't do anything. We have to get an Order for Protect (inaudible) Order for Protection against him against the – against him for the city. What am I? A menace to society? You know what is going on here? And the City's oh yea, yea, let's do that. And she said and we'll get his website taken down. Yea, yea, yea go (inaudible) go team. Well I find it very interesting that ah during this initial censure, she'd already sent out an email, which I have a copy of, stating here's what I suggest for wording for the censure for Council Member Odom. So this is already planned. They don't play by the rules. They have no – they have no moral compass. Ah so anyway so they said yea okay that's what we're gonna do. We're gonna go down and get an Order of Protection. So they go down there and I don't know if they talked to the County Attorney, I don't know what the process is to get one of those, but I know you have to go to initially or go and sign it before a judge who signs it. Well they got told, but you know this is an Order for Protection against somebody. You know we have to hear the other side of the story. Well no we no we just you know we would like ah and they would – and so they would be – they said unless you get him down here and to hear his side of his story, you're not getting it. So they withdrew

their request. That is information I got directly from Chris Lund, who has been in close contact with – with ah Kelly Dohm. Ah so on ah on July 30th when I sent that copy of my ten page complaint against ah the City Clerk, along with the affidavit, I said now let's push is gonna come to shove here. I said if he denies all this stuff, have him submit a sworn affidavit denying all this stuff and then we'll go to court and find out who's lying and I'll push for purgery surcharges. And so she says well no, he's not gonna submit any kind of affidavit. He's not even gonna respond. Can you spell guilt? Um and then of course that was all blown out on this meeting on the 29th the secret, this private meeting you know when we found out some of the other nasty things that he had done. Ah he also stated the - the when Deputy City Clerk didn't show up at a special because she's afraid of me targeting her on my website. Not gonna happen. Ah the – the September 29th meeting is critical and again just within the last month the Mayor told me I was getting under his skin again. And now, lastly I know that this may be – it may be interesting, I know it's your job, but it's probably getting boring at this time, but here's – here's the - here's the frosting on the cake. So in October, the Mayor comes to the City Council and says well you know Brad Droege, oh wait a minute that's your boss, right Mayor? Brad Droege is a retired fire chief, who you work for by the way, ah who's pulling your strings ah he's having a ah they're having a award ceremony up in Duluth ah for him because ah he's in – he's had 30 years in the fire service and so he's gonna get some kind of little pin about the size of your little fingernail or whatever. And the Mayor says and ah he's gonna be up there all by himself and so I'd really like to – I'd really like ah have somebody from the City represented and he (inaudible) you know so I'd like the city to give me $350 so I can go up there and be with our fire chief as a representative of Hamburg. All right so they approved the $350, right? At the next meeting, we get a report back from the fire department, oh by the way at that meeting where ah you approved $350 for the Mayor to go up there because Brad was gonna be all by himself, well we had four fire – ah four Hamburg firemen also were up there getting awards, but you didn't have anything to say about that. You didn't let the Council know that there was more firemen going. Oh and by the way, that meeting that you were going to that ah the citizens of Hamburg paid for you sat at the Norwood Young America table with the – with the ah the former Hamburg fire chief who's now on Norwood Young America fire department. So if somebody - if somebody hadn't called him out on that, he would have taken that $350. That Mayor doesn't do anything without getting paid for it. And that was one of his own firemen that came to that Council meeting and says what are you doing asking the citizens of Hamburg to pay you $350 so you can go and sit with the Norwood Young America fire table with your boss, Brad Droege.

Q: Hmm. Interesting.

A: I given you enough crazy I can tell. And I mean…

Q: Interesting.

A: Yea and but - but I mean and - and there's so much more like I could tell you, but I – I think the highlights well lowlights if you wanna call them that and so they're gonna tr (inaudible) you can I can't even begin to tell you the amount of delight and the joy and happiness that Kelly Dohm had in her eyes and says and if he violates that Order of Protection, he's gonna be arrested and put in jail. Excuse me.

Q: Well.

A: That's all I have to say ma'am.

Q: I don't have any other questions for you today. If I come across up with something where maybe I

need clarification, would it be okay to call you?

A: Absolutely.

Q: Okay. And the…

A: 110%.

Q: …like the same goes for you. If you have um a question or concern, please call me. I will be doing a report obviously and my supervisor has to sign off on that and um everything will go to Scott County. Kay? So if at any time you're wondering kinda what's going on, you can certainly call me and I'll try and get information.

A: But once it goes to Scott County, you probably won't know, right?

Q: They will – they have to let me know what's gonna happen. So usually the way it works is we'll submit something for review…

A: Mm-hmm.

Q: …(inaudible) please look at this and ah…

A: Well and…

Q: …they'll at least send us a letter. No, there's nothing here for criminal charges.

A: And you know when this all started really falling apart in – in ah August, that's when I contacted Jim Olson, Carver County Sheriff, and…

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: …he and I had several conversations. I told him exactly what's going on. He's heard about this deal that somebody tampered with the firetrucks up there. Ah and he heard about some discord in the fire department and that Brad was really irritated that he got thrown off the – off the fire department because he – he – he's a wonderful person. He's very talented, he's very knowledgable, but he does not know how deal with people.

Q: Okay.

A: And if you don't know how to deal with people, it – it's not gonna work. And so ah he's got – he's got the – the Mayor right in his pocket and the Mayor's got the rest of the Council and City Clerk in their pocket, but that's all right. You know they're going for quantity. I'm going for quality. I know what's right. I did what you're doing you know for 18 ½ years. I put a guy in jail that killed his wife and three kids. I went down to Witchita KS and picked him up and brought him back here. That made the national news. Ah I've got – I've got three walls full of certificates that I'm very proud of and awards I've received over my law enforcement career and you're certainly welcome to come and look at 'em at any time. And so I understand what you're doing and you don't wanna talk to somebody that's gonna you know blow smoke as I said earlier. You want somebody that you can be confidence in and say God, this guy, he's being honest with me. And I am. And if you have any questions, you know you

know you got my address. Come and see me. Ah I was going to bring you a Christmas CD, but I forgot it at home actually. But – but anyways so if you got anything else absolutely.

Q: I am gonna write ah our case number on the back of the card too. I know I gave you one, but (inaudible) sometimes you lose these.

A: Want me to give you one of mine, now? Just a minute.

Q: Find out when they ah…

A: Wait a minute. Hold on. Here. Well yea and so latest – a little sideline. So I had suggested that now we got this new generator I mean lift station, let's take the old generator and bring it up to the community hall so that if in the winter time if the city loses power, we have a blizzard whatever. At least the people have a place where they can come where it will be warm enough electricity and telephone service ah and a lot of mold ah (laughs)…

Q: Kay.

A: (coughs) … in town. Where someone can come and pick them up or whatnot. Well Jeremy got all mift about that because that was my idea. That's something he should have thought about, but you know I learned to live with him and I didn't antagonized him. I purposely and intentionally – I mean it's probably in your records there. I always tried to keep him in the loop. I always made him aware of what's going on. I never made any decisions without talking about it. So ah one day the cou – you know I brought this up with the Council meeting and he said well yea you know it's a good idea. Have Rob come out and give us a price. Well how about the other – it's what it's called okay – so Rob came out and I think the guy's name was Larry. He gave me his card. And we walk – I met him at the City Hall like 9:00 or whatever and so we walked ah into this entrance of the City Hall and the first thing we hear is Jeremy on the phone. They can take this job and shove it, screaming at the top of his lungs. Hell how would you feel? Not real good right? So being as embarrassed as I was, ah I says ah I think Jeremy is having a bad day. We'll – we'll just go down there by ourselves. (inaudible) with the contractor so that Jeremy co – could have some input. But and of course Jeremy said oh that never happened. Well the employee that was there said that it did happen.

Q: Kay.

A: And so all the sudden I'm getting all this creditability in my report that I made back in ah November of 2014 and Jeremy you know, he's got the Council believing him, none of this happened. And so that's why I've spent way too much time here ah and I'm – I'm happy to do this because thank God somebody – I go – somebody's giving me an avenue where I can put this stuff out there.

Q: Mm-hmm.

A: You know.

Q: Yep.

A: And I mean I – I just can't believe it's going on.

Q: Yea. So

A: And so if this hasn't – if this causes – and Malz says well I'm gonna go to the newspaper with what you're doing. Good luck! Look in the mirror first. You know look so.

Q: Well we will you know we have – I have to do my report and then I'll let a – an attorney decide if a law's been violated.

A: Well like the sheriff and I were talking too, he says – he said you know would you do this intentionally? I says no. And I says you know I think that this is something that you know you have to prove intent. There's no tent – no intent there. And if I made a mistake, somebody called it to my attention, I changed it. You know if I – if I didn't change it and says well screw you, I'm gonna leave it there anyway, then you got – I think you got intent. If you do something innocently, you know so you know.

Q: Well I will end our (inaudible). The time now is 1159 hours.

BR 12/16/15

Gmail Delta <thedeltashow@gmail.com>

Criminal Activity - Attempt To 'Hack' & Sabotage My Personal Computer

1 message

Delta Dick <thedeltashow@gmail.com> Mon, Jun 13, 2016 at 6:12 AM
To: James Olson <jolson@co.carver.mn.us>

Good Morning, Sheriff Olson !!

Just when I thought nothing else could happen, well; guess what ??

'Halfmoon Technologies' is a company that the City of Hamburg has retained (and pays taxpayer dollars to) that set (and maintains) the 'official' City of Hamburg Website. Within the past few months amid all of the 'rhubarb' about private and public data, 'somebody' within 'city government' made the decision to set up a 'city based' e-mail system (rather than city officials using their 'personal' e-mail addresses) and so the city could also 'have control' over e-mails involving city officials.

This new 'e-mail system' was also initiated and set up by 'Halfmoon Technologies' and has had it 'share' of problems'.

Also, I find it 'interesting', to say the least, that the setting up of the Website and the setting up of the new 'e-mail system' was all done, to the best of my knowledge, without the City Council ever authorizing it. And it apparently involved the mayor, City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen and Councilmember Chris Lund.

Like I said, I don't ever remember 'the city' talking about 'going out to look for' a company to set it up; all of a sudden, 'There It Was'. And all paid for. When I saw the bill on the monthly 'Accounts Payable' sheet at a City Council meeting, I asked about it, but was given minimal information. I got the impression that Malz, Gruenhagen and Lund were 'hiding something'.

I recall, about a year ago trying to find out more about 'the company' that had set up the city's Website. Once again, I was given very minimal, limited information and formed the opinion that there was something 'going on' that the City didn't want known. Try as I might, I never was able to get any real, definitive information.

Within the past few months, I've been able to learn that 'Halfmoon Technologies' is owned by the Mayor's son; hence (I believe) the reason for all of the 'secrecy' and minimal information being provided to me.

Here's some 'background' and what I discovered has recently taken place.....

Three or four years ago, the city entered into an 'agreement' with a company called **'Half-Moon Technologies'** to set up a City of Hamburg Webpage. I became aware of this and, as the owner of the domain name **'www.hamburgminnesota.com'** I believed it would be appropriate for me to 'give' that domain name to the City of Hamburg.

After being elected to the City Council, I did some 'inquiring' about **Half-Moon Technologies**; who they were, what they did, and how much the city had paid them, etc., but was only provided with very limited information and 'obviously evasive' answers.

The fact that the city really didn't want to provide me with any detailed information about their 'relationship' with **Half-Moon Technologies**, 'aroused' my suspicions that something 'untoward' was taking place.

About six months ago in the 'heat' of the city attacking me, the matter of personal e-mail addresses being used by City Officials came up (again). It was learned that the city was

going to institute a 'city-wide' e-mail system that would be owned, operated and controlled by the city and new 'official' city e-mail addresses would be created and assigned by the city to each City Council member (and others)..

I certainly didn't object to that; it made a lot of sense to me that the city do that; if for no other reasons than the protection of 'private data' not being sent to City Officials 'personal' e-mail addresses.

I assumed that 'the city' (Clerk/Treasurer) would establish and set up this city-wide e-mail system. However, I learned within the past few months that this new citywide e-mail system (which had 'glitches' right from the start) was ***NOT*** set up by 'the city'; instead; the city ***PAID*** **'Half-Moon Technologies'** to set it up.

Even ***MORE*** strange, I found out (from Hamburg City Councilmember Chris Lund) ***'HALF MOON TECHNOLOGIES' IS ACTUALLY OWNED BY THE HAMBURG MAYOR'S SON*** ***!!!*** But, there's even more !!

On Saturday, June 4th, I again checked my 'official' city e-mail account and saw an e-mail entitled 'Signed copy' waiting for me. It contained an attachment, **project_document_rodoms.zip,** was authored by 'someone' identified as 'Ruth Price' and the 'text' of the document led me to believe the e-mail, and the accompanying 'attachment', were 'legitimate'.

Thinking the e-mail, and attachment, were 'legitimate', I 'clicked' on the attachment to open it. I immediately I received a **WARNING** from my anti-malware service, MALAWARE BYTES that **the attachment originated from a 'malicious' Website.** I did nothing more with the attachment in an attempt to open it.

However I DID receive another message at the bottom of my computer screen asking "Do you want to open or save **project_document_rodoms.zip (617KBN).**

That message, described as a ***".....malicious Internet Protocol (IP) address",*** **identified 'Half-Moon Technologies' as the 'originator'** of the e-mail and **malicious Website link** sent to my 'unique' city e-mail address !!

Attempting to open and download the attachment (which was prevented by my Malware Detection Program) could have downloaded malicious malware onto my computer, redirected me to (another) malicious Webpage or delivered 'malicious advertising' to my computer.

It appears, at least to me, that 'somebody'; affiliated with the City of Hamburg or someone known to City Officials, was (is) attempting to 'crash' my computer (containing my Website Program and related files) to render it inoperable, or have malware installed to destroy my files or install software to 'spy' on my computer, 'steal' my identity; their options are many; there actions are sinister. (They WERE successful in preventing me from printing documents; but I've 'fixed' that.)

I am continuing to get anonymous e-mails sent to my 'city issued' e-mail address (which very few, if any) members of the public know or even have used, with 'attachments' presumably intended to damage, or destroy, my compute, when opened. I even received an e-mail ordering me to appear in 'State Court' in reference to Case Number 00000192265 and directing me to open the 'attachment' that accompanied the e-mail to receive 'complete details'.

I am also continuing to get anonymous e-mails, with 'attachments' intended to damage, or destroy, my computer, to my 'city issued' e-mail address (which very few, if any) members of the public know or even have used.

Because this recently discovered ***criminal*** activity involves the Internet, it seem obvious to me that we now have one (or more) violations of ***FEDERAL*** law !!

I'm putting copies of the documents referenced in my e-mail above to you in the mail today. Please consider this e-mail to you as my formal complaint reporting the criminal activity described above by those involved. I also seek prosecution, to the fullest extent of the law, of those individuals involved, regardless of who they are or what position they hold.

Similarly, your department's investigation of this formal complaint, of criminal action(s) against me, coupled with the investigation of Hamburg City Councilmember Steve Trebesch for his inappropriate actions and misdeeds, is sure to 'open a lot of black doors' as to what's been taking place within the City of Hamburg by it's City Officials in the 3.5 years that I've been on the City Council.

As those 'black doors' are opened, I likewise seek prosecution, to the fullest extent of the law, of those individuals involved, regardless of who they are or what position they hold.

This is my additional request for your department to investigate what's been taking place. Currently, I have **THREE FULL** 3 ring binders of information
('evidence') that I've collected just during the past two years.

That's the reason why the City Council held so many 'closed' City Council meetings; so 'the public' wouldn't know what was taking place. And, sadly, the (contract) Hamburg City Attorney, Kelly Dohm, was 'in' on everything that has taken place !!!

If there is a 'silver lining' in this whole 'mess', pretty much everything you need to 'prove your case' is contained on the cassette recordings of the City Council meetings. Talk about 'shooting fish in a barrel' !!

That's ALSO the reason why there was such a concentrated effort to obtain my hard drive that I sent to the FBI for 'safekeeping'; the city was afraid that I would 'make public' what took place at the 'closed' City Council meetings !!

That's cost Hamburg Taxpayers about (according to Gruenhagen) $50,000.00 !!

As 'ugly' as it can be investigating, and exposing 'corrupt' ***(having or showing a willingness to act dishonestly in return for money or personal gain***), it's something that has to be done to preserve the trust that our citizens place in us elected officials whom they've elected to serve them.

As I told you when we talked at length several weeks ago, what I see taking place in Hamburg 'goes against' every principle for which I stood during my stellar Law Enforcement Career and the very honorable way in which I live my life.

I pledge you my FULL SUPPORT AND COOPERATION.

BE SAFE !!

Richard Odoms,
Hamburg City Council Member
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Gmail Delta <thedeltashow@gmail.com>

Recently Discovered Attempt To Disable My Computer

Delta Dick <thedeltashow@gmail.com> Mon, Jun 13, 2016 at 11:07 AM
To: "Marshall H. Tanick" <MTanick@hjlawfirm.com>

Here it is in 'plain text':

June 14, 2016

Hamburg City Council

181 Broadway Avenue

Hamburg, Minnesota 55339

Dear Mayor Malz & Other City Council Members:

I recently became aware of an 'event' involving criminal activity against me as a Hamburg City Council member that took place on May 30, 2016. What took place has also 'shed new light' on my 'computer hard drive' that I sent to the FBI for 'safekeeping' last August as well as the 'mysterious disappearance' of my February utility bill.

Upon conferring with my private attorney regarding the criminal activity that has taken place, I was advised to file a formal, criminal complaint with the Caver County Sheriff's Office.

I have already done that and requested that the persons involved, regardless of who they are or the position they hold, be held accountable for their actions and be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Regarding what has been taking place since within the City of Hamburg since approximately September 2014, I have had a number of private meetings and discussions with my attorney, regarding the deleterious 'events' of, and the actions by, Hamburg City Officials; individually as well as collectively, that I have witnessed. I asked him what action, if any, I should take. A particular topic that we discussed, at length, was the 'cover up' by the Hamburg City Council, that began in approximately November 2014 and exists yet to this day.

To address these issues, I was advised, by my private attorney that I have several options and alternatives; he suggested that I file a second formal complaint with the Carver County Sheriff's Office requesting a criminal investigation of what has taken place by other Hamburg City Officials for (almost) the past two years.

As advised, I have now also formally requested that the Carver County Sheriff's Office investigate what has taken place by Hamburg City Officials during the time period specified so that those Officials can be held responsible for their actions, regardless of who they are or the position that they may hold and also, if appropriate, be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Therefore, and because of these two investigations that I have requested to be initiated by the Carver County Sheriff's Office, it is only appropriate, fitting and proper for me to ***NOT*** make any further comments, specifically during City Council

meetings, relating to anything that might be remotely related to what might be investigated by the Carver County Sheriff's Office. To prevent any interference with these requested investigations, I will only address current 'normal city business' while attending City Council meetings.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard E. Odoms, Hamburg City Council Member

150 Jacob Street

Hamburg, Minnesota 55339

(612) 460-8212

cc: Marshall H. Tanick, Attorney At Law

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Delta <thedeltashow@gmail.com>

Litigation Involving Hamburg

Delta Dick <thedeltashow@gmail.com> Tue, Oct 15, 2019 at 8:04 AM
To: Jeremy Gruenhagen <HamburgCityHall@gmail.com>

Jeremy:

I received the 'City Flyer' in the mail; it is well 'laid out' and contained interesting and meaningful information.

One item that 'caught my eye' was about 'pending litigation with property owned in the heart of Hamburg'. I'm assuming that this refers to the issue with former City Council Member Steve Trebesch; I thought that matter was resolved long ago in the city's favor.

Apparently not.

I previously had been following this matter via the City Council Agendas and recordings of the pertinent City Council meetings but ceased to do so once it was determined that the City's position prevailed. However, I am now seeking additional information about this issue.

Specifically, has the City been formally served with a civil lawsuit? If so, I can probably obtain all of the information that I'm seeking by obtaining a copy of that lawsuit.

If no civil lawsuit has been formally served on the City, 1). What are the basic 'issues' against the City claimed by Trebesch, 2). How many taxpayer dollars is he seeking from the City and
3). What is the total amount of taxpayer dollars that have been spent to date on legal fees on this matter since it first came to light (believed to be in 2018).

If a formal 'Release Of Information' document is required to be completed in order for me to obtain this very basic information, please e-mail said form to me.

Thank you.

Richard Odoms
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Hamburg, Minnesota 55339
(612) 460-8212

Gmail Delta <thedeltashow@gmail.com>

Litigation Involving Hamburg

Jeremy Gruenhagen <cityadmin@cityofhamburgmn.com> Tue, Oct 15, 2019 at 8:33 AM
To: Delta Dick <thedeltashow@gmail.com>

Mr. Odoms,

Since the City is involved in a pending litigation I will need to confer with our attorney. Once I hear back from them I will provide you with the information that is available to the public.

Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk-Treasurer
P.O. Box 248
181 Broadway Avenue
Hamburg, MN 55339
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Litigation Involving Hamburg

Jeremy Gruenhagen <cityadmin@cityofhamburgmn.com> Mon, Oct 21, 2019 at 9:03 AM
To: Delta Dick <thedeltashow@gmail.com>

Mr. Odoms,

Since the pleadings have been filed, you can get them from the Carver County Court Administrator.

The city has been served with pleadings, and this matter is ongoing. Based on knowing the status and the ongoing condition of the matter, are your other requests withdrawn pending disclosure of the entire pleadings?

Sincerely,

Jeremy Gruenhagen
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On Tue, Oct 15, 2019 at 8:04 AM Delta Dick <thedeltashow@gmail.com> wrote:
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Litigation Involving Hamburg

Delta Dick <thedeltashow@gmail.com> Tue, Oct 22, 2019 at 9:05 AM
To: Jeremy Gruenhagen <cityadmin@cityofhamburgmn.com>

Thank you for your response; I apologize for not getting back to you sooner.

No, my 'other requests' are ***NOT*** 'withdrawn' pending disclosure of the entire pleadings..

I am still seeking to learn the total amount of taxpayer dollars that have been spent to date on legal fees on this matter since it first came to light (believed to be in 2018).

Additionally, I am seeking to learn if the City Council has held any 'closed' (or other non-public) meeting/discussions regard this matter and if so, the date(s) of those 'closed' (or other non-public) meeting/discussions regarding this matter.

Also, what is the name of the owner(s) of the property that is the subject of the 'pending litigation' and in whose name(s) is the City water/sewer service of that property?

I deem it highly unusual that while the information that I have previously requested on October 15th is in the possession of the City and should be readily available to City residents upon request, yet; I am being told that I have to contact Carver County Court Administration to obtain that information concerning, and in possession of, the City.

Based on my personal experiences and observations of, with and by City Officials during my four year City Council term from 2013 to 2016, something is beginning to 'smell real bad' here.

Richard Odoms
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Hamburg, Minnesota 55339

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Litigation Involving Hamburg

Delta Dick <thedeltashow@gmail.com> Tue, Oct 22, 2019 at 11:42 AM
To: Jeremy Gruenhagen <cityadmin@cityofhamburgmn.com>

Jeremy; I have just left the Carver County Court Aomistration Office.

The very helpful and efficient Court Clert there told me that there is no record
of any filing of any documents or pleadings involving the City Of Hamburg or anyone with the last name of Trebesch, filed with Carver County Administration as of this date.

Richard Odoms.
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November 13, 2019

Ms. Mary Dalbec, Court Administrator
Government Center, Justice Center Building
600 East 4th Street
Chaska, Minnesota 55318

Re: RECORDS SEARCH/REQUEST

Dear Ms. Dalbec:

On October 15, 2019, I learned of civil litigation having been commenced against the City of Hamburg.. I contacted the City of Hamburg and requested some simple, basic information regarding this matter.

Six days letter on October 21, 2019, I was advised by the City of Hamburg, ***"Since the pleadings have been filed, you can get them from the Carver County Court Administrator."***

After receiving this response, I went to the Carver County Government Center and spoke with a very cordial and helpful Court Deputy and explained to her why I was at the Government Center and the information that I was seeking.

For about the next fifteen or twenty minutes, your diligent and very helpful Court Deputy searched for the information that I was seeking. She searched for ANY information relating to the City of Hamburg that may have been recently filed involving the city as well as searched for the information that I was seeking using the plaintiff's names; Steven Trebesch, Jake Trebesch, Triple T and combinations of any or all of the above.

After (what I considered to be) an exhaustive search by your very courteous Court Deputy, I was confident, because of her admirable efforts, that no such information, like that I was seeking, was on file, or had recently been filed, with the Court.

Two or three days later, I called the Court and spoke, by telephone, with another Court Deputy; explaining what information I was seeking and inquiring if any 'pleadings' or other information, documents, etc., had been filed since my personal visit to the Government Center on October 21, 2019. This second Court Deputy advised me that she (too) couldn't locate an information in the Court's files involving the City of Hamburg, Steven Trebesch, Jake Trebesch, Triple T or anything using any of the search criteria stated above.

I firmly believe that I was provided with accurate information, by both of your Court Deputies, that the information I was seeking wasn't in the possession of the Court. I now question

whether such information even exists or ever existed !!

I respectfully prevail upon you, one final time, to see if any 'pleadings', files, documents, etc. of ANY kind, in ANY of the names previously mentioned, exist within your Court's files during the past twelve months from the date of this request.

Thank you in advance for your time, effort and anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Very sincerely,

Richard Odoms
150 Jacob Street
Hamburg, Minnesota 55339

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Steven E Trebesch, Triple T Services, LLC, Jake B Trebesch vs City of Hamburg

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604 East Fourth Street
Chaska Minnesota 55318
952-361-1420

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Dated: November 6, 2019

Mary P. Dalbec
Court Administrator
Carver County District Court

cc: PATRICK J NEATON
MATTHEW DUNCAN MCDOUGALL

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Please find enclosed, documents from Carver County Court Administration.

If you would like a copy of the summons & complaint, or other documents filed within this case record please call Court Administration to discuss the process and copy fees associated with obtaining a copy. Additionally you can stop by Court Administration during our normal business hours to discuss the process and pick up copies in person the same day.

If you have any questions, please call 952-361-1426.

Dated: November 19, 2019

Mary P. Dalbec
Court Administrator
By: Mary Dalbec
Carver County District Court
604 East Fourth Street
Chaska Minnesota 55318

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For Your Information

1 message

Delta Dick <thedeltashow@gmail.com>
To: mmetz@co.carver.mn.us

Fri, Dec 20, 2019 at 8:36 AM

Dear Mr. Metz:

You may (or may not) be aware that a former Hamburg City Council Member, and his son, are suing the City of Hamburg. What was intended to be my simple request to the City of Hamburg for some basic information about this lawsuit, has now 'blossomed' into the withholding of information by the City as well as alleged Misconduct Of A Public Official(s) because of the actions of City Officials.

In the (highly unlikely) event that you, and your office, are unaware of what is taking place in the tiny, Carver County City of Hamburg, I respectfully request that you visit a Webpage that I have designed chronicling what I have 'uncovered'. The Webpage can be located at

www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html

My best wishes to you and your staff for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Prosperous & Safe NEW YEAR !!

Sincerely,

Richard Odoms
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March 3, 2020

Mr. Mark Metz
CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY
604 East 4th Street
Chaska, Minnesota 55318

Dear Mr. Metz:

On December 20, 2019, I sent you an e-mail regarding my concerns regarding the conduct of Hamburg City Officials regarding the deleterious manner in which my request for public information was mishandled. In my December 20, 2019 e-mail to you, a copy of which is enclosed, I also suggested that you visit a continually updated Webpage that I had/have set up so that other Hamburg residents could be aware of what is taking place in Hamburg by our City Officials.

Having not received any sort of acknowledgement or communication from you in any form regarding my December 20th e-mail to you, it is appropriate that I now formally enlighten you further with additional information; most of which was/is available to you, and the public, via the very popular and informative Webpage that I established;

www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html

Specifically, the City of Hamburg mailed a general information 'flyer' to all City residents in late September or early October; a copy of that 'flyer' is enclosed for your review. In this 'flyer', casual mention is made of a Civil Lawsuit against the City of Hamburg by a former City Council member. Residents were further informed, via this 'flyer' the because of the Civil Lawsuit brought against the City, additional legal expenses, (involving taxpayer dollars) would be incurred by the City in response to the Civil Lawsuit.

The City of Hamburg has (and has had for as far back as I've checked) the highest property tax rates in ***ALL*** of Carver County because of their wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars. As a City resident, I became immediately concerned about the financial demand (of taxpayer dollars) sought by the Plaintiffs of the Civil Lawsuit against the City, the documented taxpayer dollars already spent on this matter *(**OVER $29,000.00** as of December 31, 2019) and the very real potential of the City's residents incurring of further 'additional legal expenses' to defend the Civil Lawsuit against the City of Hamburg.

On October 15, 2019, I sent, as a resident of the City, an e-mail to the City of Hamburg seeking information regarding the Civil Lawsuit filed by the former Hamburg City Council member. I **SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED** as to whether or not the City had been formally served with the

civil lawsuit. (A copy of my October 15, 2019 e-mail to the City of Hamburg is attached for your review.)

I also **SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED** what the 'basic issues' were against the City of Hamburg as well as how much 'compensation' the former Hamburg City Council member was seeking as well as the amount of taxpayer dollars the City of Hamburg had already spent in legal fees defending this matter. (See attached e-mail—10-15-19 @ 8:04AM.)

A few minutes later, I received an e-mail response from Hamburg City Clerk Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen clearly stating that the City was ***".....involved in 'pending litigation"***. I was further advised that before the City of Hamburg would provide me with any of the information I had requested, the City would have to ***"..... confer with our attorney"*** to determine the what information concerning the Civil Lawsuit is ***'.....available to the public'***. (See attached e-mail—10-15-19 @ 8:33 AM.)

While consulting with their City Attorney before releasing any information to the public seemed logical at the time, it is now obvious that was an intentional 'stall tactic' in a veiled attempt to dissuade me from pursuing the purported facts of the Civil Lawsuit.

I heard nothing more from the City of Hamburg until six days later when I received another e-mail. This e-mail advised me the ***'....the pleadings have been filed'***. I was further advised in this same e-mail that, although I requested a copy of the Civil Lawsuit against the City of Hamburg from the City itself, ***".....you can get them from the Carver County Court Administrator."***

By his/their intentional acts and misdeeds alleged below, Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen and/or other Hamburg City Officials, with malice and aforethought, have, quite frankly, violated Minnesota Statute 609.43.

The facts and allegations of this matter are as follows:

FACT I

On or about July 31, 2019 a Summons and Complaint were served on the City of Hamburg by Deputy Carly Amberg from the Carver County Sheriff's Office, advising the City that it was named as a defendant in a Civil Lawsuit, dated July 30, 2019, brought against the City by former Hamburg City Council Member Steven E. Trebesch, his son Jake and Triple T Services, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company,

Learning of this Civil Lawsuit naming the City of Hamburg as the defendant in this Civil Lawsuit, I requested a copy of the Civil Lawsuit served on the City .

To date, and nearly six months later, City Clerk Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen, acting as an Agent for the City of Hamburg and without cause,, has steadfastly, and intentionally delayed, and subsequently refused, to provide, as requested, a copy of the Civil Lawsuit brought against the City of Hamburg..

This intentional delay and subsequent refusal to provide said relevant documents of the Civil Lawsuit against the City to the requestor, intentionally deprives him of public information, to which he is entitled to receive, as a resident, and taxpayer, of the City of Hamburg. (See Minnesota Statute 609.43; **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**.)

FACT II

In response to my request for information regarding the Civil Lawsuit served on the City of Hamburg, on or about October 21,2019, City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen , acting as an Agent for the City of Hamburg, authored an e-mail message stating ***"Since the pleadings have been filed, you can get them from the Carver County Court Administrator."***

In actually checking with the Carver County District Court ***FOUR*** separate and documented times (twice in person, once by telephone and once by letter) I was told, directly by Carver County District Court Staff, there was ***NO RECORD WHATSOEVER*** of ***ANY*** filing of ***ANY*** Civil Lawsuit involving the City of Hamburg on, or before, October 22, 2019, as City Clerk/ Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen had falsely, and intentionally, stated.

To state it succinctly, Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen, who is basically 'in charge' of the day to day operations of your City, outright lied, and must be held accountable for his despicable actions and behavior !! Period. (See Minnesota Statute 609.43; **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**.)

Further, according to official Carver County District Court records obtained, the Civil Lawsuit ***WASN'T FILED UNTIL NOVEMBER 6, 2019***; possibly a early as November 1, 2019, but ***CERTAINLTY NOT*** on or before October 22, 2019.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen, acting as an Agent for the City of Hamburg, blatantly, and intentionally lied by providing a false and incorrect response and statement regarding this matter. (See Minnesota Statute 609.43; **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**.)

His actions are even more egregious given the fact that he conveyed this false information via a document authored by him, ***CLEARLY*** a violation of Minnesota Statute 609.43 Subdivision 4 and ***MUST*** be held accountable for his criminal act(s).

FACT III

If for no other reason than for my Webpage intended to call attention to the heinous acts taking place in the City of Hamburg by it's City Officials, it is impossible to comprehend that, as the 'governing body' of the City of Hamburg, the Elected Officials of the City Of Hamburg didn't know what began on October 15, 2019 involving City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen and has been taking place ever since that date (or before).

Supporting evidentiary documentation attesting to the facts stated in this letter, are enclosed; as well as more supporting documents and information, if required, available on my Webpage **www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html** chronicling what's taken place, as well from Carver County District Court. (Case File #: 10-CV-19-1091.)

When ***ANY*** municipality or governing body becomes aware of facts such as in this case, a logical and 'transparent' action by that governing body is to immediately place those officials/ employees alleged to have acted in conflict with any accepted practice, rule, ordinance, law or statute, on an immediate 'administrative suspension' while the facts and allegations are properly, and thoroughly investigated, by an independent 'outside' agency.

Instead, even with the many, serious transgressions listed above committed by Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen, at their final; budget meeting in December 2019, the Hamburg City Council voted unanimously to give City Clerk/Treasure Jeremy Gruenhagen a ***4% SALARY INCREASE*** for the year 2020.!!

Public officials, whether elected or as employees, have an inherent responsibility to maintain a sense of 100% honesty and integrity in their day to day performance of their responsibilities and their duties. In the event of alleged misconduct or dishonesty of any kind, to ensure transparency, those individuals accused must be subject to a rigorous investigation, by a competent authority of the allegations made against them,.

It is highly suspect and raises serious questions of integrity and transparency of ***ALL*** Hamburg City Officials, when allegations of **MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL** are not taken seriously and, instead, are 'swept aside' and the accused is rewarded with a 4% salary increase, using taxpayer dollars, instead of being properly investigated for his alleged Misconduct.

Such action by Hamburg City Officials; ALL of them, reeks of impropriety !!

CONCLUSION

Appropriate Minnesota Statute

Minnesota Statute 628.61 Subdivision 3 appears to be applicable in this matter outlined above:

628.61 MATTERS INQUIRED INTO.
The grand jury shall inquire:

(1) into the condition of every person imprisoned on a criminal charge triable in the county, and not indicted;

(2) into the condition and management of the public prisons in the county; and

(3) into the willful and corrupt misconduct in office of all public officers in the county.

It also appears that Subdivision (3) above is not discretionary; it is mandatory when a public official(s) is/are involved as in this case.

I'm just an 'everyday common sense' sort of guy trying to understand why, what I've accurately described above, was allowed to ever take place in the first place and when it was discovered what had taken place, those other City Officials who receive our taxpayer dollars, didn't act responsibly and simply 'looked the other way'.

It is my prayer that the Carver County Attorney's Office has more integrity than the Hamburg City Officials, will ***NOT*** 'look the other way' and will initiate the appropriate, and necessary CRIMINAL actions, regardless of the identity, or identities, or position(s) of the person(s) involved.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

(Corrected Copy—03-11-20)

June 10, 2020

Mr. Mark Metz
CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY
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Dear County Attorney Metz:

On December 20, 2019, I sent you an e-mail advising you what took place a couple of months earlier when I innocently asked the City of Hamburg, on October 15, 2019, for a copy of a civil lawsuit against the City of Hamburg, brought by a former Hamburg City Councilmember.

Instead of complying with a very simple request by a concerned Hamburg Taxpayer, the City of Hamburg, through it's City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeremy Gruenhagen, attempted to withhold, and succeeded in withholding, that public information from a City resident.

If that wasn't bad enough, Gruenhagen authored an official City of Hamburg e-mail directing me to the Carver County District Court to obtain a copy and (falsely) stated that ***".....the pleadings have been filed....."*** . In reality, that statement by Gruenhagen was, in fact, an **easily provable, fabricated lie**; the case ***WASN'T FILED UNTIL NOVEMBER***; some ***SIX WEEKS LATER*** **!!**

Having been in 'public service' for the majority of my professional life, I **KNOW** the importance of honesty and integrity of workers who are getting paid by taxpayer dollars. During my employment with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office led by the county's longest serving Sheriff, Don Omodt, I became aware that a fellow deputy sheriff assigned to me as my 'partner', had intentionally falsified an expense report for an out of county extradition trip we both went on to retrieve two prisoners from two out-state Minnesota counties. It would have been easy for me to 'look the other way' because of his actions, but that wouldn't be the proper or 'right' thing to do. I reported my observation to my immediate supervisor. Even though the amount falsified was minimal, (less than $20.00 as I recall,) 'stealing' isn't any more acceptable to society, than is fraud, deception or lying.

And if a Public Official is involved, as is this case in Hamburg; that makes the action(s) **EVEN** ***MORE*** egregious because it violates, and compromises, the 'public trust' and integrity.

When I was denied the information for the City that I had requested on October 15th, I learned, through multiple trips and telephone calls to the Carver County District Court, that Gruenhagen, a **PUBLIC OFFICIAL** for the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, had ***INTENTIONALLY*** and ***OVERTLY***, **fabricated**, and then ***lied*** to me, about the date that the 'pleadings were filed' !

But, I really wasn't at all that surprised.

While serving on the Hamburg City Council (2013-2016), lying, deception and half truths, seemed to be the routine, and acceptable, 'Order of the Day'. Gruenhagen is ***NOT*** the charming, charismatic person that he would like everyone to believe he is. In fact, has a violent, explosive and spontaneous temper which I have witnessed numerous times; both at Hamburg's 'infamous' 'Closed' City Council Meetings as well in his office in City Hall.

In fact, during one of his (documented) 'out of control' inappropriate episodes at City Hall, the Mayor and a City Council Member had to be summoned to the Hamburg City Hall to intervene because of one of his violent and destructive behavior episodes !!

In addition to the incident described above when he lied to me via his e-mail to me, I have likewise personally witnessed additional lies, actions and words which are not acceptable behavior in ***ANY*** civilized society, by Gruenhagen. The fact that he is paid (many) taxpayer dollars makes his inappropriate conduct even more egregious.

So when I caught him overtly lying to me about my October 15th request, I knew that I, once again, couldn't trust him. I also was never really 'comfortable' with the lack of 'transparency' that existed between residents, the elected (and other) Public Officials of the City of Hamburg and Gruenhagen. My mistrust of ALL of the Hamburg City Officials only increased when I became elected to the Hamburg City Council and was able to gain an 'inside view' of what was really 'going on' in the City. Their combined unethical, blatant and deleterious efforts to (unsuccessfully) force me to resign my City Council position were unbelievably hostile acts; the likes of which you would typically see in junior high and middle schools !!

In my America, local, state and federal officials are expected to act properly, ethically, professionally and with the utmost of integrity. When I saw that wasn't at all the case in Hamburg, I 'resurrected' my **www.hamburgminnesota.com** Website, a 'transparent' Website about a 'transparent' Hamburg that I designed and 'launched' in 2007 when I moved to Hamburg.

Living in Hamburg only a short time, it was very apparent to me that the average (and most of) Hamburg residents, had no clue what their City Officials were doing making property taxes the highest in all of Carver County. My re-launched Hamburg Website provided residents with that 'transparency' that was missing in Hamburg (and still is) about what is really taking place in our tiny southwestern Carver County City. It has also alerted Hamburg residents to the pending lawsuit against our City and the thousands of dollars in legal fees already paid (**$32,000.00**).

That amount will also obviously be expected to continue to increase dramatically in the coming months with a court date not scheduled until this winter's December.

Not having received any acknowledgement of my December 20, 2019 e-mail to you, I then sent you a five page letter on March 3, 2020, detailing what I had further learned was taking place in the City of Hamburg, so that you, as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Carver County, would be fully aware of what was taking place in Hamburg.

Accompanying that March 3rd letter, was absolute, documented evidence that I had gathered and collected, of what had taken (and still is taking) place and by whom. I also advised you of the Website about the City of Hamburg that I had 'resurrected',

www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html

I can only hope that you have continued to checked my (transparent) Website periodically since my December 20th e-mail about what I'm uncovering taking place in the City of Hamburg that would send up 'red flags' to any logical, clear thinking person.

Like a 'gold prospector', I'm finding that the more that I 'dig', the more that I 'discover'. But the City of Hamburg is still, continually trying to thwart my efforts and dissuade me from obtaining relative (public) information that I am seeking, delaying, at times, responses to my requests for (public) information. The City has also now adopted the 'posture' of 'holding hostage' the (public) information I'm seeking and not 'releasing' the (public) information until I pay the 'ransom' that they demand. (Currently about $150.00 paid so far as of this writing.)

When I learned last month from the Auditor's report that the City of Hamburg was ***DELIQUENT*** in ***TWO PAYMENTS EACH*** to **BOTH** the ***INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE*** as well as the ***PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSSOCIATION***, I went back and checked the Auditor's report for 2018; I found a similar delinquencies. It was equally troubling to learn that the Auditor 'stopped checking further' after finding the initial four delinquencies.

That obviously made me curious as to how many other financial delinquencies existed and I made such an inquiry to the City Clerk/Treasurer. This time, I was told that the City of Hamburg would not release the (public) information I had requested unless I paid them their (unreasonable) 'ransom' of $630.00 !! Evidence appears on my Website; **www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html**. *(That amount of $630.00* ***demanded by the City*** *before they would release the public information that I requested, is* ***equal to 2/3 of my monthly Social Security check****.)*

Principled as I may be, at nearly seventy-seven years of age and on the proverbial 'fixed income', I simply can afford to sacrifice that much money to bunch of 'thugs' and bullies to obtain the true, additional ***public*** facts and information so detrimental to the City of Hamburg ! Rather, I'll rely on the 'judicial system' to obtain and substantiate my facts and allegations.

Unknown about previously and before the writing my March 3rd letter to you, the Corona Virus, Covid-19 Pandemic arrived in the United States. In early March this scourge had arrived in Minnesota. Then Governor Walz issued an Executive 'Stay At Home' Order' resulting in schools being closed along with businesses, restaurants, bars, churches and other 'venues' where people congregate.

When the 'Stay At Home' Order was about to expire on May 4th, it was extended another two weeks; until May 14th. Finally, after more than three months of a vastly modified lifestyle,

some, but not all, 'semblance of normalcy' is beginning to take place.

Obviously because of everything that has taken place within the past three months (not to even mention the rioting in Minneapolis as a result of killing of George Floyd on Memorial Day at the hands of a Minneapolis Police Officer), it wasn't appropriate for me to inquire of you as to what is happening as a result of my original e-mail and March 3rd letter, and accompanying evidence, submitted to you. Meanwhile, I continue to document, on my Website, what has additionally taken place and what else I've 'discovered' taking place by within the City of Hamburg. I update those Webpages of my Website frequently; sometimes several times a day.

But now, with a 'breather' of about three weeks since the expiration of Governor Walz's Stay At Home Order, I believe it's fitting and proper for me to ask what is planned by you, and your office, in regard to the information that I have formally provided to you via letter as well as by your reviewing my Website, about what is taking place in the City of Hamburg, by it's City Officials.

Admittedly, some of what I've discovered to this point is probably more appropriately directed to the attention of the Minnesota State Auditor's Office, but I'm getting the feeling' from the City's 'cavalier attitude', that the City, and it's Public Officials, truly are of the opinion that 'nothing is ever going to happen' as a result of their acts taking place that I've provided to you, because of the City's 'working relationship' with you and your office. They think they're 'invincible'. Their theory 'worked' previously with former Sheriff James Olson, I'm certain they believe that of what I've now called to your attention, will also result in their favor, with you.

I don't even have to tell you that while I may 'feel' that way, I really ***DON'T*** believe that way for a second. Being an experienced and now retired Law Enforcement Officer with an impressive and stellar career spanning over eighteen years (please see **www.thedeltashow.com/professional resume.html**), I have 'faith' in the 'system' and I have 'faith' in the integrity of you and your office.

While I'm sure that they don't realize it and to their detriment, the City of Hamburg, by the overt and intentional actions of their City Clerk/Treasurer and (probably) other City Officials as well, have forced you into a situation wherein you have no 'choice' as to what you must do; as dictated by State Statute.

Buy fortunately, for the residents of Hamburg and in the interest of seeking justice, one of more City Officials appearing before a Grand Jury and subject to the penalties of perjury, (hopefully) will compel them to state the true facts relevant to this matter and admit to their misdeeds and wrongdoing.

Please advise what you further require of me so that this matter may progress forward and hold those persons involved, accountable for their actions and misdeeds, and dealt with as prescribed by law.

Thank you in advance for your attention and diligence in ensuring that regardless of who is involved, they will be held accountable for their acts and misdeeds, and that equal justice for all is the 'Law of the Land' in Carver County.

Be well !!

Sincerely,

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CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
MARK METZ COUNTY ATTORNEY

June 23, 2020

Mr. Richard Odoms
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RE: City of Hamburg / Alleged Misconduct by City Officials

Dear Mr. Odoms:

Thank you for your recent correspondence. In your correspondence, you allege that the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer "attempted to withhold, and succeeded in withholding public data from you." More specifically, you allege the City Clerk lied to you on or about October 15, 2019, he stated that certain civil pleadings against the City of Hamburg had been filed."

I examined Minnesota Trial Court Public Access (MPA) Remote View (*http://pa.courts.state.mn.us/default.aspx*). Please find attached the public data regarding Carver County District Court Case 10-CV-19-1091. A civil suit was in fact been filed against the City of Hamburg on November 1, 2019. It is possible that the City Clerk was simply mistaken with his information since the suit was filed within two weeks of October 15. You are free to monitor further status on 10-CV-19-1091 by availing yourself to this public website.

Importantly, please take notice that the Carver County Attorney's Office has no legal authority to investigate alleged crimes. The Carver County Attorney's Office only has legal authority to prosecute crimes.[1] Please refer to Minnesota Statute Chapter 388. We prosecute crimes only after a law enforcement agency has investigated an alleged crime and then present those reports to our office for potential prosecution. Our charging standard to bring criminal charges is probable cause to believe a crime has been committed and that there is, based on our training and experience, a reasonable

[1] Prosecutors have legal immunity when pursuing a prosecution through the judicial process. Prosecutors do not have immunity for conducting investigations outside of the legal process. Further, now that the City Clerk is necessarily a party to the lawsuit, and since the City now has legal counsel, it would be professional misconduct for this office to contact the City Clerk. MRPC 4.2

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likelihood of conviction when the State shoulders the burden of proving the case beyond a reasonable doubt to a unanimous jury.[2]

In addition, your letter references what you describe as several financial irregularities and the City of Hamburg's alleged inability to conserve taxpayer dollars. Again, the County Attorney's Office has no legal authority to investigate. I would refer you to the Minnesota State Auditor's Office as to issues relating to city finances. Any member of the public may submit to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) financial concerns about a local government, such as a county, city, town, political subdivision, or school district. The OSA oversees local government financial activity in Minnesota by performing audits of local government financial statements. (*http://www.osa.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=whatwedo*).

I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

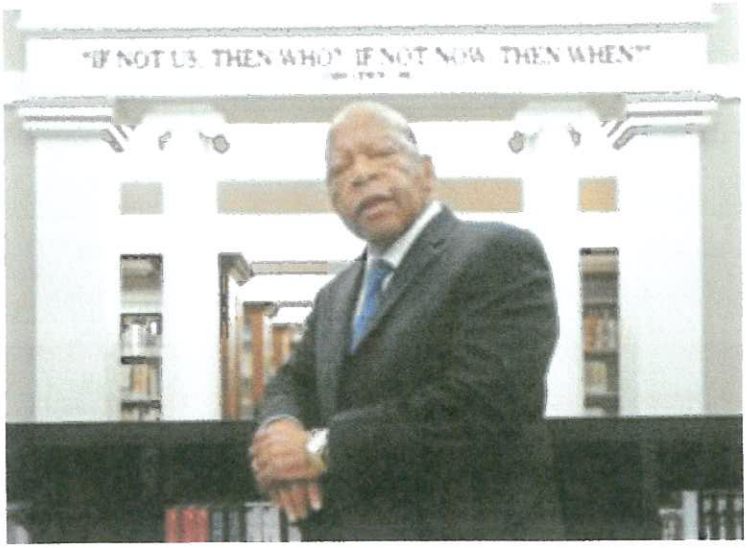
Peter Ivy
Chief Deputy County Attorney

[2] A grand jury will not be convened in this this matter because your letter, in itself, does not constitute probable cause to believe a crime was committed. It is unprofessional conduct for a prosecutor to pursue a matter not supported by probable cause. MRPC 3.8(a).

"When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up.

You have to say something; you have to do something."

Congressman John Lewis
1940 - 2020



August 28, 2020

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: Violations Of Minnesota Statute 609.43—**MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMLOYEE**

Violations Of Minnesota Statute 628.61— **GRAND JURY—MATTERS INQUIRED INTO**

Dear Attorney General Ellison:

In the fall of 2019, I learned that the City of Hamburg was named as the Plaintiff in a Civil Lawsuit brought against the City by a former Hamburg City Council Member. Being a former Hamburg City Council Member myself (2013-2016) I learned much about the 'ugliness' of what takes place 'behind the scenes in a small town'. I also was curious as to why the Hamburg Public Officials were seemingly keeping information about this lawsuit, 'under wraps'.

Shortly after learning of the existence of this lawsuit against the City, I contacted the **Hamburg City Clerk/ Treasurer, Jeremy Gruenhagen** on October 15, 2019 and (clearly) requested a copy of the lawsuit. (Please see attached e-mail.)

That same date, Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Gruenhagen responded to my request saying, ***"I will need to confer with our attorney."***

Gruenhagen has now involved attorney **Kelly Dohm**, a 'partner' in Carver County's largest law firm, **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN**; the company that the City of Hamburg 'contracts' with for it's legal services and advice.

Four days later, on October 21, 2019, I received an e-mail from Gruenhagen in response to my request stating, "***Since the pleadings have been filed, you can get them from the Carver County Court Administrator."***

At this point and because of Gruenhagen's response, I became suspicious that something 'shady and untoward' was taking place with City Officials and that everything that I heard, said, read or learned, would now have to be 'documented' because of what was about to 'unravel' and the critical importance any and all evidence that I gathered would ultimately be. *(It is important to point out that I have not had **ANY** verbal, in person or telephonic contact with **ANY** of Hamburg's Public Officials since approximately early summer 2019; long before I learned of the pending lawsuit.)*

Also at this point, I made the decision to continue to ***NOT*** have ***ANY*** verbal, in person or telephonic contact with **ANY** of Hamburg's Public Officials so that they could not use ***"….. but you said ….."*** or ***" ….. that's not what we said ….."*** or ***" …..that's not what we meant …..".***

Upon receiving Gruenhagen's October 21, 2019 response advising me that ***" …..the pleadings have been filed, you can get them from the Carver County Court Administrator"***, I went to the Carver County Government Center and spoke with a Court Deputy.

After a very intensive search, I was told that there had ***NOT***, in fact, **BEEN ANYTHING FILED WITH THE COURT** involving the City of Hamburg !! About three more in person/ telephonic conversations over the next few days with the Carver County District Court, yielded similar responses.

Realizing what had just taken place, knowing all of the persons involved and their 'patterns of secrecy and deception' as I do from being a former Hamburg City Council Member (2013-2016), and, in my opinion, the City wanting to 'conduct business under the radar', I wanted to ensure that the residents of Hamburg knew what their Elected and other Public Officials were doing and what was taking place in their City with their hard earned Taxpayer Dollars..

To that end, I designed (and still maintain) a Website that chronicles what has been taking place in the City of Hamburg, by the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and the Hamburg City Clerk/ Treasurer since last fall. The original (and continually updated) Webpage that I designed is still available at **www.thedeltashow.com/originalhamburgminnesotawebpage.html** and because of the massive amount of content on the 'original' Webpage, I've had to design a second Webpage; available at **www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html**.

Additionally, because I believe in 'government transparency' and in residents knowing how Taxpayer Dollars are spent by those we entrust them to, virtually ***ALL*** of the corroborating documents relating to what's taken place (and is still taking place), are available on my Website and related Webpages; which have been viewed over 85,000 times !!

Here is a 'summary' of what I've observed and personally experienced take place involving Hamburg City Officials:

First, Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen, acting as a Public Official on behalf

of the City of Hamburg, violated Minnesota Statute 609.43 Subdivision 1) by:

REFUSING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION to wit: a **COPY OF A CIVIL LAWSUIT**, which was ***IN THE CITY'S POSSESSION***, wherein the City of Hamburg is a Defendant, when requested by a taxpaying resident of the City of Hamburg.

Second, Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen, acting as a Public Official on behalf of the City Of Hamburg, violated on October 21, 2019, for a **SECOND** time, Minnesota Statute 609.43 Subdivision 3) by:

INTENTIONALLY, ***KNOWINGLY***, ***WILLFULLYINGLY*** and with ***MALICE AFORETHOUGHT,*** making a ***FALSE***, ***FABRICATED*** and ***UNTRUE*** statement by stating that the document containing details about the Civil Lawsuit against the City of Hamburg that I was seeking to obtain a copy of, had been 'filed' with the Carver County District Court.

It was later verified by the Court, that said filing of the Civil Suit was ***NOT ACCOMLISHED UNTIL NOVEMBER 1, 2019 !!***

Gruenhagen's *INTENTIONAL WORDS, ACTS* and ***MISDEEDS of DECEPTION prohibited me from obtaining the Public 'Document' that I was seeking, and am entitled to receive as a taxpaying resident of the City of Hamburg.***

Thirdly, Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen, acting as a Public Official on behalf of the City Of Hamburg, for a **THIRD** time, Minnesota Statute 609.43 Subdivision 4) by:

INTENTIONALLY and ***KNOWINGLY PREPARING*** an ***OFFICIAL DOCUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HAMBURG*** that he ***KNEW*** contained ***FALSE***, ***FABRICATED*** and ***UNTRUE*** facts and information.

Fourthly, Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen, acting as a Public Official on behalf of the City of Hamburg, for a **FOURTH** time, violated Minnesota Statute 609.43 Subdivision 4) by:

INTENTIONALLY and ***KNOWINGLY UTTERING*** an ***OFFICIAL DOCUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HAMBURG*** that he ***KNEW*** contained ***FALSE***, ***FABRICATED*** and ***UNTRUE*** facts and information, to a Taxpaying resident of the City of Humbug..

Fifthly, Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Jeremy Gruenhagen, acting as a Public Official on behalf of the City of Hamburg, for a **FIFTH** time, violated Minnesota Statute 609.43 Subdivision 3) by:

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REFUSING TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FINANCIAL and ***OTHER INFORMATION*** regarding the City Of Hamburg without ***FIRST REQUIRING*** and ***RECEIVING PRE-PAYMENT*** said ***PUBLIC IFORMATION*** to which any Taxpaying resident is entitled.

This action, by the CITY OF HAMBURG, is nothing more than a covert rose to discourage me from requesting financial and other information about the City that is public and 'damaging' to their attempts to keep it from being publicly known.

The Hamburg Mayor, City Council Members and the 'contract' City Attorney, all violated Minnesota Statutes 609.43 Subdivision 1) by:

INTENTIONALLY REFUSING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HEINOUS and ***UNLAWFUL ACTS*** cited above of its **CITY CLERK/TREASURER** and, instead of addressing the ***HEINOUS*** and ***UNLAWFUL ACTS*** cited above (and others) of its City Clerk/Treasurer, opted, ***INSTEAD***, to provide him with a ***4% SALARY INCREASE*** for ***2020 !!***

Basic common sense and logic (and Minnesota State Law) dictates the proper action for the Hamburg Mayor and City Council would be that upon receiving information of inappropriate or corrupt actions by their City Clerk/Treasurer, the governing body of ***ANY*** City or municipality, should **IMMEDIATELY** place the accused, in this case, the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer, on an 'Investigative Suspension' and retain an impartial, independent, knowledgeable and qualified agency to conduct a thorough and complete investigation into the allegation(s) of the accused.

Upon conclusion of the investigation, those finding would be forwarded to the governing body for appropriate action , or discipline, if necessary, and **ALSO** forward to the local County Attorney, or other appropriate, prosecutorial authority, for further investigation and the filing of criminal charges against the accused, and any other persons involved, if deemed appropriate.

Realizing what was taking place by Hamburg Public Officials, the only way that the true facts and circumstances could be determined was, because ***"…..willful and corrupt misconduct in office of Public Officers in the County…"*** were/are involved, was to present the case to a Grand Jury, as allowed (and *REQUIRED*) by law. In addition to sincerely believing that Carver County Attorney Metz to be a person of character and integrity; that seemed to logical person to provide my information, findings and documentation to.

As it has now turned out, how ***WRONG*** that turned out to be !!

I sent a respectful e-mail to Carver County Attorney Mark Metz on **December 20, 2019** alerting him what I was witnessing taking place based on my observations and evidence that I had gathered, of allegations of Misconduct of Hamburg City Officials.

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County Attorney Metz ***FAILED TO RESPOND*** to, or even **ACKNOWLEDGE** my December 20, 2019 e-mail to him. As a result of his indifference, Carver County Metz is also guilty of **MALFEASANCE** as well as violation of Minnesota Statute 609.43 Subdivision 1 because:

On approximately **March 4, 2020**, I a respectful letter and numerous supporting documents to Carver County Attorney Mark Metz further advising him, based on my observations and evidence that I had gathered, of my allegations of Misconduct and continued inappropriate actions of the Public Officials of the City of Hamburg.

By Carver County Attorney Metz ***FAILING TO RESPOND*** to, or even **ACKNOWLEDGE** my March 4, 2020 letter and supporting documents sent to him on March 4, 2020, he has violated Minnesota Statute 609.43 Subdivisions 1 & 3 and is also guilty of **MALFEASANCE**.

Again, on June 10, 2020, I again sent a letter to County Attorney Metz regarding my ***TWO*** previous **UNANSWERED** and **UNACKNOWLEDGED COMMUNICAIONS** and supporting **'DOCUMENTS'** sent to him.

On approximately June 27, 2020 I a letter from **Mr. Peter Ivy** who identified himself as a **Deputy Carver County Attorney** advising him me that there was ***NO BASIS*** for my complaints against the Public Officials of the City Of Hamburg and, because of such, there would be *NO GRAND JURY EMPANELED*, as REQUIRED BY MINNESOTA STATUTE 628.61 Subdivision 3 !!

Minnesota Statute 628.61 Subdivision 3 REQUIRES that a Grand Jury shall *"..... INQUIRE INTO THE WILLFUL AND CORRUPT MISCONDUCT OF ALL PUBLIC OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY."*

By his *FAILURE TO ACT APPROPRIATELY* (and according to State Law), Carver County Attorney Mark Metz and Deputy Carver County Attorney Peter Ivy are guilty of MALFEASANCE and has also violated Minnesota Statute 609.43 Subdivision 1 and 3 for:

FAILURE TO ACT RESPONSIBLY and ***JUDICIOUSLY*** for their ***REFUSING TO CALL A GRAND JURY*** as REQUIRED BY STATE LAW upon receipt of a complaint of PUBLIC OFFICER MISCONDUCT in Carver County.

Additionally, because of their acts, the Carver County Attorney, the Deputy Carver County Attorney and other certain Public Officials may committed and/or been involved in a 'cover-up', conspiracy and corruption as a result of what's taken/taking place in the City of Hamburg.

CORRUPTION
The key elements of corruption:
1) personal authority held.
2) behavior conflicting with the authority held.

3) pursuit of undue advantage for oneself or other persons.
4) damage.

A slightly modified version of a posting on my Website in response to the June 23, 2020 letter from Deputy Peter Ivy and summarizing what has taken place regarding this matter, is also enclosed.

Attorney General Ellison: Based on the information contained n this letter and enclosed document sent to you this date, as well as a copy of my March 4, 2019 letter to Carver County Attorney Mark Metz accompanied by the supporting documents sent to him with that letter, **I respectfully request that you direct the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension** to conduct a thorough and in-depth investigation into the very questionable, unethical and illegal acts of those individuals referenced in this letter.

Our Criminal Justice System **MUST ENSURE** than ***NO ONE***, regardless of who they are, their position or how 'invincible' they may think they are, is above the law.

When I first contacted Carver County Attorney Metz, I sincerely believed that he would comply with Minnesota law, empanel a Grand Jury and get those involve to testify, and admit **UNDER OATH**, of what has taken pace in the City of Hamburg.

Carver County Attorney Metz didn't even have the courtesy to even so much as call me to discuss my written communication and submission of documentation sent to him about what was/ still is what's taking place; just a 'flat out' '**NO**' !!

B Carver County Attorney Metz does not have 'clean hands, it would be to his ***GREAT DETRIMENT*** for him to have pursued my very valid (and easily provable) complaints to him against Hamburg City Officials because of who else would be found out, identified, and to be involved.

I'm sure his thinking was/is that I'll simply 'drop it' and forget about what I've witnessed and what has taken place. He didn't even do so little as even think about referring this matter to 'an independent agency' because of what will be discovered and the identities of those persons involved; he's more 'worried' about himself'

And he should be.

As a retired Police Officer and Deputy Sheriff with a long (1966-1984) and stellar Law Enforcement career (including a **commendation from former FBI Director Clarence Kelly**), I fully understand the gravity of my allegations, but, more importantly, I ***KNOW***, firsthand, the importance of incontrovertible evidence. (My Professional Resume' is available at **www.thedeltashow.com/professionalresume.html**).

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All through the course of what's taken place since last September, I've been 'gathering evidence and, basically, 'building a rock solid, airtight case' against those whom I have accused.

Therefore, I offer ***ALL*** of the information, documents, records, pictures, videos, etc. that I have amassed over the past eleven months to the BCA to assist them in helping 'build their (rock solid) case' against those I have accused.

I am even also willing to submit to a polygraph examination along with those who stand accused, in an effort to get the true facts known and 'out in the open' and those responsible, bought to justice.

For his information and possible involvement of his Agency, I am sending a copy of this letter, and it's content, to Special Agent Rainer S. Drolshagen, the Special Agent In Charge of the Minneapolis Office of the FBI. *(**INTERESTING EVENT:** After it was turned over to them by the FBI, Hamburg City Officials 'tampered with' evidence that I had previously sent to the FBI's office for 'safekeeping').*

I am also sending a copy of this letter, and its content, to the United States Attorney for Minnesota in Minneapolis, Erica H. Macdonald for her information if you wish, or she wishes, to involve her office.

Probably everything that you will need to know regarding this letter is most likely available on my Website at **www.thedeltashow.com**. On that Homepage, there are 'links' that will bring you to the various Webpages that provide irrefutable evidence as to what has taken place, positive identities f who's involved and other valuable information as to what's take place. during the past ten or eleven months.

As I state on my Website: "I have always been, and will ***ALWAYS*** continue to be, a loyal and staunch supporter of 'First Responders'; the Police Officers, the Firefighters, the Emergency Medical Services Personnel, the 9-1-1 Dispatchers and our Military; my Websites, and my Weekly Internet Shows, convey that fact adequately, emphatically and unquestionably. I realize that everybody is all concerned about holding local Police Officers accountable; I 'get that'. But don't judge the entire Law Enforcement Profession and the deplorable and 'stupid' acts and decisions of a few of the 'rogue ones', that ***EVERY*** profession has. Also, how about holding ALL other City, County and State 'Public Officials' accountable for their actions or lack thereof ??

That ***CERTAINLY*** would solve the problem we're now facing here, in the CITY OF HAMBURG ***AND*** in CARVER COUNTY !!

Think about that; even if for just a minute.

At seventy-seven years of age, I ***NEVER DREAMED*** that I'd be the 'key witness' of dishonesty, deceit, cover-up, conspiracy and corruption in the City and County where I intend to spend my few remaining years, reflecting on my very enjoyable, rewarding and productive life while

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looking back on my exemplary career as a Professional Law Enforcement Officer.

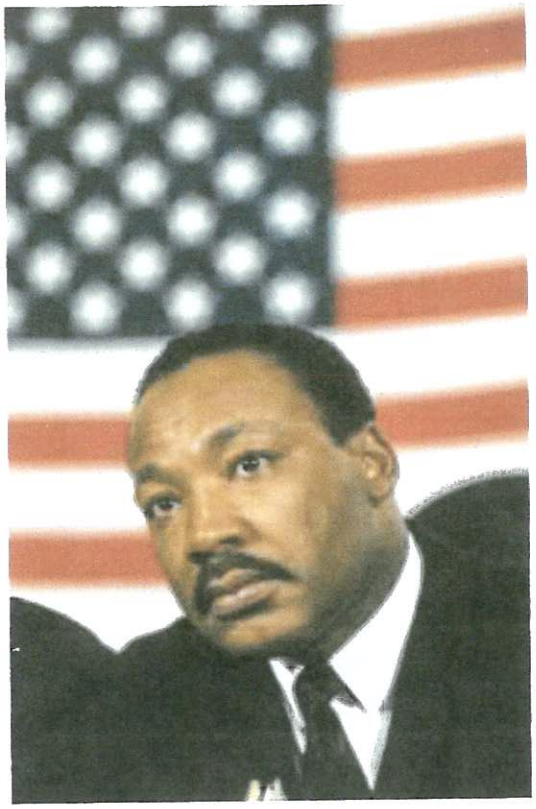
Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this very serious matter and please; ***BE SAFE*** ***!!***

Sincerely,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation—Minneapolis Office

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United States Attorney's Office—Minneapolis



"The time is
ALWAYS RIGHT
to ***DO***
WHAT IS RIGHT."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Never be afraid
to raise your voice for honesty
and truth and compassion
against injustice and
lying ***and*** *greed*."

William Faulkner

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August 31, 2020

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Dear Special Agent Drolshagen:

Enclosed please find a copy a letter sent to Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison detailing a summary of 'sinister events' taking place in the City of Hamburg. What initially began as my merely inquiring last fall about a civil lawsuit brought against the City of Hamburg by a former Hamburg City Councilmember, has now 'ballooned' into what appears to be a conspiracy of City Officials; ***INCLUDING*** the 'contract' **Hamburg City Attorney Kelly Dohm**.

Because what was taking place involved Elected and other Public Officials of the City of Hamburg, I initially brought my suspicions and concerns to the attention of Carver County Attorney Mark Metz last December 20, 2019.

Carver County Attorney Metz *FAILED TO RESPOND TO* or *ACKNOWLEDGE* the communicating of my suspicions and concerns to him.

On March 4, 2020, I again contacted Carver County Attorney Metz, and further advised him, in greater detail, of what was continuing to take place. Accompanying this letter, I provided him with multiple, irrefutable documents and other evidence that I had collected, unequivocally substantiating my allegations, along with other information that I had previously brought to his attention, about what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials.

Once *AGAIN*, Carver County Attorney Metz *FAILED TO RESPOND TO* or *ACKNOWLEDGE* my communication to him nor the 'evidence' I presented to him of what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials.

On June 10, 2020, I contacted Carver County Attorney Metz for a *THIRD* time regarding my 'report' to him of what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials.

After *NOT RECEIVING ANY RESPONSE* or *ACKNOWLEDGEMENT* for a *THIRD* time from Carver County Attorney Metz to this *THIRD* request, and my knowing, for an absolute certainty', that the 'contract' **Hamburg City Attorney Kelly Dohm**, was FULLY AWARE

of, (and involved in), what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by the City's Public Officials, and further, COUPLED WITH THE INDESPUTEABLE FACT that the 'contract' **Hamburg City Attorney, Kelly Dohm**, has a personal 'close working relationship' with the Carver County Attorney's Office, I began to rationalize a reason as to why the Carver County Attorney was TOTALLY 'ignoring me.'

He, *TOO*, and *HIS OFFICE STAFF*, were ALSO INVOLVED with what was taking place in the City of Hamburg, by its Public Officials !1

My suspicions were confirmed on June 27, 2020 when I received a letter from **Deputy Carver County Attorney Peter Ivy**, a name I became thoroughly familiar with when the (other) City Officials were trying to 'force' me off of the Hamburg City Council back in 2015, because of what I was 'uncovering' and making publicly known to residents via my Website.

Hamburg City Officials WASTED $50,000.00 TAXPAYER DOLLARS in their (***unsuccessful***) attempts to force me to resign my elected City Councilmember position back in 2015, and **Peter Ivy,** was the **Deputy Carver County Attorney** that was involved, along with 'contract' **City Attorney Kelly Dohm**, in that devious and underhanded effort !!

A copy of that letter that I received from **Deputy Carver County Attorney Peter Ivy** on June 27, 2020 is enclosed with the information contained herein. **Deputy Carver County Attorney Peter Ivy** basically told me to me to ***'stick you complaint*** *(revealing what is taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials)* ***where the sun don't shine'***.

CORRUPTION 101 !!

Suddenly, **EVERYTHING** was 'coming into clear and sharp focus'. We've also got 'cover-up', collusion, conspiracy and ***CORRUPTION*** between, and within, the City of Hamburg and the Carver County Attorney's Office !! That's the reason for my contacting Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, and extending to you and the United States Attorney, Erica H. MacDonald, the courtesy of alerting you as to what's taken (and is still taking) place.

I'm sure you both will find it of interest that ***FIVE YEARS AGO***, I reported these sorts of things taking place in 2015 to **F.B.I. Special Agent Richard Thornton**. I drove to your headquarters in Brooklyn Center and met personally with Agent Thornton after having observed what was taking place in the City of Hamburg, by its Public Officials way back then, while I was still a Hamburg City Councilmember (2013-2016). As I recall, Special Agent Thornton and I we met face-to-face and talked for well over an hour.

While my assertions five years ago were no less valid than my assertions today, noted 'Super

Lawyer' Marshall Tanick (who I had retained at my own expense when I realized what was taking place) stated back then that ***'The City has already poisoned the well against you.'*** destroying my credibility.

As a retired, Professional Law Enforcement Officer of nearly ***TWENTY YEARS*** and attaining the rank of ***SERGEANT*** in ***TWO*** divisions of Minnesota's ***LARGEST SHERIFF'S OFFICE***, that did not, at all, 'sit well' with me..

(Please see www.thedeltashow.com/whatattorneyhastosay.html.)

True as Attorney Tanick's statement was, that should ***NOT*** have given any less integrity to my allegations and assertions. But it did. Everything that was taking place in the City of Hamburg during 2015 and 2016, was successfully 'covered up' by Hamburg City Officials !

I **SINCERELY HOPE**, this time, that 'things' will be different. My prayer is that this time, appropriate authorities will "Listen to the message; and not shoot the (77 year old) messenger!"

This letter to you, Agent Drolshagen, was simply going to be a 'cover letter' announcing the delivering to you, a 'courtesy copy' of my formal complaint sent to Minnesota Attorney General Ellison about what's taking place in Hamburg and Carver County, for your information so that you'd at least be alerted to what's happening in Hamburg and Carver County and who's involved.

But after locating my communications with Agent Thornton in June 2015 and reviewing their content, I am compelled me to provide you with the additional information contained in this cover letter to you.

Certainly; if you wish to discuss anything regarding what's contained in the information that accompanies this letter, my contact information is shown below.

BE SAFE !!

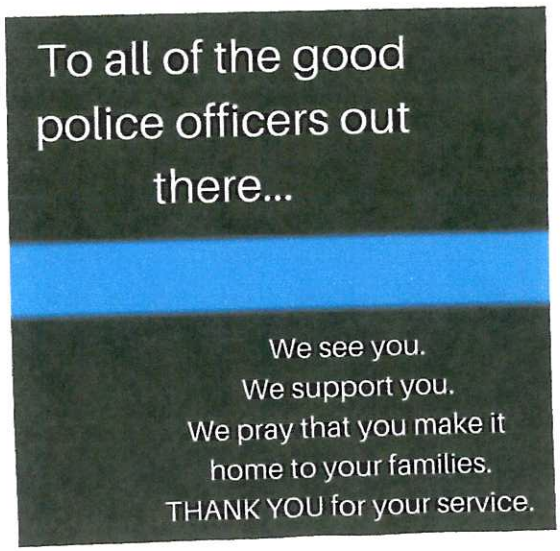
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cc Keith Ellison,
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Enclosures



Public corruption, the FBI's top criminal investigative priority, poses a fundamental threat to our national security and way of life. It can affect everything from how well our borders are secured and our neighborhoods protected to how verdicts are handed down in courts to how public infrastructure such as roads and schools are built. It also takes a significant toll on the public's pocketbooks by siphoning off tax dollars—it is estimated that public corruption costs the U.S. government and the public billions of dollars each year. The FBI is uniquely situated to combat corruption, with the skills and capabilities to run complex undercover operations and surveillance.

Overview

The Bureau's Public Corruption program focuses on:

- Investigating violations of federal law by public officials at the federal, state, and local levels of government;
- Overseeing the nationwide investigation of allegations of fraud related to federal government procurement, contracts, and federally funded programs;
- Combating the threat of public corruption along the nation's borders and points of entry in order to decrease the country's vulnerability to drug and weapons trafficking, alien smuggling, espionage, and terrorism.

- Addressing environmental crime, election fraud, and matters concerning the federal government procurement, contracts, and federally funded programs.
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In 2008, the FBI created the International Corruption Unit (ICU) to oversee the increasing number of investigations involving global fraud against the U.S. government and the corruption of federal public officials outside of the continental U.S. involving U.S. funds, persons, businesses, etc. The ICU's tasks include:

- Overseeing the Bureau's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and antitrust cases;
- Maintaining operational oversight of several International Contract Corruption Task Forces, which investigate and prosecute individuals and firms engaged in bribery, illegal gratuities, contract extortion, bid rigging, collusion, conflicts of interest, product substitution, items and/or services invoiced without delivery, theft, diversion of goods, and individual and corporate conspiracies on every level of U.S. government operations.

No other law enforcement agency has attained the kind of success the FBI has achieved in combating corruption. This success is due largely to the cooperation and coordination from a number of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to combat public corruption.

These partnerships include, but are not limited to the Department of Justice, Agency Offices of Inspector General; law enforcement agencies' internal affairs divisions; federal, state and local law enforcement and regulatory investigative agencies; and state and county prosecutor's offices.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I saw a very interesting article in the Tuesday September 15, 2020 issue of the **MINNEAPOLIS STAR-TRIBUNE** newspaper regarding the disbarment, by the Minnesota Supreme Court, of the former 'top prosecutor' of Carlton County for **'professional misconduct'**. Kudos to the Minnesota Supreme Court !!

It would be well worth your Agency's effort to investigate similar **'professional misconduct'** allegations of the CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE and selected attorneys affiliated with Carver County's (largest) law firm, MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN.

As a retired former Police Officer and Hennepin County Deputy Sheriff (1966-1984), I was elected to the Hamburg City Council and served from 2013-2016. During my term four year term, I observed numerous instances of questionable 'events' take place by Hamburg City Officials that defied all common logic and sensibility. What I observed during the four years I served as a Hamburg City Councilmember, is 'a story in itself'. But, the intent of this letter is ***NOT*** about what I witnessed and observed take place during my four year Hamburg City Councilmember term.

Rather, this letter concerns what has taken place during the past year involving all of the City of Hamburg Public Officials as well as the CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ, DEPUTY CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY PETER IVY and selected attorneys affiliated with the law firm of MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN; the Waconia based law firm with which the City of Hamburg has a contract with to provide its legal consultation, advice and services. Here is a brief summary of what has taken place during the past year:

Approximately a year ago, I leaned that the City of Hamburg was being sued by a former Hamburg City Councilmember. Upon learning of this lawsuit and as a concerned taxpaying Hamburg resident and property owner, I sent an e-mail to HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER JEREMY GRUENHAGEN on **October 15, 2019**, asking for a copy of the lawsuit in which the City of Hamburg was named as the defendant.

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Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Gruenhagen responded to my request later that same day stating, ***"Since the City is involved in a pending litigation I will need to confer with our attorney. Once I hear back from them I will provide you with the information that is available to the public."***

This action by Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Gruenhagen, confirmed the involvement of **one or more attorneys** with the **Melchert, Hubert & Sjodin** law firm with what has been taking place in the City of Hamburg, formally and intentionally, for over a year.

On **October 21, 2019**, I received an e-mail from Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Gruenhagen stating, ***"Since the pleadings have been filed, you can get them from the Carver County Court Administrator."***

The statement by Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer proved to be a ***irrefutable*** **FALSE** and **FABRICATED** statement, and was provided to me ***AFTER*** Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Gruenhagen conferred with the City of Hamburg 'contract' **Hamburg City Attorney** affiliated with the **Melchert, Hubert & Sjodin** law firm, regarding my request !!

After **AT LEAST TWO** in-person trips to the **Carver County District Court** and **AT LEAST TWO** additional telephone conversations with **Carver County District Court Staff**, I was able to ***UNEQUIVOCALLY CONFIRM***, with the Court, that **NO DOCUMENTS OF ANY KIND** regarding he lawsuit against the City of Hamburg, **HAD BEEN FILED WITH THE COURT**, as I was told by Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Gruenhagen, that they had been filed.

It is also noteworthy that, ***AFTER*** consulting with the 'contract' **Hamburg City Attorney**, the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer steadfastly **REFUSED** to provide me with a copy of the **PUBLIC** lawsuit against the City that I had initially asked for.

There can be very **LITTLE** that is ***MORE SERIOUS*** than **DISHONESTY**, **DECEIT** and **DECEPTION** by Public Officials who are paid by citizens with their hard-earned Taxpayer Dollars. It would later be learned that the 'filing' of the lawsuit with the Carver County District Court didn't actually take place until November 1, 2019; ***PROVING, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT***, that the claim made on October 21, 2019 by the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer that the 'filing' had already taken place, was, in fact, **FALSE**, **FRAUDULENT** and **INTENTIONAL** !!

Yet, that is ***EXACTLY*** what I had just experienced and witnessed.

Then to make their actions even more egregious, the **INTENTIONAL, OUTRIGHT LYING** by stating that the **PUBLIC** document that I was seeking to obtain had been 'filed' with the Court when, in reality, it hadn't been. (Gruenhagen would later admit, in December 2019, that

he knew the filing hadn't taken place as he had claimed !!)

Then, again, ***AFTER*** conferring with the 'contract' **Hamburg City Attorney**, Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Gruenhagen, a City of Hamburg Public Official whose salary is paid by the taxpayers of the City, has the unmitigated audacity to ***INTENTIONALLY PREPARE*** and ***INTENTIONALLY SUBMIT***, an **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT** that ***KNOWINGLY CONTAINS FALSE AND FRAUDULENT INFORMATION*** !!

Once I realized what was taking place, I reviewed **Minnesota Stature 609.43; MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**. By reading the statute, a first grader could easily deduce that the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer ***AND*** the 'contract' **Hamburg City Attorney**, had ***blatantly***, and ***intentionally***, **violated this statute** by their actions described above.

In addition to 'resurrecting' my former Website about the City of Hamburg that I had designed and maintained during my four year Hamburg City Councilmember term, over the next few months I continued to 'gather evidence' of the misdeeds of the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer and the 'contract' **Hamburg City Attorney** in violation of **Minnesota Statute 609.43 MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**.

Because of what I was finding out and also because of who was involved, I alerted **Carver County Attorney Mark Metz** of what I had discovered was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials.

To my surprise and great dismay, **Carver County Attorney Metz** ***FAILED*** to ever acknowledge or respond to my alerting him of what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials !! Yet, I continued to gather my evidence of what was taking place by Hamburg City Officials and update my Webpages with my intent being that I would eventually submit everything to **Carver County Attorney Metz** so that those involved, would be held responsible for their devious acts and misdeeds, and dealt with accordingly and appropriately.

You can't imagine my shock when I learned that ***INSTEAD*** of holding the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer responsible for his actions, the Hamburg City Council ***TOTALLY IGNORED*** what was taking place and actually **GAVE HIM A 4% SALARY INCREASE FOR 2020 !!**

I believe you'll also find it highly unusual that of ***ALL*** of the (poor quality) audio tapes recorded at Hamburg City Council meetings that I listened to, I was **UNABLE TO FIND ANY PUBLIC DISCUSSION** regarding the dishonest and highly inappropriate actions of Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer Gruenhagen.

Fact is ***STRANGER*** than fiction.

Director
Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board
September 16, 2020

On **March 4, 2020**, I again contacted **Carver County Attorney Metz** and, with a 'cover letter', submitted all of the information and other evidence that I had gathered over the preceding months about what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials.

Once ***AGAIN***, **Carver County Attorney Metz** ***FAILED*** to acknowledge or respond to my latest communication and submitted evidence, to him. (Copy enclosed for your review.)

AGAIN, this time on **June 10, 2020**, I contacted **Carver County Attorney Metz** for a ***THIRD*** time; (politely) inquiring what his intentions were regarding all of the information and evidence of what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials that I had submitted to him.

I was beginning to 'smell' the 'proverbial rat'.

Finally, in response to my June 10, 2010 letter, I received a letter from **Deputy Carver County Attorney Peter Ivy** basically advising me that there was 'no merit' to my report (or evidence) of anything, no 'probable cause' existed for his office to act any further.

In other words, ***"GO AWAY OLD MAN; WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING OR WASTE OUR TIME WITH YOU" !!***

I don't respond well to that type of attitude and indifference.

It was then that I 'figured it all out'; the **Carver County Attorney's Office** was/is also involved with what I had uncovered and they didn't want themselves, or the identities of other prominent persons involved in what was taking place, 'exposed'.

Cover Up.

So, the underhanded and sinister actions of the Hamburg Public Officials continue, and now expands to the **Carver County Attorney's Office**.

I know for a fact that the City of Hamburg Public Officials fully believe that they are 'untouchable' because of their 'cozy relationship' with the **Carver County Attorneys Office**; I learned that very quickly while serving as a Hamburg City Councilmember.

Minnesota Statute 628.61 ***REQUIRES*** that a ***"....grand jury shall inquire (Subdivision 3) into the willful and corrupt misconduct in office of all public officers in the county."***

It's ***NOT*** a 'discretionary' option. Don't County Attorneys have to 'abide by the law' or are they, as in this case, **'EXEMPT'** ?

Yet, Deputy Carver County Attorney Ivy stated emphatically that no such grand jury will be called !! And, it never was.

Because of that disregarding (and ***INTENTIONAL VIOLATION***) of Minnesota law and his (their) statutory requirement, the TRUE AND ACTUAL FACTS about what's taken place as well as who is involved, can ***NOT*** be known !!

Imagine that: **OBSTRUCTION** of the 'legal process' by the Carver County Attorney's Office; the CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMNT OFFICER IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY **!!**

It kind of reminds one of the former Carlton County 'top prosecutor' mentioned at the beginning of his letter, doesn't it?

No wonder there's so much 'civil unrest' in our country and dedicated Law Enforcement Officers are being attacked, injured and killed all across America.

When prosecutors, instead of being fair, impartial and unbiased, are swayed and/or succumb to partiality and favoritism of those persons who break the law because of 'who they are' or 'who they know', it's time to 'turn off the lights, close the door, turn the key in the lock' and turn our **GREAT COUNTRY** over to the thugs, rioters and looters.

Deputy Carver County Attorney Ivy further states that no 'probable cause' exists to investigate my complaint of **MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**. He should probably go back to Law School.

'Probable Cause' is defined as "A **reasonable grounds** of suspicion **supported by circumstances sufficiently strong** in **themselves** to warrant a **conscientious** man into **believing** that a **crime has been committed** and the **accused committed that crime**". And then there's this:

'Probable Cause' **requires more** than a mere **suspicion** that a suspect committed a crime, **but not an absolute certainty**. 'Probable cause'* is the legal standard that requires facts or evidence in a given situation that would lead a **reasonable person** to believe that a **suspect has committed a crime** and that **suspect accused, did, in fact, commit the crime** of which he or she is **accused**. (*In **Illinois v. Gates, 462 U.S. 213, 232 (1983)**, the **Court favored a flexible approach**, viewing 'Probable Cause' as a **"practical, non-technical" standard** that calls upon the **factual and practical considerations of everyday life** on which **reasonable and prudent men** [...] act". (Courts often adopt a **broader, more flexible** view of 'Probable Cause' when the **alleged offenses are serious**.)

I've reviewed the **RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** to which lawyers are (supposed to be) bound and comply with.

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Yes; there are also numerous, serious violations that have been committed in this matter that do, indeed; constitute PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT under **Rule 8.4 of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct**.

But I'll leave those type of decisions up to your Agency as to what your action should/will be. I'm only too happy to bring to your attention what has been taking place (and probably still is.) But I must caution your Agency; most everyone involved believes that they are 'invincible' and will, in all likelihood, scheme and lie because they been able to do so in the past.

PLEASE don't allow your Agency to be 'duped' by their dishonesty. Up to this 'point' it's 'worked for them to 'band together' and 'coordinate' their 'stories (lies).

They're RUTHLESS !!

It is my hope and prayer that a thorough and complete investigation of this entire matter, and of those alleged to be/have been involved, will be ordered and conducted and those who are found to have acted inappropriately, will be held both criminally and civilly liable and **FULLY ACCOUNTABLE** for their actions, misdeeds and transgressions.

In closing, thank your for time to learn about what has been taking place in the City of Hamburg and what happened when I, as any 'good citizen' would, reported it to the 'proper authorities'; Carver County Attorney Metz.

Because of my knowledge of the Hamburg Public Officials as well as knowing (from personal experience during my Hamburg City Council term) as to how 'low they will stoop', I know ***EXACTLY*** **WHO** is involved, **WHAT** they did and **HOW** they did it and **WHY** they honestly believe they won't get 'caught'

I can predict, with **99.9% certainty**, what the outcome of a thorough, rigorous and comprehensive *CRIMINAL* investigation will be; I've been to this 'rodeo' before.

It'll be up to the Supreme Court to 'deal with' the lawyers and hold them accountable.

Because I am a **FIRM BELIEVER** in 'transparency' and citizens knowing what is taking place with their Public Officials and Employees, I have continued to maintain and regularly update my Webpages about what is taking place with the Public Officials of City of Hamburg as well as with Carver County Public Officials. Pretty much all of the details of everything that you might want to know more about what's taken/taking place, can be found on my Webpages; available at **www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html**.

My Professional Resume documenting my impressive, impeccable and very rewarding Law Enforcement Career is also available at **www.thedeltashow.com/professionalresume.html** and

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my contact information is shown below.

I truly understand the seriousness of the content of this letter and the enclosed material; virtually every aspect of this information is already documented on my Webpages. I trust that your Agency will accept this formal complaint with the sincerity with which it is submitted.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation; and please be assured of mine.

Sincerely,

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In the Matter of the Complaint of
RICHARD E. ODOMS
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against MARK ANDREW METZ,
a Minnesota Attorney,
Registration No. 0278038.

DETERMINATION THAT DISCIPLINE IS NOT WARRANTED, WITHOUT INVESTIGATION



TO: RICHARD E. ODOMS:

After reviewing the documents you submitted, and the following publicly available information: Register of Actions, Case No. 10-CV-19-1091, the Director has determined not to investigate your complaint. The reasons for the Director's decision not to investigate this complaint are as follows:

Complaint Summary

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Reasons for Decision Not to Investigate

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The Director's Office is limited to investigating complaints of unprofessional conduct and prosecuting disciplinary actions against attorneys. It cannot represent you in any legal matter or give legal advice. You must retain an attorney if either legal advice or representation is desired.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

If you are not satisfied with the Director's determination not to investigate this complaint, an appeal may be made by notifying the Director in a letter postmarked no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of this notice. The letter of appeal should state the reason(s) why you believe the matter should be investigated. A Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board member will review the appeal. The Lawyers Board is comprised of 14 lawyers and 9 non-lawyers appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court. Appeals are assigned to individual Lawyers Board members in rotation according to when they are received. The Board members' options on appeal are limited to either approving the Director's decision not to investigate the complaint or directing that the complaint or some portion of the complaint be investigated. This determination will generally be based upon the information which is already contained in the file.

Mr. Metz is, by way of a copy of this determination and your complaint, being notified of your complaint and our decision not to investigate.

Susan M. Humiston Humiston, Susan
Oct 13 2020 9:16 AM

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Susan M. Humiston Humiston, Susan
Oct 13 2020 9:14 AM

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PLEASE NOTE:

This letter is a CORRECTED COPY of the letter mailed and postmarked September 24, 2020 APPEALING the Director's **DECISION NOT TO INVESTIGATE** my complaint dated September 16, 2020.

The 'uncorrected' letter was mailed September 24, 2020 to ensure that this appeal would be received by the Lawyer's Board within the specified 14 days.

October 26, 2020

Ms. Susan M. Humiston, Director
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RE: **Determination That Discipline Is Not Warranted *WITHOUT INVESTIGATION***

Dear Ms. Humiston:

Thank you for the above-captioned Document(s) dated October 13, 2020 and delivered to me by the United States Postal Service on October 15, 2020. In accordance with your document(s) received, please consider this letter as respectfully exercising my **RIGHT TO APPEAL** your agency's ***ERRONEOUS*** decision **NOT TO INVESTIGATE** my complaint, dated September 16, 2020, filed with your agency. Because of the voluminous amount of documents that are involved in my formal complaint to your agency, it may not be possible to fully submit my complete appeal within the fourteen day period established by your Agency.

The reason why your Agency would send me **TWO IDENTICAL RESPONSES** in **TWO SEPARATE MAILINGS** postmarked **THE SAME DATE** causes me to question the motive of your Agency for doing such an unusual and unnatural act.

Sadly, your decision **NOT TO INVESTIGATE** raises more questions regarding the allegations made in my September 16 Letter of Complaint than it answers or provides explanations for.

Because of the seriousness of their actions and identity of the persons involved and the subsequent filing of a formal complaint with your Office because of what's taken place, the failure of your State Agency, funded by taxpayer dollars, that is charged with 'monitoring' lawyers and their performance and behavior, has failed miserably. The Minnesota Rules Of Professional Conduct state, ***"An apparently isolated violation may indicate a pattern of misconduct that only a disciplinary investigation can uncover***." So it is in this case.

I **KNOW**, for certain, what's taken place by Hamburg Public Officials because I have invested **COUNTLESS HOURS** for ***MORE THAN A YEAR*** documenting, by 'tracking' activities and 'gathering evidence' about what's taken place and the Public Officials (and others) involved.

Instead of undertaking a (required) thorough, full, complete and impartial investigation regarding the (verifiable) allegations as to what has taken place by one or more Public Officials of the City of Hamburg as clearly detailed in my September 16, 2020 letter to your Agency, your Agency chose, instead, to TOTALLY IGNORE the REQUIREMENTS of the appropriate MINNESOTA STATUTES as they relate to MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE as well as the PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT of (taxpayer paid) **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEYS** !!

Had your Agency initiated, and conducted a **THOROUGH**, **COMPLETE** and **IMPARTIAL** investigation (instead of making the erroneous **DECISION NOT TO INVESTIGATE**), my allegations would be positively substantiated by properly reviewing the irrefutable facts readily available and eliciting testimony (as REQUIRED BY LAW) from those accused of MISCONDUCT and/or UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT of those involved, identified and accused !

In the case of the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEYS,** they clearly FAILED TO RESPOND 'in a timely fashion' to my contacting them on December 20th 2019 regarding my report to them as to what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials. (Actually they DIDN'T RESPOND AT ALL !!).

For a SECOND TIME, the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEYS** clearly FAILED TO RESPOND 'in a timely fashion' to my contacting them on March 4th 2020 to report to them as to what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials. (*AGAIN*; they DIDN'T RESPOND AT ALL !!).

For a THIRD TIME, the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEYS** clearly FAILED TO RESPOND 'in a timely fashion' to my contacting them in my June 10th report to them as to what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials.

FINALLY, after CONTACTING THEIR OFFICE THREE TIMES OVER A SIX MONTH PERIOD WITHOUT ANY ACKNOWLDGEMENT, I received a letter from Deputy County Attorney Peter Ivy advising me that (in VIOLATION OF STATE LAW), the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** was TAKING NO ACTION on my (three) formal complaints regarding what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials.

As a result of the INDIFFERENCE and NEGLECT of the CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, the cover-up, conspiracy and collusion taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials and costing taxpayers hundreds of dollars, was/is allowed to continue **UNABATED**.

As a **DIRECT RESULT** of the INDIFFERENCE and NEGLECT of the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER** is allowed to AUTHOR, and SUBMIT, a FALSE and FRAULENT PREPARED DOCUMENT, by INVOLVING THE HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY and using the CARVER COUNTY COURT SYSTEM to facilitate a lie in an attempt to PREVENT PUBLIC INFORMATION FROM BEING RELEASED. (It was later determined, in approximately December 2019, that the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER,** by his own, inadvertent admission, revealed that his earlier statements, made to your complainant, were false.) The **'Smoking Gun'**.

It is my hope and prayer that whoever the individuals are that are charged with determining the necessity of overturning the Director's **DECISION TO NOT INVESIGATE** this matter, will call for the opening of a complete, thorough, full and impartial investigation **REVERSING** the Director's GROSSLY INAPPROPRIATE and PREJUDICIAL DECISION TO NOT INVESIGATE; a MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE that allows (City and County) Public Officials, who are paid with taxpayer dollars, to act recklessly, and illegally, in the performance of their duties without any accountability or sanctions whatsoever.

When that happens, the public's 'Sense Of Confidence' in those we elect to serve us, is seriously eroded. And when a failure occurs by the 'Watchdog Agency' whose 'mission' and responsibility it is to ferret out these types of actions by our Public Officials, the Public's 'confidence' is eroded ever further.

Sincerely,

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October 29, 2020

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Re: Peter Ivy

Dear Mr. Odoms:

Your appeal of the Director's disposition in the above matter has been received and is being referred to designated Board member Julian C. Zebot. The respondent attorney has been provided a copy of your appeal letter. The Board member will notify you directly, in writing, of the final decision concerning your appeal.

Very truly yours,

Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility

By Keshini M. Ratnayake
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Senior Assistant Director

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November 2, 2020

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RE: Complaint Filed September 16, 2020

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am in receipt of your two (2) letters dated October 29,2020, both under separate cover, acknowledging that my appeal dated September 16, 2020, of the above-captioned matter, has been received by your office.

To ensure that there can be no question as to the indisputable facts of my complaint made to you agency, I wish to emphasize the following very relevant points:

First and foremost, **citizens have the right** and **unconditional expectation** that their elected/ appointed **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** will be of the **utmost integrity** and display **unwavering honesty** in the pursuit, and performance, of the statutory, and other, duties of the **PUBLIC OFFICE** of which they were **appointed**, or **elected**, to hold.

All of those **rights**, **expectations**, **integrity** and **honesty**, that citizens demand of all of our **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** include **elected City Officials**; including the **Mayor** and **City Council Members**, the **City Clerk/Treasurer**, any **attorney(s)** licensed to practice law in the State of Minnesota and, as in this case, any **law firm** with which said **attorney(s)** are affiliated and with which a **contractual agreement** for **legal services** is **implied** or **exists**.

Secondly, the **elected holder** of the **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**, Mark Metz, is undeniably designated as the **TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL** in **Carver County**. He is an individual that is expected to possess the **MOST** honesty, integrity and impartiality of all of the others listed.

Sadly, that is ***NOT*** the case in this matter now before your Agency.

Thirdly, **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43** clearly defines, and what constitutes, **MISCON**

DUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE. The cited statute is very specific as to the 'elements' or actions of that/those **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** that are **CLEAR VIOLATIONS** of **MINNESOTA LAW.**

Because of the numerous wanton, willful and intentional actions of the Hamburg City Clerk/ Treasurer; coupled with the continuity of his actions as well as the unquestionable and conclusive evidence and documents which has already been submitted, entered into evidence and have become a major part of this matter now before you, there should be, and, indeed there exists, overwhelming and sufficient evidence to support the filing of criminal charges against the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer for the numerous misdeeds that he committed and are in **STRICT** and **CLEAR VIOLATION** of **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43.**

Yet, as of this writing, the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer, and the other **PUBLIC OFFICERS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG,** ***including*** the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY** (or attorneys), who are all **PAID WITH PUBLIC, TAXPAYER DOLLARS,** remain **UNACCOUNTABLE** for his/their actions and misdeeds over (at least) the past year.

I realized what was surreptitiously taking place in the City of Hamburg by its **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** back in September/October 2019. At that time, I began gathering information, documents and other documents that would prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, the involvement of Hamburg **PUBLIC OFFICILS** in 'covering up' what was taking place. In addition to creating a Website, accessible to the public, describing what I was discovering, I simultaneously also began researching the various and appropriate Minnesota Statutes that were applicable to what was taking place.

Part of that 'research' led me to **MINNESOTA STATUTE 628.61** relating to **"MATTERS INQUIRED INTO"** by grand juries. **Subdivision 3** states, ***"Into the willful and corrupt misconduct in office of all public officers in the county."***

I then sought out the definition of 'corruption': ***"Dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, typically involving bribery."*** While I wasn't aware of any 'bribery' taking place with City of Hamburg **PUBLIC OFFICERS,** I certainly was witness to numerous examples of ***'dishonest and fraudulent conduct'*** by the **PUBLIC OFFICERS** of the City of Hamburg.

It was on December 20, 2019 that I made the decision to contact the Office of Carver County Attorney, Mark Metz, to call his attention as to what I was discovering, and witnessing taking place, by the **PUBLIC OFFICERS** of the City of Hamburg. In my e-mail to County Attorney Mark Metz I stated, ***"In the (highly unlikely) event that you, and your office, are unaware of what is taking place in the tiny, Carver County City of Hamburg, I respectfully request that you visit a Webpage that I have designed chronicling what I have 'uncovered' The Webpage can be located at www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html".***

When ***ANY*** conscientious County Attorney receives that type of an e-mail message from someone; *ANYONE*, he knows to be a retired Police Officer/Deputy Sheriff with an impressive and stellar 18+ year Law Enforcement career, at the very **LEAST**, that County Attorney should acknowledge that information provided to him, by the originator, and seek **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** when **MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE** working in his county and who is **PAID WITH PUBLIC TAXPAYER DOLLARS**, is alleged.

It's simply the (logical) and the '**right thing to do**'. But that **NEVER HAPPENED !!**

With all of the **RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** that govern lawyers and they are be required to comply with and abide by, it would seem **LOGICAL** and **IMPERATIVE** that **AT LEAST ONE** or more of those 'rules' **REQUIRE** that an attorney, regardless of whether they are in **PUBLIC** practice or in private practice, exercise 'due diligence' ***("reasonable steps taken by a person in order to satisfy a legal requirement, especially in buying or selling something")*** when a matter as serious as **MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE** that is **PAID WITH PUBLIC TAXPAYER DOLLARS**, and is brought to their attention.

But that **NEVER HAPPENED** in response to my contacting Carver County Attorney Mark Metz on December 20, 2019 ! Instead, he ***NEVER CONTACTED ME*** (or even **ACKNOWLEDGED**) my communication sent to him; he **TOTALLY IGNORED** me and the information about what I perceived (and reported) to him of (criminal) 'activity' taking place **INVOLVING PUBLIC OFFICERS** of the City of Hamburg that flagrantly is/was in violation of **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43** of the **MINNESOTA CRIMINAL CODE** !!

Because of that fact alone, I began to question the 'integrity' of the Carver County Attorney's Office and Attorney Mark Metz, as well. Unfortunately, I would have reason to further question the 'integrity; of the Carver County Attorney's Office, and Carver County Attorney Mark Metz, **EVEN MORE** in the subsequent months.

After not hearing ***ANYTHING*** from Carver County Attorney Mark Metz after alerting him on December 20, 2019, to my Webpage describing what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, I continued to 'gather evidence' documenting what I was discovering, I **AGAIN**, for the ***SECOND TIME***, contacted Carver County Attorney, Mark Metz; this time on or about March 24, 2020, and further advised him of what I was discovering.

To further prove my claims and assertions as to what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by it's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, I also **ENCLOSED** virtually **EVERY PIECE** of **EVIDENCE** and **DOCUMENT** (or copies thereof) that I had amassed since the previous fall, and mailed the voluminous 'evidence packet' to Carver County Attorney Mark Metz to aid him in his/our 'pursuit of justice'.

However, **ONCE AGAIN**, as he had done (or ***NOT DONE***) during the previous December when I contacted him, Carver County Attorney Mark Metz **TOTALLY 'BLEW ME OFF'** by **AGAIN**, and for a **SECOND TIME, FAILED TO CONTACT ME** or even **ACKNOWLEDGE** my letter to him or ***ANY*** of the massive amount of documents and other evidence that I had sent to him !!

AGAIN; I call your attention to all of the **RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** that govern lawyers and they must be required to comply with and abide by; it would seem **LOGICAL** and **IMPERATIVE** that **AT LEAST ONE** of those 'rules' **REQUIRE** that an attorney, regardless of whether they are in **PUBLIC** practice or in private practice, exercise 'due diligence' ***("reasonable steps taken by a person in order to satisfy a legal requirement, especially in buying or selling something")*** when a matter as serious as **MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE** that is **PAID WITH PUBLIC TAXPAYER DOLLARS**, is brought to their attention.

To make matters **EVEN WORSE**, Carver County Attorney Mark Metz, ***FAILED*** in his duty, responsibility and obligation to act appropriately when presented with facts and evidence documenting **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE**, because it **INVOLVED** persons who were ***FRIENDS*** and ***PROFESSIONAL ACQUAINTANCES*** of Carver County Attorney Mark Metz, as well as **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the City of Hamburg !!

Finally, on approximately June 27, 2020; some **SIX MONTHS OR MORE** since I initially contacted Carver County Attorney Mark Metz with my report of what was taking place by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the City of Hamburg, I received a ***"GO AWAY OLD MAN & STOP BOTHERING US"*** letter from Deputy Carver County Attorney Peter Ivy.

In his tersely worded letter, Mr. Ivy advised me, in very succinct terms, that there was **NO MERIT WHATSOEVER** to my claims, and even ***IF*** they believed there was, the Carver County Attorney's Office has 'no authority' to 'investigate' my allegations because, and contrary to previous court rulings, no 'Probable Cause' existed for my complaint to be pursued.

It seemed logical to me that a simple telephone call to the Carver County Sheriff's Office would be sufficient enough for that Agency to (at least) open an investigation and 'begin asking some questions' because of the nature of the complaint, the allegations and the identity of those believed to be involved.

But instead, the Carver County Attorney's Office chose to 'bury their head in the sand' hoping that everything would 'evaporate'. This **IRRESPONSIBLE RSPONSE** is **NOT** acceptable to me, nor would it be acceptable to any other Carver County resident.

Suddenly, I knew ***EXACTLY*** who I was 'dealing with' and why Carver County Attorney Mark

Metz had not responded to my ***THREE*** previous messages to him regarding my reporting what I was observing taking place. It was simply because of **WHO WAS INVOLVED** and **WHO WOULD BE IMPLICATED** should my complaint ever be investigated properly and thoroughly by an 'independent' Agency.

I personally 'have no horse in this race'. But that being said and **MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE**, I am **FULLY AWARE** of what was, and probably still is, taking place involving the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the City of Hamburg and, the Carver County Attorney, Mark Metz, and his Deputy Carver County Attorney, Peter Ivy.

Yet, because of who is involved and/or will be 'exposed', the Carver County Attorney's Office, the 'arm' of the 'judicial system' that is supposed to be impartial and ensure that justice is rendered equally, impartially and fairly, is now deeply involved, as already proven by its miserable failure to respond appropriately and responsibly. All one has to do is look at the Minnesota State Laws and Rules Of Professional Conduct that they have violated, too.

Not only is it 'insanity', it's also 'malfeasance'; ***"wrongdoing, especially by a public official'***.

Residents of Carver County deserve, and should demand, 'government' that has impeccable integrity and honesty as two of many mandatory and admirable 'core values' it requires.

From their response that I've observed since the fall of 2019, the Carver County Attorney's Office is unable to do so because, they too; are involved in (probably) Carver County's biggest 'scandal and cover-up' since the days of former Carver County Sheriff's Deputy James Castleberry !!

And then, when the Carver County Attorney's Office **FAILS TO RESPOND** appropriately, the state agency, the Office of Lawyer's Professional Responsibility, that is supposed to be the 'Watchdog Agency' to protect citizens from the unscrupulous acts and incompetence of lawyers, **REFUSES** to act responsibly and impartially; instead, questions the facts brought out by a former Hamburg City Council Member who began observing what was taking place during his City Council term from 2013 to 2018, by fellow 'City Officials'.

It's parallel to a prosecutor trying to convince the bank holdup that he just witnessed or someone whose car was just stolen that, 'that really didn't happen' !

The manner in which the Office of Lawyer's Professional Responsibility has cast impartiality aside and also inappropriately failed to properly respond to and investigate information provided by a reputable, taxpaying 'eyewitness citizen' who reported and provided evidence of obvious and intentional **MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**; in violation of Minnesota State Law and to the detriment of the residents of Carver County, as

the City of Hamburg, is reprehensible !!

Only a thorough, complete and impartial investigation by a reputable 'outside' agency, will the true facts and badly needed and critical information of what's taken place and who is involved, be properly discovered.

Once discovered, those involved should be prosecuted to the **FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW**; not only because of **WHAT THEY DID**, but ***ALSO*** because of **HOW THEY ACCOMPLISHED IT, WHO THEY ARE** and the fact that they have been receiving **PUBLIC TAXPAYER DOLLARS** all the while !!

To date, those true facts and that badly needed information has been suppressed by the despicable acts of Carver County Attorney Mark Metz, Deputy Carver County Attorney Peter Ivy and **ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, including the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY** (or attorneys) of the City of Hamburg.

It is, indeed, regretful that, up to this point, those involved have been successful in their efforts to deceive, not only taxpaying citizens, but ***ALSO*** deceive the Minnesota Agency that is supposed to 'protect' the general public from exactly what I've been reporting for **OVER THE PAST YEAR**; the Office of Lawyer's Professional Responsibility.

These **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, their **GREED** and their **UNSCRUPULOUS CONDUCT** and **BEHAVIOR, MUST BE STOPPED** and everyone involved, **REGARDLESS** of **WHO THEY ARE** or what their **'STATUS'** or **'POSITION'** is within the City of Hamburg or within Carver County !!

NOW !!

It's as simple and basic as that.

In this critical time of unrest in our country and it's cities and communities, the **OUTRIGHT MURDERING** of **POLICE OFFICERS**, the loss of faith in our elected officials and the turmoil, damage and destruction taking place all across America that all of us read about everyday in the paper or hear about everyday on the news, any 'red-blooded' American, given the information that I have knowledge of about what's taken place in the City of Hamburg and Carver County by **THEIR PUBLIC OFFICIALS,** that that I have tried, **DESPERATELY**, and **NUMEROUS TIMES** to provide to the **'PROPER AUTHORITIES'** and **AGENCIES** whose responsibility it is to **HOLD PUBLIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE** for their **MISDEEDS** and **FAILURES** to act **APPROPRIATELY** and **RESPONSIBIBLY**, would be **ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTED** to learn about what has taken place in Hamburg and Carver County

and how **PUBLIC OFFICERS**, who receive 'hefty' salaries, have behaved so badly, abhorrently and irresponsibly, because they truly believe that they are **'UNTOUCHABLE'** and **'ABOVE THE LAW'**. And apparently, those **PUBLIC OFFICERS** are.

It's time for that to change.

NOW !!

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December 22, 2020

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Dear Mr. Odoms:

I have reviewed carefully the file in the above matter. Pursuant to the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, I approve the disposition made by the Director.

Based upon the submissions of Complainant, I find nothing upon which to base a reasonable belief that misconduct may have occurred. The Director's Office has properly declined to be the forum to determine the issues raised in your complaint.

The decision that discipline is not warranted is the appropriate disposition, and that disposition is affirmed.

Sincerely,

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May 17, 2021

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Dear Attorney General Garland:

I have learned through local media reports that the United States Department of Justice is/will be conducting an investigation of the practices and actions of the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Police Department. As a 'candid observer' of what has already taken place in the City of Minneapolis by its Police Department, and as retired Peace Officer, who attained the rank of Sergeant in **TWO DIVISIONS** of Minnesota's ***LARGEST*** Sheriff's Office, I believe your investigation is well founded and appropriate. (And probably long overdue.)

I am a (nearly) 78 year old retired Law Enforcement Officer whose Law Enforcement career began in April 1966 and concluded upon my retirement in September 1984. (My Professional Resume' and assorted supporting documents are available at **www.thedeltashow.com/ ProfessionalResume.html**.)

Of my many accomplishments and recognitions by local, county, state and national agencies, one of my most treasured recognitions that I received was dated September 12, 1977 from former F.B.I. Director Clarence Kelly. I have proudly displayed it, and the other letters, documents and certificates that I've received for the past half a century, in my Office/Studio !!

We have a problem with truthfulness, integrity and credibility in the small Minnesota city where I have lived since March 2007. Hamburg is a City of only abut 500 residents in Carver County about 45 miles southwest of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.. I served one four term as a City Councilmember (2013-2016) and soon realized that a lot of what one hears about what takes place in some 'small towns' with Public Officials does, in fact; **REALLY** take place !!

What I witnessed, as an elected Hamburg City Official take place within our City during those four years by its Public Officials, totally 'went against' virtually every moral standard and principle with which I live, and have lived, my life; both personally and professionally. And when I began to 'question' what was taking place between and with my fellow City Council

Members, the Mayor, the City Clerk/Treasurer and the 'contract' City Attorney, they ***ALL*** did ***EVERYTHING*** that they could think of to try and force me from my position as a City Councilmember before my term expired. But, I refused to yield.

I was even accused, by the City, of criminal wrongdoing and was the 'target' of a bogus, formal **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**, by the proverbial 'outside agency'; the McLeod County Sheriff's Office, to avoid the potential appearance of a 'conflict of interest' with the Carver County Sheriff's Department; the local Law Enforcement Agency that provides Police service to the City of Hamburg.

I complied with ***ALL*** of the City's requests and **COOPERATED FULLY** with the **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION** against me. The findings of that **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION** against me were turned over to the Scott County Attorney's Office to avoid the potential appearance of a 'conflict of interest' with the Carver County Attorney's Office. Both the McLeod County Sheriff's Office as well as the Scott County Attorney's Office found ***NO BASIS WHAT-SO-EVER*** to support the City's fabricated allegation of ***ANY*** **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY** committed by me, as alleged, by the City of Hamburg and its other Public Officials.

I was **TOTALLY EXHONORATED** of the charges and allegations that the City, and its other Public Officials, had 'trumped up' against me !! There's much more to this part of the story, but that isn't the reason that I'm now formally contacting your Agency.

The purpose of this letter to you is to alert you as to what has since taken place; and now, once again, it involves the **HAMBURG PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, but now has also 'expanded' to include and involve the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY** as well as the **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL, KEITH ELLISON** !!

In a 'nutshell', here's what took place beginning in October 2019:

I learned that the City of Hamburg was named as a defendant in a civil lawsuit brought against the City by a former City Councilmember. As a taxpaying resident, I requested a copy of the lawsuit; a public document, on or about October 15, 2019. The City ***REFUSED*** to provide me with a copy.

Instead, the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeremy Gruenhagen, after consulting with the 'contract' City Attorney, Kelly Dohm of the Waconia based law firm of Melchert, Hubert and Sjodin, told me that the suit ***'has been filed'*** with the Carver County District Court and that I could obtain a copy of the suit from the District Court Clerk.

The only 'problem' with that is that the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer **LIED** to me; the suit

had ***NOT*** been filed as he had told me (**IN WRITING**) and as evidenced in a letter I received from the Carver County District Court Administrator in response to my inquiry to the Court.

In fact, the suit wasn't filed until on, or about, **NOVEMBER 1, 2019 !!**

In addition to **OVERTLY** and **INTENTIONALLY LYING** to me, the Hamburg City Clerk/ Treasurer ***prepared*** an **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT**, that ***INTENTIONALLY*** contained **INFORMATION** that he ***KNEW*** to be ***INTENTIONALLY FALSE***, ***TOTALLY FRAUDULENT*** and ***ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE***.

In addition to preparing said **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT**, the Hamburg City Clerk/ Treasurer also ***conveyed*** to me, a resident of the City of Hamburg, said **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT** containing ***INTENTIONALLY FALSE***, ***TOTALLY FRAUDULENT*** and ***ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE*** misinformation.

The ***INTENTIONAL*** and ***OVERT*** actions described above, committed by the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer, clearly violate **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43—MISCONDUCT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**; a **CRIMINAL OFFENSE** punishable by a fine of up to **$3,000.00**, up to **ONE YEAR IMPRISIONMENT** or **BOTH**.

The State of Minnesota refers to **Chapter 609** of the **MINNESOTA STATUTES** as the **"MINNESOTA CRIMINAL CODE"** for a reason.

Upon determining that the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer, in concert with the other Hamburg Public Officials **INCLUDING** the 'contract' Hamburg City Attorney, had committed numerous violations of the statute cited above, in December 2019 I contacted the Carver County Attorney, Mark Metz and alerted him as to what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by the City's Public Officials. (It would be **ANOTHER SIX MONTHS** before I would ***EVER*** 'hear anything' from Carver County Attorney Metz !!)

Carver County Attorney Metz **REFUSED** to even acknowledge, let alone investigate, the information provided and was available to him regarding what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its Public Officials.

Several Minnesota Statutes, including **MINNESOTA STATUTE 628.61**, **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43** ***PLUS*** the **RULES** contained in the **MINNESOTA GRAND JURY GUIDE** ***REQUIRE*** specific actions, **INCLUDING** empanelling a Grand Jury, to be taken by the Carver County Attorney.

Yet, Carver County Attorney Mark Metz **REFUSED** to fulfill his statutory obligation and Oath

of Office in order to 'protect' identities of the other Public Officials already identified and involved, as well as the identities of other Public Officials that would also be exposed and then their identities would publicly be made known.

COVER UP !!

Two more **WRITTEN** contacts were made with Carver County Attorney Metz, which, in March 2020, ***INCLUDED*** me supplying to him, copies of ***ALL*** of the **SUPPORTING EVIDENCE** and **DOCUMENTATION** that I had amassed and collected to that date.

Yet, Carver County Attorney Metz **FAILED TO RESPOND** to my **WRITTEN** communication with him, reporting ***PUBLIC OFFIALS*** who were ***VIOLATING THE LAW*** !!

Note receiving ***ANY*** response from Carver County Attorney Metz (a violation of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct), a third and final **WRITTEN** contact was made in June 2020 to Carver County Attorney Metz inquiring as to the status of my formal complaint of **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY** by City of Hamburg Public Officials.

Eventually, I finally received a response from Deputy Carver County Attorney Peter Ivy stating that the Carver County Attorney's Office **'didn't have the authority'** to investigate my information and complaint and, even if they did, **'probable cause didn't exist'** for an 'investigation' to take place or any action to be taken by the Carver County Attorney's Office.

Apparently the Carver County Attorney's Office 'misjudged' me and the gravity of my formal complaint to them. For the Carver County Attorney's Office to state that 'probable cause' doesn't exist in this matter; that is just plain **WRONG !!** I'm sure you are well aware of a couple of 'text book definitions' of 'Probable Cause':

'Probable Cause' *is defined as "A* ***reasonable grounds of suspicion*** *supported by* ***circumstances sufficiently strong in themselves*** *to warrant a* ***conscientious man*** *into* ***believing that a crime has been committed*** *and the* ***accused committed that crime".***

And then there's this:

'Probable Cause' *requires* ***more than a mere suspicion*** *that a suspect committed a crime, but* ***not an absolute certainty****. 'Probable cause' is the* ***legal standard*** *that* ***requires facts or evidence*** *in a given situation that would lead* ***a reasonable person to believe*** *that a* ***suspect has committed a crime*** *and* ***that suspect accused****, did, in fact,* ***commit the crime of which he or she is accused****. (In* ***Illinois v. Gates, 462 U.S. 213, 232 (1983)****, the Court favored a* ***flexible approach****, viewing* ***'Probable Cause'*** *as a* ***"practical, non-technical" standard*** *that calls upon*

*the **factual** and **practical considerations** of everyday life on which **reasonable and prudent men [...] act"**. (Courts often adopt a **broader, more flexible view** of **'Probable Cause'** when the alleged offenses are serious.)*

Like involving 'Public Officers and Employees', maybe?

***EVERY** 'rookie' Law Enforcement Officer, **ME INCLUDED**, learns the elements of **'Probable Cause'** as part of their Law Enforcement Training. I **PERSONALLY** learned what **'Probable Cause'** consists of when I attended my six week **BASIC POLICE SCIENCE COURSE** training presented by the **MINNESOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION** at the **MINNESOTA STATE PATROL TRAINING FACILITY** in Arden Hills !! I also learned about 'Miranda Warnings'.*

For the Carver County Attorney's Office to say that **'Probable Cause'** didn't exist in this matter, is simply a ruse to further conceal their 'cover up'. Additionally, incontrovertible evidence by means documents collected, exists. The fact that the Public Officials of the City of Hamburg as well as the Carver County Attorney, and his 'Deputy', all thought that they could 'get away with what they were doing right 'under the nose' of a seasoned, experienced highly decorated (retired) Law Enforcement Officer with an impeccable and exemplary service record, is simply 'mind boggling'. It truly shows how stupid they all really are.

I haven't even brought 'my case' to the media yet !!

The manner in which all of the information contain in this letter and on my Webpage at **www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html** is easily defined in **MINNESOTA STATUTE 351.14**: **MALFEASANCE**, **NONFEASANCE** and **MISFEASANCE**.

Please refer to that **MINNESOTA STATUTE** cited above.

I had just witnessed the **PERFECT CRIME** having been committed, and it **INVOLVED PUBLIC OFFICIALS** !! No wonder citizens have lost faith in their government.

My 'last ditch' effort to seek justice in this matter involving Public Officials was contacting the **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON**. He, too, ***REFUSED*** to 'get involved with other Public Officials breaking the law.

You can see my communications with him by visiting **www.thedeltashow.com/attorneygeneralresponse.html**.

So what we have, in summation, is a Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer that lies, conspires with the

'contract' City Attorney to deny/delay the receipt of public information to which a City resident is entitled to receive, and then that Hamburg City Clerk prepares an **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT** that contains ***INTENTIONALLY FALSE***, ***FRAUDULENT*** and ***UNTRUE*** misinformation all in an effort to 'derail' a concerned citizen seeking information about the questionable and suspicious 'activities' of the Public Officials, paid by taxpayer dollars of the residents of the City where he lives.

Once prepared, the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer then utters that **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT**; ***KNOWING*** that it contains provides ***INTENTIONALLY FALSE***, ***FRAUDULENT*** and ***UNTRUE*** misinformation.

We also have the Carver County Attorney who won't take the appropriate legal action ***REQUIRED BY MINNESOTA STATE LAW*** because of the persons involved and the identities of those who would be identified if this matter progressed.

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, perhaps ?? **CORRUPTION ??**

These people have no integrity !!

Lastly, when notified of what's taking place in the City of Hamburg and Carver County that involves other Public Officials, the **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON, ALSO *REFUSES*** to respond appropriately and react accordingly.

The United States Department Of Justice is a Department of integrity. When it is informed of Public Officials accused of misconduct or of malfeasance, nonfeasance or misfeasance, its is **INCUMBENT** that those allegations be ***VIGOROUSLY*** investigated and those found to have violated the law and the Public Trust, held accountable for their actions.

When a concerned citizen, ***ANY*** citizen; reports what has been observed involving Public Officials, coupled with the documents and other irrefutable evidence presented to them, it is **WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE** for **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** and the **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON**, to react in a casual and nonchalant, indifferent manner.

Such conduct by the **TOP PROSECUTORS** of Carver County and Minnesota, is unconscionable !! And **IMPEDES JUSTICE** rather than facilitate and foster it.

Mr. Garland, I eagerly await your response to the 'travesty of justice' that has been taking place, unabated, for the past eighteen months. It can ***NOT*** be allowed to continue and those involved, as well as those yet to be identified, ***MUST*** be **HELD ACCOUNTABLE** for their

HEINOUS ACTS and ***VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC TRUST*** !!

MUCH MORE information, in detail, of what's taken place, is available on my **PUBLIC** Webpage available at **www.thedeltashow.com/hamburgminnesota.html** and on assorted, related Webpages accessible from that Website URL desctibing what's taking place in Hamburg, Minnesota 55339.

Sincerely,



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P.S. Shortly after all of what's taken place was discovered, I sent my information that I had at that time to ***BOTH*** the U.S. Attorney General in Minneapolis, Erica MacDonald. Because the FBI has stated that, according to their Website, **www.fbi.gov/investigate/public-corruption**, I also sent them the information that I had gathered as of that time to the FBI Special Agent In Charge at their Minneapolis Office in Brooklyn Center.

Neither agency ever responded or contacted me.



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July 15, 2021



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Dear Attorney General Garland:

Two months ago, on May 17, 2021, I sent you a very detailed letter describing examples of **improper acts** and **violations of state law** by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** in Carver County Minnesota, as well as the ***REFUSAL*** of the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY**, to initiate appropriate action as **MANDATED** by **MINNESOTA STATUTE** !!

Further, I alerted you to the fact that my contacting **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON**, when the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY** ***REFUSED*** to ***COMPLY WITH STATE LAW***, resulted in my being advised that there was no basis for my **WELL DOCUMENTED VIOLATIONS** of Minnesota Statutes by the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** listed above. A copy of my May 17th letter to you is enclosed for your review.

I reported, in good faith, **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, who believe they are ***INVINCEABLE***, ***ABOVE THE LAW*** and ***NOT ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS***, who have **BLATANTLY VIOLATED THE LAW** and also ***TOTALLY IGNORE*** the ***LEGAL*** and ***ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS*** of the **PUBLIC OFFICE** that they hold !! To date, I have not received any acknowledgement from your Department of my May 17th letter ever being received; let alone advising me as to what action your Department plans to take in response to my reporting this **'COVER UP'** involving **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**.

And people wonder why there is so much violence and civil unrest in our country !!

Please provide me with details of what action your Agency has taken in regard to my May 17, 2021 letter.

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RE: **CORRUPTION BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Dear Director Wray:

As a retired Minnesota Law Enforcement Officer (1966-1984), I've been honored to have received many Awards, Letters and Commendations throughout my stellar, and impressive, Law Enforcement career. One particular letter that I received, and still cherish to this date, is a letter from former F.B.I. Director Clarence Kelly, dated September 12, 1977. That framed letter has been proudly displayed in my home since the day that I received it and is a continuous source of discussion by those who see it.

I am contacting you at the direction of United States Attorney General Merrick Garland regarding my formal request made to him regarding political corruption, by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** that I discovered in the fall of 2019.

What initially involved only the City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Hamburg (Minnesota) where I have lived since 2007, has now escalated to a basic 'cover-up' now involving the ***ENTIRE*** Hamburg City Council, the (contract) Hamburg City Attorney, the Carver County Attorney, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison as well as the Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board because of their combined and coordinated refusal, to respond appropriately when notified of what was taking place involving **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** and **TAXPAYER DOLLARS**.

The F.B.I.'s Webpage states,

"Public corruption, the FBI's top criminal investigative priority, poses a fundamental threat to our national security and way of life. It can affect everything from how well our borders are secured and our neighborhoods protected to how verdicts are handed down in courts to how public infrastructure such as roads and schools are built. It also takes a significant toll on the public's pocketbooks by siphoning off tax dollars—it is estimated that public corrupt-

tion costs the U.S. government and the public billions of dollars each year. The FBI is uniquely situated to combat corruption, with the skills and capabilities to run complex undercover operations and surveillance."

Based on that statement, it is appropriate that United States Attorney Garland directed me to contact you Agency.

In the fall of 2019 when I discovered that the City of Hamburg was the defendant in a civil lawsuit brought by a former City Councilmember, I simply asked the City, as a (taxpaying) resident of Hamburg, for a copy of that lawsuit that had been served on the City, so I could learn more about what was taking place.

Instead of simply providing me with said requested copy, the Hamburg City Clerk, conspired with the 'contract' Hamburg City Attorney in an effort to intentionally initially prevent, and then intentionally delay, my obtaining a copy of the lawsuit.

In his/their zeal to prevent me from finding out what was taking place in the City, the City Clerk/Treasurer ***PREPARED*** (perhaps at the direction of the 'contract' City Attorney and/or other **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the City of Hamburg), and ***UTTERED*** an ***OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT*** that ***KNOWINGLY*** and ***INTENTIONALLY***, contained ***FALSE***, ***UNTRUE*** and ***FABRICATED FACTS*** & ***INFORMATION*** ***!!***

When what was taking place as described above was called to the attention of the Mayor and City Councikmembers of the City of Hamburg, they, being the 'governing body' of the City of Hamburg, were ***REQUIRED*** to take immediate, appropriate and investigative action, of the allegations against the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer and the 'contract' Hamburg City Attorney.

Yet, the Hamburg Mayor, and Hamburg City Councikmembers ***REFUSED*** to acknowledge the allegations of Misconduct of A Public Officer; **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**. Further, their ***FAILURE TO ACT*** immediately and respond appropriately as ***REQUIRED*** by Minnesota Statute, the Hamburg Mayor and the ***ENTIRE*** City Council ***ALSO*** violated ***MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43***; as well as other appropriate laws, statutes, rules and ordinances.

Because the Hamburg Mayor and City Councikmembers ***REFUSED*** to acknowledge what had taken place with the Hamburg City Clerk/Treasurer and 'contract' City Attorney, the next logical Agency to report my findings to was the Carver County Attorney's Office. I did that in December 2019; yet, Carver County Attorney Mark Metz, ***FAILED*** to even so much as ***ACKNOWLEDGE*** my information sent to him reporting what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its own **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** **!!**

I contacted County Attorney Metz ***AGAIN*** in approximately March 2020, and ***PROVIDED HIM WITH IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE*** of my allegations of what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its **PUBLIC OFFICIALS !! Again,** Carver County Mark Metz, for a **SECOND TIME**, ***FAILED*** to even so much as ***ACKNOWLEDGE*** my information ***AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION*** sent to him reporting what was taking place in the City of Hamburg.

My ***THIRD ATTEMPT*** to 'get Metz's attention' was in early June 2020. By this time, I had begun to 'smell a rat'.

As it turned out, the 'rat' I 'smelled' was the (indisputable). fact that the persons (***PUBLIC OFFICIALS***) involved were; in fact; ***FRIENDS, ASSOCIATES*** and ***COWORKERS*** of Carver County Attorney Metz !!

Suddenly, I realized why Metz was ***IGNORING*** my ***WRITTEN*** communications and submitted ***INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE*** reporting what was taking place by Hamburg City Officials. It was his effort 'dissuade' me from reporting what I had found out what was taking place ***BECAUSE OF THE IDENTITIES*** of those **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** ***ALREADY REVEALED*** and ***ALREADY IDENTIFIED***, as well as the ***IDENTITIES OF OTHERS INVOLVED***; that would also be identified !!

Eventually , I received a letter from Metz's 'Assistant Carver County Attorney' basically telling me to 'take a hike', the was 'no basis' for my reporting information (that hadn't even been investigated and that ***EVEN IF*** the Carver County ***HAD*** the jurisdiction to investigate my report (they claimed that they ***DIDN'T*** have that authority) of **PUBLIC OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT**, no 'probable cause' existed as to my complaint.

So now, as well as the Hamburg **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** being involved, the Carver County Attorney, and his 'Deputy County Attorney' are identified and involved !1

Not since the likes of former **SCOTT COUNTY ATTORNEY KATHLEEN MORRIS** and former **CARVER COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF JAMES CASTLEBERRY**, has Carver County seen this degree and level of ***MALFEASANCE***, ***NONFEASANCE***, ***MISFEASANCE*** and ***CORRUPTION*** by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS !!**

Yet, the Carver County Attorney's Office is 'looking the other way' because they, too; are involved and are also ***CLEARLY VIOLATING*** the applicable **MINNESOTA STATUTE(s)** and **RULES** dictating what their required action is supposed to be !!

With this type of conduct by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, it's no wonder there is so much 'civil unrest' in our country.

Because of what then took place, similar reports of malfeasance, nonfeasance, misfeasance and corruption were also made to the **MINNESOTA LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BARD** as well as to the **OFFICE of the MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON**.

Sadly; ***REALLY*** sadly. Those two agencies ***ALSO REFUSED*** to even so much as investigate my complaint, because of who is involved. Lawyers.

LAWYERS INVESTIGATING ITHE LAWYERS simply DOESN'Y WORK !!

Because of what has taken place, the evidence obtained as well as the **identities** of who is involved and will be identified in the future, it is ***WHOLLY APPROPRIATE*** that United States Attorney Merrick Garland direct me to your fine Agency to investigate my report because of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** already identified as well as other, as of yet, unidentified individuals, and what they have been 'caught' doing.

Copies of pertinent and supporting documents
and evidence is publicly available on my

HAMBURG MINNESOTA WEBSITE

located at

www.hamburgminnesota.com

THANK YOU; in advance, Director Wray; for your attention to this crucially important matter involving unethical and inappropriate conduct and dereliction of duty of **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** in the City of Hamburg, Carver County and the State of Minnesota !!

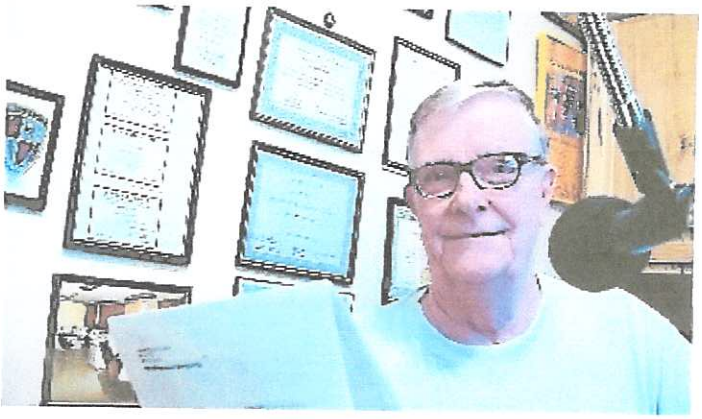
BEST WISHES to you and your Special Agents, **THANK YOU** to your ***ENTIRE*** Agency for your diligence and, **PLEASE; BE SAFE !!**

Sincerely,

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Enclosures





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April 6, 2020

Mr. Tim Walz
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Dear Governor Walz:

I wish to personally commend you for the outstanding manner in which your, and your Administration, are dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic in Minnesota !!

I am nearly seventy-seven years old and during my entire life in Minnesota, Unfortunately and like many citizens, I never really had taken an active interest in state or national 'politics'. That changed when I began to notice the despicable personal attacks on President Trump before and after his inauguration.

I have continually 'followed' the unfolding of what's taken place in Minnesota, and the United States, since the arrival of the Covid-19 virus. In my opinion as a retired Police Officer & Deputy Sheriff, a former State and Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician as well as a Fireman in the United States Air Force, I am absolutely and thoroughly impressed with how you are dealing with Minnesota's biggest disaster !!

Your transparent and decisive actions coupled with your very calm and reassuring demeanor, attest to the high quality and caliber of what our elected officials are expected to be. You also a 'natural' orator; the messages that you impart to the residents of Minnesota are very clear, concise and easily understood. Not since Governor Carlson, has Minnesota had the dynamic leadership and dedication of our state's Top Elected Official !!

The Internet Website 'Dashboard' that was recently 'launched' by the State of Minnesota under your guidance, further demonstrates your commitment to transparence and the providing of necessary (and interesting) information the Minnesota want (and need) to know. Being a Website designer myself for nearly twenty years (see **www.thedeltashow.com**), I find the state's Covid-19 Website easy to' navigate' and regularly updated to

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ensure that the information it contains, is accurate and current.

As a single Minnesota resident that has the ability to 'showcase' your exemplary efforts during this devastating, worldwide pandemic emergency to a local, as well as a worldwide listening audience, I am paying tribute to you on my upcoming Internet Show that begins this Wednesday night at 7PM CDT on www.247polkaheaven.com. I also am directing my Minnesota (and other) listeners to the State of Minnesota's Covid-19 'Dashboard' so that they me be kept fully informed.

A CD copy of this week's show is enclosed, as is an AWARD OF EXCELLENCE for your untiring, professional and compassionate response during this great time of emergency. There4 is no doubt in my mind whatso-ever , that your response and direction of the State of Minnesota's many departments and agencies over which you have authority, has helped, and continue to help, reduce the number of illnesses, discomfort and deaths which would have otherwise needlessly occurred.

Thank you, Governor Walz, for your tenacity to help keep all of us living, working, learning, vitiating or playing in Minnesota, safe from the terrible, devastating scourge that is negatively impacting all of us; known as Covid-19.

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Dear Governor Walz:

In the October 25, 2021 edition of the **MINNEAPOLIS STAR-TRIBUE Newspaper**, an article with the headline ***"IN A TINY MINNESOTA STATE AGENCY, TURNOVER HIGH, EMPLOYEES BLAME THE BOSS AND THE SUPREME COURT STEPS IN."*** The article went on to delineate about ***"The small, powerful state agency that polices the conduct of Minnesota lawyers has been roiled for several years by internal strife, leading to an exodus of key employees and an extraordinary intrusion into its inner working by Supreme Court justices."***

Minnesota Supreme Court **Chief Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea** responded to questions by the **MINNEAPOLIS STAR-TRIBUNE Newspaper** by stating that the 'Oversight Board' of the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY** 'mishandled its investigation' of Director Susan Humiston tenure saying; ***".....its vote against Humiston was 'procedurally deficient' because the board failed to verify charges of bullying and acted with incomplete and factually inaccurate information."***

Based on my recent experience with the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**, I sure can attest to, and identify with, that statement; they are sorely lacking any integrity !! (See **www.hamburgminnesota.com**). Chief Justice Gildea's perception of the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY** is sound, well-based and 'spot on'.

'Dissention in the ranks' apparently runs rampant in the state agency that is charged with upholding integrity in the legal profession in Minnesota, and is directly answerable to the Minnesota State Supreme Court; hence the reasoning behind Chief Justice Gildea's 'scrutiny' of the Agency.

Upon reading the October 25th newspaper article over again, it seemed appropriate and 'in the interest of justice' to alert Supreme Court Chief Justice Gildea of what I have been experiencing for ***OVER TWO YEARS*** involving the 'legal profession' and how I discovered that my

complaint against **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** and his **'DEPUTY' COUNTY ATTORNEY, PETER IVY** was 'shelved' by the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY** because of not only who the lawyers involved were, but also by the identities of the other persons involved that would be subsequently revealed !!

To aid Chief Justice Gildea in her 'scrutinizing' the manner in which the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY** has been performing its 'function' and to provide her with a detailed, 'firsthand account' of what I, as an individual who was betrayed, in concert by **THREE** lawyers, have experienced as a result of the very obvious 'shortcomings' of the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**, I sent a very detailed letter to the Chief Justice outlining ***EXACTLY*** what had taken place and the identities of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** who were involved. (See **www.hamburgminnesota.com**).

UNFORTUNATELY, your **SUPREME COURT COMMISSIONER, RITA COYLE DEMEULES, INTERCEPTED MY LETTER** intended for Supreme Court Chief Justice Gildea and **PREVENTED THE LETTER**, which contained **IMPORTANT** and **RELAVENT INFORMATION** relating to the Chief Justice's inquiry of the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**, from being delivered to the Chief Justice !!

I ***DON'T*** believe that your **COMMISSIONER RITA COYLE DEMEULES** has that authority to 'intercept' mail intended for any member of the Court regarding a pending issue before them being considered. That simply makes no sense.

I ***DO*** believe, therefore; that **COMMISSIONER RITA COYLE DEMEULES** acted without authority and well beyond the scope of her responsibility and should be held accountable for her inappropriate action(s).

To summarize what has taken place and so that Chief Justice Gildea and the other Members of the Supreme Court can know the 'deficiencies' of a state agency for which it is responsible, I provide you with the following facts and information; virtually **ALL EVIDENCE** and **DOCUMENTS** are available on a very comprehensive Website that I've spent **HUNDREDS OF HOURS** designing and updating; available at **www.hamburgminnesota.com**.

First, in approximately **October 2019**, I learned of a lawsuit brought against the City of Hamburg; where I have lived since March 2007.

Second, I made a very simple request to the City of Hamburg for a copy of the lawsuit against the City, where I live and own property on which I pay taxes. (The lawsuit was 'served' on the City on July 31, 2019 by a Carver County Deputy Sheriff.)

I was advised by the **CITY CLERK/TREASURER** that the **CITY ATTORNEY** would have to be 'consulted' before any (**PUBLIC**) information could be released. This began a conspiracy

of **HAMBURG PUBLIC OFFICIALS**; obviously as an attempt to deny me access to the (**PUBLIC**) information contained in the lawsuit against the City of Hamburg.

Third, a few days later, I received an **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT** from the City of Hamburg, **STILL REFUSING** to provide me with (**PUBLIC**) information and **INTENTIONALLY** (**FALSELY**) stating that ***'the case had been filed'*** with the Carver County District Court in Chaska, and that I could obtain a copy of the lawsuit from the Court.

Numerous subsequent contacts with the Carver County District Court **CLEARLY REVEALED** that the lawsuit had ***NOT*** been 'filed with the Court' as the City of Hamburg had previously (**FALSELY**) stated; and that the Court had **NO RECORD** of ***ANY*** type of litigation or other legal matter involving the City of Hamburg.

So now, we have a **CITY CLERK/TREASURER** that has **CONSPIRED** with the **CITY ATTORNEY**, who are **BOTH PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, and who have been caught **LYING**, preparing an **OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT** that **KNOWINGLY CONTAINS FALSE INFORMATION** and **WITHHOLDING PUBLIC INFORMATION** from a City **TAXPAYING PROPERTY OWNER**.

By their actions described above, the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER** and the **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY** have **BLATANTLY VIOLATED MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**; **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**.

When other **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS**; the **MAYOR** and the four **CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS** were alerted to what has taken place with the **CITY CLERK/TREASURER** and **CITY ATTORNEY**, they **TOOK NO ACTION !!**

INSTEAD, the **HAMBURG MAYOR** and the **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO APPROVE A 4% SALARY INCREASE** for the upcoming year for the **CITY CLERK/TREASURER** and **VOTED TO APPROVE A ONE YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL** of the **CITY ATTORNEY !!**

Similar **SALARY INCREASES** for the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER** and similar **CONTRACT RENEWALS** for the **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY** were likewise **APPROVED** for **SUCCEEDING ONE YEAR PERIODS !!**

By wholly ignoring and not acknowledging the illegal acts and conduct of the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER** and the **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY** in **VIOLATION** of **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**; **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE** and not initiating any action whatsoever, **HAMBURG PUBLIC OFFICIALS FAILED IN THEIR FEDUCIARY** (and other) **RESPONSIBILITIES** to the residents of the City of Hamburg and ***ALSO*** **BLATANTLY VIOLATED MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**;

MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.

But, it gets **EVEN WORSE !!**

After witnessing what was taking place with the **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** and realizing that it probably would continue unabated, I made the conscious decision to contact **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** and alert him as to what was taking place in the City of Hamburg by its **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**. I sent an e-mail to **METZ** on **December 20, 2019** that he **NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED**, and he **DIDN'T RESPOND** to my e-mail message to him.

Meanwhile, I continued to 'investigate' what was taking place in the City, who was involved, what they were doing and kept collecting appropriate evidence and information.

On **March 3, 2020**, I sent a multi-page letter, complete with all of the supporting evidence and documentation that I had amassed over the past several months, to **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY METZ** basically inquiring what his intentions were about what I had/was reporting to him regarding **HAMBURG PUBLIC OFFICIALS INTENTIONALLY VIOLATING MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**; **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**.

I also (politely) called **METZ's** attention to the **MINNESOTA STATUTE 628.61 Subdivision 3** as well as the **MINNESOTA GRAND JURY GUIDE**; **BOTH DOCUMENTS** that **REQUIRE A COUNTY ATTORNEY** in the State of Minnesota to **EMPANEL A GRAND JURY** when ***"into the WILLFUL AND CORRUPT MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE OF ALL PUBLIC OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY."***

Instead of **COMPLYING WITH THE LAW** as **DEFINED BY STATUTE**, **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** chose, instead, to **INTENTIONALLY VIOLATE MINNESOTA STATUTE 628.61 Subdivision 3** as well as, **HIMSELF**; **INTENTIONALLY VIOLATE MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43**; **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**.

Needless to say, **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ TOTALLY IGNORED** and **DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE**, my **March 3, 2020** letter to him and all of the **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION** enclosed therewith.

A **SECOND SIMILAR LETTER** was also sent to **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY MARK METZ** on **June 10, 2020** that also went **UNANSWERED !!**

That's a **TOTAL OF THREE COMMUNICATIONS** reporting **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS** in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** sent to with **CARVER COUNTY ATTOR-**

NEY MARK METZ, that he **TOTALLY** and ***COMPLETELY IGNORED !!***

Finally, on **Saturday, June 27, 2020**, ***SIX MONTHS AFTER MAKING MY FIRST OF THREE REPORTS***, I received a letter from '**DEPUTY' CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY PETER IVY** advising me that the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** was ***NOT*** going to take any action because 1) **NO PROBABLE CAUSE** exists (***EVEN THOUGH*** I have submitted **'MOUNTAINS OF EVIDENCE'** to the contrary) and because 2) The **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** has **NO AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED CRIME !!**

Of course, this letter and the **ENTIRE RESPONSE** (or lack thereof) of the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** was just a 'smokescreen' to 'shield' those **PUBLIC OFFICIALS INVOLVED** from **PROSECUTION FOR THEIR CRIMINAL ACTS** because of **WHO THEY ARE** and/or the **PUBLIC OFFICE THEY HOLD !!**

'GOOD OLD BOYS CLUB'; 101. No; **CORRUPTION 101 !!**

Complaints that I filed with the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIB8LITY** were a **HUGE WASTE OF TIME**. The resultant **'COVER UP'** that was able to be perpetrated and took place by **THOSE TYPES OF LAWYERS INVOLVED** that the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY** is **SUPPOSED TO PROTECT CITIZENS** from, as well as well as the unscrupulous acts of unethical lawyers being paid with **TAXPAYER DOLLARS**. It's **REALLY DISGUSTING !!**

My entire experience (and it's not over yet) and what I have 'uncovered', was sent to Chief Justice Gildea, is documented and appears on my Website (**www.hamburgminnesota.com**). What's taken place coupled with the 'details' that I've uncovered, sends a clear message to me, and my fellow Minnesotans, that the 'judicial system' is seriously flawed when it comes to **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** and can be easily manipulated by those it's supposedly designed to 'ferret out'.

MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENETRAL KEITH ELLISON certainly 'marches to the beat of a different drummer' and is ***ALSO*** a huge part of the 'problem' I'm describing because of his **LACK OF RESPONSE** after calling, to ***HIS*** attention, what has taken place. But, I also realize that because he is his own an elected official, you, and your Office, have no 'jurisdiction' over how Ellison behaves or misbehaves or his reprehensible actions; as described on my Website. (See **www.hamburgminnesota.com**).

I am fully aware of how 'mean and nasty' a few of our elected Officials at the Capitol can be toward you and your staff; trying to 'oust' the very knowledgeable and dedicated Jan Malcolm is a classic example.

Therefore, as the Governor of Minnesota and the **TOP ELECTED OFFICIAL** in our state, in

lieu of contacting the elected Officials of the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Senate first, I am calling on you, ***first***; to right the injustices that I've called to your attention; as outlined in this letter, in the letter sent to Chief Justice Gildea that was apparently intercepted and 'deep sixed' by your **COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME COURT RITA COYLE DEMEULES**, and the information contained on my Website at **www.hamburgminnesota.com**.

Our ***GREAT*** state simply can ***NOT*** have **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** that **LIE**, **FABRICATE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS** that **CONTAIN INTENTIONALLY FALSE INFORMATION**, **WITHHOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION**, **INTENTIONALLY VIOLATE STATE LAWS THAT DICTATE THEIR CONDUCT, BEHAVIOR, RESPONSIBILITIES** and **RESPONSES** to them and are of the 'mindset' that they are **ABOVE THE LAW !!**

That's called absolute, unadulterated 'corruption', pure, plain and simple. I don't want to live in a state where that's tolerated; even in minute segments; I'm sure you don't want to be the Governor of a state where that is taking place, allowed and accepted.

Those type of ***PUBLIC OFFICIALS***, be they local, county or state; elected or appointed, ***MUST*** be swiftly dealt with and **HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS** like any other citizen that 'breaks the law' is dealt with. If they must **GO TO JAIL, THEN SO BE IT !!**

I've eagerly and happily supported you, as our state's Governor, ever since you were elected.

As I believe you also know, I have done everything in my power, using **BOTH** my weekly Internet Show and it's associated personal Website (**www.thedeltashow.com**) to help you, and your Administration and staff, 'get the word out' about the 'scourge' we all know as Covid-19.

As Minnesota Governor, it is my sincere opinion that you are doing, and have done, a tremendous job, as a 'first term' Governor, in very difficult times. In the early days of the pandemic, I recorded all of your daily briefings and put them on **BOTH** of my Websites to allow more people to get the information, 24/7, that you, Jan, Kris and the other members of your staff were imparting to the residents of Minnesota.

With a combined total of **OVER 94,000 'hits'** on my two very popular Websites, I am able to 'get my message out' ***EVERY DAY 24/7/365*** to the tens of thousands of visitors to my Websites and listeners to my hour long, five time a week Internet show.

And yes; I've even had guests on my shows seeking to be elected to **PUBLIC OFFICE !!**

With the number of political offices up for re-election this fall, my Internet Show 'Interview Series' ***(Interesting Interviews With Interesting People About Interesting Topics)*** is sure to maintain it's ongoing popularity !! (See **www.thedeltashow.com/thedeltabroadcast.html**).

Be Safe, **THANKS !!** for all that you do to make Minnesota a ***GREAT STATE*** to live in; I'm sorry that I have to call your attention to a few 'less than acceptable' **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, but they are a 'cancer' that Minnesota ***CAN'T*** be allowed to be 'ignored'.

Please do what is necessary, or direct the appropriate members of your staff, to do whatever is necessary to 'right the wrongs' that have been committed by those few **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** as identified in this letter and on my Website (**www.hamburgminnesota.com**) and **HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE** for their **VERY UNACCEPTABLE, UNETHICAL DASTARDLY DEEDS** and **BEHAVIORS**.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very serious matter.

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March 4, 2022

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RE: January 25, 2022 Letter

Dear Governor Walz:

I have not received any acknowledgement, nor any response, to my letter sent to you on January 25, 2022 regarding what is taking place involving the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** as well as within the **CARVER COUNTY AATTORNEY'S OFFICE**.

When **MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (Minnesota Statute 609.43)** is alleged, (as it is in this case involving the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/ TREASURER** and the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY**), it is the ***OBLIGATION*** and the ***RESPONSIBILITY*** of the **HAMBURG MAYOR** and/or **HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS** to initiate an immediate investigation into the allegations of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** involved.

But, because of their arrogance and the 'perceived immunity' of those **HAMBURG PUBLIC OFFICIALS** involved, that **NEVER HAPPENED !!**

It is **ALSO** a ***REQUIREMENT*** of **MINNESOTA STATUTE 628.61 Subdivision 3** for the **COUNTY ATTORNEY** of the affected County to empanel a Grand Jury and inquire ***"....into the willful and corrupt misconduct in office of all public officers in the county."***

The cited statute is crystal clear; there is **NO ROOM** for 'discretion' or 'misinterpretation' by the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CARVER COUNTY'S OFFICE !!**

Yet, because of the arrogance of the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** coupled with ***WHO WAS INVOLVED***, the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, itself; ***INTENTIONALLY REFUSED*** to comply with **MINNESOTA STATUTE 628.61 Subdivision 3** and, in ***INTENTIONALLY REFUSING TO COMPLY*** with the cited statute,

ALSO VIOLATED MINNESOTA STATIUTE 609.43 Subdivision 1, MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE !!

Having experienced **ABSOLUTE**, **COMPLETE** and **TOTAL FAILURE** of the **CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM** that is designed to **HOLD *EVERYONE* ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR 'MISDEEDS'**, the next logical Agency to contact was **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON**.

Sadly, like the other **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** involved, ***ELLISON, TOO***; was equally as disinterested' in **HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE** because of **WHO THEY ARE** and the identities of additional persons who would be subsequently identified !!

"LAWYERS 'PROTECTING' OTHER LAWYERS" !!

It STINKS !! ***REALLY BAD* !!**

What I have uncovered over the past two and one-half years taking place, is a 'handful' of 'rogue' **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** in our state who ***CLEARLY*** believe that they are **ABOVE THE LAW**, they **DON"T** believe that they have to ***COMPLY*** with the laws of Minnesota or the 'common decency' standards of society and, using their political power and position, are **FREE TO DO**, ***UNCHECKED***; whatever they wish ***UNCHALLENGED !!***

ALL of them are an ***EMBARASSMENT*** to the great state of Minnesota and is many fine residents who live, learn work and visit Minnesota.

WE DESERVE BETTER !!

My **VERY LIGITIMATE COMPLAINTS** of **MISCONDUCT** and **CORRUOPTION** of/by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** has been, up to now, was ***wholly disregarded*** because of those **PUBLIC OFFICIALS INVOLVED** and the **POSITION** that **THEY HOLD**.

All along; for more than two + years, I always knew who was involved and what was taking place, but I wasn't able to 'conclude' how what was taking was able to be so 'covertly' successful.

But then, a few weeks ago, I suddenly realized how those **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** involved, by ***abusing their positions of authority*** the and 'disarray' of the **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**, could surreptitiously, and ***SUCCESSFULLY***, 'pull it off' !! *(You'll recall, in My January 25, 2022 letter to you, I alerted you to the fact that one of your commissioners;* ***RITA COYLE DEMEULES*** *had 'intercepted' a letter that I had sent to* ***Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Gildea*** *regarding my 'experience' with the Law*

*yer's Board. That letter, intended for the Chief Justice, was regarding salient facts of my personal dealings with the Lawyers Board regarding this matter now at hand and being discussed, and the **'LAWYER MISCONDUCT'** and **'ETHICS VIOLATIONS'** of **HAMBURG** and **CARVER COUNTY ATORNEYS** !!)*

As our Governor in your first term, you and your entire staff, have done, in my opinion, an **EXEMPLARY JOB** in managing, and dealing with, the Covid-19 pandemic. In the ***VERY FIRST DAYS*** of the pandemic, as well as up to the present time, I overwhelmingly supported you, and the efforts of your staff. (Please see **www.thedeltashow.com/workinghardtosavelives.html**.)

Again, in my opinion, ***NOBODY*** could have formulated an advance, or spontaneously place into motion, a 'game plan' for what is a 'once in a lifetime' occurrence, as well as you did and have done.

As our Governor in your first term, you were also forced to deal with the George Floyd killing and the resultant, devastating consequences of the unruly and uncivil disobedient actions of hundreds of 'angry mobs'; hell bent on destroying our beautiful cities and state. And then, there was the actual trial.

On the heels of those events, we then had the Kimberly Potter shooting and subsequent trial.

Governor Walz, you have dealt with all of these tragedies, events and misfortunes in a very admirable manner.

While 'crooked' **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** may pale in comparison to the life and death matters you've been forced to deal with during the past three years, they are a serious 'blemish' on our great state, and you ***CAN'T*** 'turn a blind eye;' to the ***serious***, ***unethical***, ***illegal***, ***corrupt*** and ***unconscionable*** actions of a few 'misguided' **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** who receive **TAXPAYER DOLLARS** and use their position and influence to mete out justice as ***THEY*** deem fitting and proper because of the identity or status of the 'perpetrators'; ***REGARDLESS*** of what the **MINNESOTA STATUTES** dictate.

And; ***REQUIRE !!***

Those types of actions of a few 'rogue' **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** described in this, and my January 25th letters, seriously bring into question, the honesty and integrity of ***YOU***, ***LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FLEMMING*** and the many fine members of your staff; specifically **JAN MALCOLM**, **KRIS EHRSMANN**, **DEED COMMISSIONER STEVE GROVE**, **DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECIURITY JOE KELLY** and all the rest of your dedicated staff.

As great a job as you have done over the past three years with all of its 'adversities', I do find it

somewhat **INSULTING** that you chose to ***TOTALLY IGNORE*** the content of my seven page January 25th letter seeking your assistance in holding your fellow **PUBLIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE** for their deleterious actions and misgivings.

That insult is further compounded by the constant, never-ending barrage of e-mails that I continue to receive seeking my 'financial support' to your re-election campaign. As I'm writing this second letter to you, I just received yet another e-mail from your campaign; this time announcing that the ***"Republican PAC just launched the first attack ad of the year'*** against you and announcing a ***"48 Hour Rapid Response Goal of $20,000.00"!!***

In view of the facts outlined in my January 25, 2022 letter and this current letter to you, I respectfully call upon you to use the full force and authority, as the **HIGHEST RANKING** and **MOST POWERFUL ELECTED OFFICIAL** in Minnesota, to order a complete, thorough, unbiased **FORMAL** ***CRIMINAL*** **INVESTIGATION** of what's taken place and the actions of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** involved.

Because **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON** is ***ALSO*** implicated, it would seem that directing ***ANY*** state agency, including the **MINNESOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION** to conduct a 'full scale' investigation falls under the category of a 'conflict of interest'.

Rather, it would seem more appropriate and proper for you to request a ***FEDERAL*** agency to get involved; i.e. the Minneapolis Office of the **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION** or the Minneapolis **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY** to totally investigate the ***sinister*** and ***corrupt*** actions of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** as well as **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON**, for their dereliction of duty; ***REQUIRED*** by the cited **MINNESOTA** and other appropriate **STATUTES**, and as cited in the **MINNESOTA RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** and the **MINNESOTA GRAND JURY GUIDE**.

Our state can ***NOT*** have **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** that feel they are ***ABOVE THE LAW*** and ***NOT ACCOUNTABLE*** for their devious, dishonest actions and misconduct. It reflects poorly on our ***ENTIRE*** state, its residents and you, personally; as the 'CHIEF EXECUTIVE' of the state of Minnesota.

I really don't care that you and **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON** are both 'democrats'. I ***ALSO*** don't care that 2022 happens to be an 'election year'.

It is time to **'PUT THE POLITICS ASIDE'** and direct the appropriate federal agency to begin is 'in depth', unbiased investigation into the ***sinister***, ***intricate***, ***inter-woven*** and ***despicable*** actions of that 'handful of **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** who sincerely believe they can surreptitiously

'cheat the system'.

They can't !! I ***WON'T*** allow that to happen.

If you, as our state's Governor, feel that you can't initiate and take appropriate action to bring these few miscreants to justice with the appropriate accountability (which Minnesotans are unquestionably due) as a result of their heinous and selfish acts as (supposedly trusted) **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, how you can expect me, or any other Minnesota resident, to pledge my/our financial, personal or my weekly Internet Show and various Websites, support to your reelection efforts ??

How would it 'look' on your Resume'; your knowing that there was **CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS** taking place 'on your watch'; yet, you **DID NOTHHING ABOUT IT** ?? That would ***SURELY*** 'cinch your fate' as a 'one term Governor' !

I await your response and to learn of your intended actions in this very serious matter of **PUBLIC CORRUPTION** which, according to their Website, is ***".....the FBI's top criminal investigative priority***, (because it) ***poses a fundamental threat to our national security and way of life !!***

Sincerely,

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MY WEBSITES THAT WILL BE OF INTEREST YOU

*Below is a **PARTIAL** directory of some of my Websites about this issue:*

www.THEDELTASHOW.com

www.THEDELTASHOW.COM/PROFESSIONALRESUME.html

www.HAMBURGMINNESOTA.com

www.PUBLICOFFICIALSBEHAVINGBADLY.com

www.THEDELTASHOW.COM/NUTSHELL.html

www.THEDELTASHOW.COM/HAMBURGSURVEY.html

www.THEDELTASHOW.COM/CARVERCOUNTYATTORNEYRESPONSE.html

www.THEDELTASHOW.COM/ATTORNEYGENERALRESPONSE.html

Open e-mail sent to the 'Election Committee' of Governor Tim Walz:

Regarding your e-mail just received asking me to make another financial donation to your re-election effort this fall, I, (using the words of the 'sender'); "Will ***ALSO*** 'cut to the chase':

A **'SITTING GOVERNOR'** who is

TOO BUSY SOLICITING FUNDS

for his

RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

and

FAILS TO RESPOND

to

TWO PERSONAL LETTERS SENT TO HIM

(January 25, 2022 & March 5, 2022)

reporting

POLITICAL CORRUPTION

TAKING PLACE ON HIS 'WATCH'

is

NO LONGER WORTHY

of my

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

or

MY VOTE

in

THIS FALL'S GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION !!

COMPLETE INFORMATION, including copies of the letters sent to Governor Walz (to which he ***NEVER RESPONDED***; are available at the Website address shown below:

www.thedeltashow.com/01-25-22-GovernorTimWalz.html

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March 15, 2022

Mr. Steven Siewert, Chief
Hamburg Fire Department
350 Maria Avenue
P.O. Box 34
Hamburg, Minnesota 55339

Dear Chief Siewert:

As I was in the process of writing you a letter commending the actions of Members of the Hamburg Fire Department for their prompt, professional and coordinated response to a medical emergency at our home last Saturday, what are the chances that I'd have to request your Department's assistance for ***ANOTHER*** medical emergency twenty-five and a half hours later at the ***SAME*** address involving the ***SAME*** individual ?? !!

Last Saturday and Sunday were the second and third times since moving to Hamburg in 2007 that I've needed to request the services of your dedicated, well equipped and highly trained Fire Department Members, to render medical assistance in our home as the result of a sudden onset of an illness or injury. You may (or may not) recall that the first request to your Department was about three or four years ago when the victim suddenly suffered cardiac and respiratory arrest due to a ruptured aorta. Upon my dialing 9-1-1, members of your Department responded and medically supported the victim until the arrival of an ambulance from Ridgeview Medical Center which transported the victim to Abbott-Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Statistics show that the sudden onset of an aortic rupture has a mortality rate of about 80%.

Combining that mortality rate with cardiac & respiratory arrest and an extended ambulance trip from Hamburg to a hospital in Minneapolis during 'rush hour', the odds of survival were strongly against the victim. Yet; the victim survived !!

I believe you are aware of my professional background; that why I **TOTALLY** credit that survival to the **initial receiving and efficient dispatching of the 9-1-1 call by dispatchers** for the **CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**, the quick and knowledgeable response, and subsequent care of the victim by the 'First Responders' of the **HAMBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT**, the quick assessment and treatment of the victim by **RIDGEVIEW MEDICAL CENTER PARAMEDICS**, coupled with the excellent emergency care the patient also received from the hospital staff upon arrival there.

Once again this weekend, the 'stars (CCSO, HFD & RMC-A) became aligned'; not just ONCE, but ***TWICE*** ***!!*** I'm very happy and pleased to report that the outcome of these latest medical emergencies was once again 'favorable'. After spending about seven hours in the Emergency Room at Ridgeview Medical Center on Sunday, the victim was released and is resting and recuperating at home here in Hamburg. For that, I credit the 'handling' of the initial call to the "9-1-1 System", the prompt response, professional, coordinated & application of medical knowledge and experience of those who responded, their training and experience as well as availability of necessary equipment required, all contributed to achieve a 'successful outcome'.

Needless to say, such **EXCELLENCE** can **NOT** go unnoticed; hence this letter.

You will also be interested, and impressed, that upon being alerted of the first medical emergency call by the Carver County Sheriff's Office dispatcher on Saturday at **9:41AM**; the first responding HFD unit and personnel **ARRIVED at 9:44AM**. The ***second*** medical emergency call by the Carver County Sheriff's Office dispatcher alerted your Department at **11:00AM**; the first responding HFD unit and personnel **ARRIVED AT 11:03AM !!**

Please express our sincere gratitude to the Hamburg Fire Department Members that responded each time and were a ***HUGE*** part in the very 'successful outcome' of these emergency events.

THANK YOU !! THANK YOU !! THANK YOU !!

The citizens of Hamburg, and the surrounding area for which your Department is responsible, are very fortunate, indeed; to have such a great, well equipped Fire Department with such outstanding, dedicated, professional personnel who are ready, willing and available to respond, when needed, at a moments.

To that end and to raise 'public awareness' of the outstanding performance of your Department that I **PERSONALLY WITNESSED**, I've made note of their commendable, excellent and well coordinated efforts on my Website,

www.HAMBURGMINNESOTA.com

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Carver County Commissioner John Fahey
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April 11, 2022

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Subject: **CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Dear Special Agent Paul:

The following statement appears on the Website of the FBI:

"Public corruption, the FBI's top criminal investigative priority, poses a fundamental threat to our national security and way of life. It can affect everything from how well our borders are secured and our neighborhoods protected to how verdicts are handed down in courts to how public infrastructure such as roads and schools are built. It also takes a significant toll on the public's pocketbooks by siphoning off tax dollars—it is estimated that public corruption costs the U.S. government and the public billions of dollars each year. The FBI is uniquely situated to combat corruption, with the skills and capabilities to run complex undercover operations and surveillance."

The FBI Website further goes on to state:

"The Bureau's Public Corruption program focuses on:

Investigating violations of federal law by public officials at the federal, state, and local levels of government."

An article appearing in the May 21, 2015 edition of the **STAR-TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**, quoted former Special Agent In Charge of the FBI's Minneapolis office, Richard Thornton, stating, ***"The FBI will vigorously investigate allegations of corruption of public servants."***

Special Agent Thornton further stated: ***"No quarter will be given to those who violate the public trust."***

Above the entrance to the United States Supreme Court, which functions as guardian and interpreter of the United States Constitution, are four words: ***"Equal Justice Under Law"*** ; promising the American people that ***"Equal Justice Under Law"*** by holding those who violate the law, accountable for their actions; **REGARDLESS OF WHO THEY ARE !!**

And if I, as an American, am entitled to ***"Equal Justice Under Law"*** and, somehow; that 'entitlement' of : ***"Equal Justice Under Law"*** is **NOT** being afforded me, then, it would seem, we also have an issue of my Constitutional Rights being violated.

The law, be it local, state or federal, **DOES NOT SPECIFY** that **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** or other 'categories' of persons are **EXEMPT** from being **INVESTIGATED**, **HELD ACCOUNTABLE** or **PROSECUTED** for their **CRIMINAL ACTS**, **PUBLIC CORRUPTION** and other **WRONGDOING**.

But that is **EXACTLY** what is **HAPPENING** in the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, involving it's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, and in **CARVER COUNTY** involving the **COUNTY ATTORNEY** and the **'DEPUTY' COUNTY ATTORNEY**.

Because those who **INTENTIONALLY**, and **BLATANTLY** violated the law are **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**; those ***INTENTIONAL*** and ***BLATANT*** violations make such actions ***EVEN MORE EGREGIOUS !!***

As one of those 'American People' who is promised that ***"Equal Justice Under Law"*** ; I witnessed **CRIMINAL ACTS**, **PUBLIC CORRUPTION** and other **WRONGDOING** by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**. Upon gathering and collecting, over several months, **IRREFFUTABLE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE SUPPORTING MY ALLEGATIONS**, I composed, and forwarded, a **FORMAL WRITTEN REPORT** of those **CRIMINAL ACTS**, **PUBLIC CORRUPTION** and other **WRONGDOING** by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** taking place, to the

CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; the appropriate **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY** that has the **AUTHORITY**, **OBLIGATION** and **RESPONSIBILITY**, to **THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE** those **CRIMINAL ALLEGATIONS** of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS INVOLVED**.

Anything **LESS** than a **THOROUGH** and **COMPLETE** ***CRIMINAL*** **INVESTIGATION** would be **WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE !!** Yet, upon receiving my **FORMAL REPORT**, the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY**, and his **'DEPUTY' COUNTY ATTORNEY**, as I would later find out, **ABUSED** their 'affiliation' with the dysfunctional (you've no doubt read about that in the newspapers since last fall) **OFFICE OF LAWYER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY** to escape any and all 'scrutiny' of their unscrupulous, unethical and **CRIMINAL** misdeeds and actions, because they, too; were **'involved up to their necks'**, and **DID NOTHING !!**

NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, **NO RESPONSE**; **NOTHING !! EVERYBODY INVOLVED** was hoping that I would 'just go away'.

I'm ***STILL HERE***; nearly **THREE YEARS LATER !!** (By the way, the three year Minnesota Statute of Limitations for their ***CRIMINAL ACTIONS*** and other misdeeds, ***EXPIRES THIS FALL*** in ***OCTOBER !!***)

Right before 'election time'.

In the meantime, what began as **INTENTIONAL** (and ***documented***) **UNTRUTHFULLNESS** by the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER**, has now 'morphed' into malfeasance, collusion, conspiracy, deception, misfeasance, cover-up, misconduct, fraud, nonfeasance and all of the other adjectives that accurately describe what's been taking place for **ALMOST THREE YEARS** and now involves ***ALL*** of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** in the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY** and his **'DEPUTY' COUNTY ATTORNEY**, the **MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE** as well as the **MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**. for their **FAILURE TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY** when notified of **MISCONDUCT**, **CORRUPTION** other **VIOLATIONS OF LAW** involving **PUBLIC OFFICIALS !!**

NOBODY will ***DO*** what they are ***REQUIRED*** to do; all because of who is involved and who will be further implicated. The **'GOOD OLD BOYS CLUB'; 101 !!**

Plus; it's an 'election year'; they've all 'thrown their integrity out the window' and they're all **more concerned in getting re-elected** than they are in **HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS !!**

Back in October 2019 when I discovered what was taking place and the complexity because what was, in fact, taking place and the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS INVOLVED**, I began the very arduous task, as stated previously, of gathering and collecting supporting documentation. As a (nearly) 78 year old retired Hennepin County Deputy Sheriff (please see my Resume' at **www.THEDELTASHOW.COM/PROFESSIONALRESUME.html**) who attained the rank of **SERGEANT** in their **COMMUNICATIONS** as well as their **WARRANT/FUGITIVE** Divisions, I ***KNOW*** the importance of accurate and abundance of 'evidence' in order to obtain a conviction of the perpetrators involved.

Citizens 'need to know' when their **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** who are being paid with **TAX-PAYER DOLLARS**, are acting inappropriately, unethically and illegally.

Early on, when I realized the vast magnitude of what I was uncovering and the 'high ranking' and position of the **PUBLIC OFFICIALS INVOLVED**, I designed a Website (**www.HAMBURGMINNESOTA.com**) containing ***COMPLETE*** information and details, ***INCLUDING*** relevant ***NAMES***, ***DOCUMENTS***, ***LETTERS***, ***E-MAILS*** and ***OTHER CORRESPONDENCE***; **EVERYTHING** needed to 'prove my case' and **HOLD PUBLIC OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DEVIOUS**, **DISHONEST** and **CORRUPT ACTS** and **MISDEEDS !!**

The problem here, however, is that those that should be 'doing the prosecuting', are the ones that 'should be the prosecuted' !! But nobody, 'in authority', cares; (except those **97,000**+ visitors to my very popular and informative Websites).

In the past, I have sent the details of the **PUBLIC CORRUPTION** that has been taking place for nearly **THREE YEARS** by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** and 'supporting documentation' to both your Minneapolis Office as well as to the Office of the 'Acting' United States Attorney General, for 'informational purposes only' to give your Agencies a 'heads up' of what is taking place involving **PUBLIC CORRUPTION** in **CARVER COUNTY**.

I also previously sent a letter, on May 17, 2021, to United States Attorney Merrick Garland; who didn't have the courtesy send me **ANY TYPE** of a response. A response to my ***SECOND*** letter, on July 15, 2021, to United States Attorney General Garland, ***TWO MONTHS LATER***, directed me to send contact the FBI with the information that I had.

I complied with the Attorney General's request in response to my second letter to him, and sent my information to the Director of the FBI in Washington D.C.

I'm **STILL WAITING** for the FBI Director to respond to my letter sent to him **LAST FALL !!**

What's taking place in the City of Hamburg, by it's **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**, is ***NOT*** 'new' !!

If you 'check your records', you will also note that I contacted your the Minneapolis FBI Office in 2015 while I was a **'sitting' Hamburg City Council Member**, and reported what was taking place. That was **SEVEN YEARS AGO !!** And, interestingly enough, my 2015 'report' to the FBI resulted in my having a **PERSONAL MEETING** with **SPECIAL AGENT STEVE VITALE** on Friday, February 5, 2016, at your Minneapolis office.

In closing, I direct you to my Website (**www.HAMBURGMINNESOTA.com**) delineating what's specifically been taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** and **CARVER COUNTY** since the fall of 2019. I also am enclosing a copy of an on-line 'survey', (**www.THEDELTASHOW.COM/HAMBURGSURVEY.html**) available to City and County residents (and anyone else that visits my Website) seeking their opinions and comments as to what's be taking place with our City and County **PUBLIC OFFICIALS**. (Because the enclosed 'hard copy' of the on-line survey was downloaded/printed from the Internet, the 'formatting' of the 'survey' is slightly 'skewed'; but you'll quickly understand my reason for conducting it.)

I believe you will find **BOTH** my Website about what's been taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG** and the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** for (literally) ***YEARS***, as well as the enclosed 'survey', very informative and 'eye opening'.

Thank you very much, Special Agent Paul, for taking time to learn about what I've diligently uncovered taking place by **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** and **CARVER COUNTY**. There's **MUCH MORE** relevant information in the way of 'events and details', but these five+ pages, plus the Website and the enclosed 'survey', should be sufficient to 'pique your interest' and compel your Agency to 'take the appropriate (and required) action'.

Unlike the responses that I've received from the other Agencies that I have contacted, I eagerly await your (positive) response.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



"DELTA DICK"
Internet Show Host/Webmaster
NEW SHOWS EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 7PM
(Central Time Zone)

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"THE DELTA SHOW"
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Check Out My Very Popular Websites.....
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www.PUBLICOFFICIALSBEHAVINGBADLY.com

October 25, 2022



Mr. Christopher Lund, Mayor
CITY OF HAMBURG
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Hamburg, Minnesota 55339

Dear Mr. Lund:

The information about you, your past. your actions and your conduct that follows, is **CERTAINLY** one of your most **'GRAND DECEPTIONS'** of your ***ENTIRE*** 'political career' !! You have **DECEIVED THE VERY PEOPLE THAT TRUSTED YOU** and **ELECTED YOU TO PUBLIC OFFICE**: The **UNSUSPECTING RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HAMBURG !!**

Have you **NO MORAL COMPASS**, **INTEGRITY** or **SENSE OF COMMON DECENCY ??** The time to replace you is long overdue; Hamburg voters **MUST** do so this fall for the reasons cited below:

FIRST; on **AT LEAST THREE OCASSIONS**, October 16, 2017, January 16, 2018 and July 21, 2020, and while you were serving as the **MAYOR** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, I previously contacted you, **IN WRITING**, seeking information regarding various concerns I had, as a **TAXPAYING RESIDENT**, about what was taking place in the **CITY OF HAMBURG**. (Copies of those **THREE WRITTEN REQUESTS** sent to you are available for **PUBLIC VIEWING** on my Website about the **CITY OF HAMBURG** at **www.THEDELTASHOW.com/MAYORCHRISLUND.html**).

SECOND; in **EACH AND EVERY INSTANCE**, you **REFUSED**, as an **ELECTED OFFICIAL** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, to respond to my formal **WRITTEN REQUESTS** seeking **PUBLIC INFORMATION** about the day-to-day operation of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**. That, sir; is ***'NONFEASANCE'***; ***"The omission to perform a required duty or the failure to act when a duty to act existed. Nonfeasance can more loosely be defined as "not doing something which you ought to do."***

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THIRD; on behalf of myself as well as the fine residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, please provide an explanation of why you **FAILED TO RESPOND** to, and **FAILED TO PROVIDE**, the information requested in my (three) letters sent to you.

FOURTH; on behalf of myself as well as the fine residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, please provide the name and address of your **current and past employers** (other than the **CITY OF HAMBURG**) for the past ten (10) years, the title of your position of employment with those employers, the beginning and end dates of your employment and the given reason(s) for separation; i.e. terminated, resigned, staff reduction, etc. If you are no longer currently employed, please provide the beginning and end dates of your last employment and the given reason(s) for separation; i.e. terminated, resigned, staff reduction, etc.

FIFTH; information has previously been received pertaining to the possible repossession of one or more vehicles owned by you, or a member of your household. On behalf of myself and the fine residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, please confirm or deny if said reported repossession(s) did, in fact, occur and, if so, please provide **ALL INFORMATION** and **DETAILS** relating thereto.

SIXTH; on behalf of myself and the fine residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, please provide the date(s) of the filing(s) of any bankruptcy or similar action(s) by you or any member of your household..

SEVENTH; according to **OFFICIAL INFORMATION** obtained by searching **PUBLIC INFORMATION** contained in the **MINNESOTA COURT RECORDS ONLINE (MCRO)** database, a **CIVIL LAWSUIT SEEKING $12,945.82**, was, in fact, **FILED AGAINST YOU, PERSONALLY**; (Case No: 10-CV-15-440) in Carver County District Court, by **PORTOFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC; ASSIGNEE OF CITIBANK, N.A. (SEARS)** on or about **April 23, 2015**; **WHILE SERVING AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL** for the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, (Supporting document copies have been obtained.)

EIGHTH: it is intriguing to note that, **UNBEKNOWNST** to **RESIDENTS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** and also (probably) to the other **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, a **'DEFAULT JUDGEMENT'** in the amount of **$12,945.82** was **RENDERED AGAINST YOU** by the Court, **IN FAVOR OF THE PLAINTIFF**, on or about **April 23, 2015**, **WHILE SERVING AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL** for the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, in the case cited above. (Supporting document copies have been obtained.)

Said **'DEFAULT JUDGEMENT' AGAINST YOU REMAINED IN EFFECT** as you 'transitioned' from **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER** to the **MAYOR** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG !!**

NINTH; It can not be construed as coincidental that you satisfied the **'DEFAULT JUDGEMENT' AGAINST YOU** on or about **November 21, 2019** and then, thereafter; **FILED** an **AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY** for **CARVER COUNTY COMMISSIONER - DISTRICT FIVE**; completed and notarized by **HAMBURG DEPUTY CITY CLERK TAMARA BRACHT**, with the **CARVER COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE** and the **OFFICE** of the **MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE**. (Supporting document copies have been obtained.)

TENTH; speaking of your financial irresponsibility, that same **MINNESOTA COURT RECORDS ONLINE (MCRO)** database containing **PUBLIC INFORMATION**, lists numerous additional instances of **ORDERS FOR JUDGMENT** and **ORDERS FOR CHILD SUPPORT** (Case No: 70-2000-16916) **FILED AGAINST YOU** on **September 14, 2000**, with the most recent **ORDER FOR JUDGEMENT** being **ISSUED AGAINST YOU** by the Court on or about **JANUARY 28, 2011 !!** (Supporting document copies have been obtained.)

ELEVENTH; your (enclosed) **FACEBOOK POSTING** **PUBLICLY DENIGRATING PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, JOE BIDEN**, as well as **GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA, TIM WALZ**, and **PUBLICLY TELLING PEOPLE *NOT* TO VISIT THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, REEKS** of **IMPROPRIETY !!**

As an **EMPLOYEE** of the **STATE OF MINNESOTA**, being **PAID WITH MINNESOTA TAXPAYER DOLLARS**, your **GROSSLY REPREHENSIBLE CONDUCT** is **TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE** and **WHOLLY INEXCUSEABLE !!**

Also, the **WHOLLY INAPPROPRIATE** and **GROSSLY OFFENSIVE** 'graphic' depicting **TWO NFL FOOTBALL TEAMS** that you, while **SERVING** as the **MAYOR OF HAMBURG** and while **REPRESENTING** the **CITY OF HAMBURG** as our Mayor, posted on your **FACEBOOK** page, is so

RUDE & VULGAR

that I am

UNABLE TO DISPLAY IT HERE

(but a copy is enclosed with this letter to you).

Your **TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS** and **BEHAVIOR CLEARLY DICTATE** that you are ***NOT*** the type of **PUBLIC OFFICIAL** that the many kind, generous and decent residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** want **REPRESENTING THEM**.

Or **REPRESENTING OUR CITY !!**

I can't even begin to imagine the great amount of **DISGUST & OUTRAGE** that the many fine residents of our City will have **AGAINST YOU** once you get 'found out' and the many **'SKELETONS IN YOUR CLOSET'**, as well as your very apparent **'FINANCIAL IRRESPONSIBILITY'**, are exposed !!

You've been able to successfully **'FOOL'** and **'SWEET TALK'** the many fine residents of Hamburg, for **NEARLY A DECADE !!** You are a **'classic example'** of **"A wolf in sheep's clothing"**; a **"Pied Piper"** of sorts.

But, for **MORE** than that **DECADE**, I've ***KNOWN*** the type of person that **YOU REALLY ARE**; since the day you asked me to be your 'accomplice'; and that we share 'spending time at City Hall' to 'monitor' the actions of the **HAMBURG CITY CLERK/TREASURER !!** (You'll recall that I ***FLATLY REFUSED*** your **UNREASONABLE** and **OUTRAGEOUS** request !!)

Unlike you; I'm ***NOT*** 'insecure' as you are; ***NOR*** do I **REQUIRE** a **POSITION** of **AUTHORITY** to **'FEED'** a **'HIGHLY INFLATED EGO'** as **YOU DO !!**

Your **'MISCONDUCT'** described above in the letter to you, **AS A HAMBURG CITZEN**, is second only to the **REPREHENSIBLE** 'charade' perpetrated against me by your **UNFORGIVEABLE ACTIONS** in concert with then Mayor **RICHARD MALZ** and your ***COMBINED UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS*** to **'DOUBLE-TEAM'** me in a covert attempt to 'unseat' me as a fellow **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER**, because I was 'questioning' the 'financial aspects' of what was 'going on' with the City's 'finances'.

MALZ basically **'GAVE YOU THE CITY'S CHECKBOOK'**, along with **UNLIMITED 'CARTE BLANCHE' AUTHORITY**, in your **FAILED EFFORT** to 'unseat' me as a City Councilmember. Between you, **MALZ** and, yes; even the **MELCHERT, HUBERT & SJODIN** 'contract' **CITY ATTORNEY**, those ***COMBINED***, but **HIGHLY UNSUCCESSFUL ACTIONS** to **'FORCE MY RESIGNATION'**, well; that matter **ALONE**, **COST HAMBURG TAXPAYERS $50,000.00 IN LEGAL FEES** to ***PROVE*** that **YOU**, **MALZ** & the 'contract' **HAMBURG CITY ATTORNEY** were ***ALL*** **'WRONG' !!**

Conversely, I spent **ONLY** (about) **$2,500.00** to **'PROVE'** that I was ***100% 'RIGHT' !!*** And as you are aware, I **COMPLETED** my **ENTIRE** four year City Councilmember term !!

Thanks to **YOU**, former Mayor **RICHARD MALZ** and the **MELCHERT, HUBERT &**

SJODIN 'contract' CITY ATTORNEY, it's NO WONDER that the **CITY OF HAMBURG** has the **HIGHEST TAXES IN ALL OF CARVER COUNTY !!**

TWELFTH; I am also personally aware of your name being listed frequently as a City resident with a history of monthly utility bill delinquencies while serving as a **PUBLIC OFFICIAL** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**. On behalf of myself and the fine residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, please provide the months and amounts of your City utility bill delinquencies while holding **PUBLIC OFFICE** as either a **Hamburg City Councilmember** or as **Mayor of Hamburg**, as well as any utility charges, fees or 'financial obligations' (including Internet/Cable TV/ landline or cell phone service, etc.) that were either totally or partially 'waived' or otherwise paid, or reimbursed, by the **CITY OF HAMBURG**.

THIRTEENTH; Much of this additional information detailed above was previously requested was but never received. On behalf of myself as well as the fine residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, please provide an explanation of why you FAILED TO RESPOND to these requests and why you FAILED TO PROVIDE the information and/or explanations sought.

FOURTEENTH; I have continually expressed an on-going concern about the very poor quality of the audio recordings of Hamburg City Council Meetings PREVENTING, in most cases, City residents, or anyone else, to listen to the City Council proceedings 'after the fact'. It is worth noting that when RICHARD MALZ was previously the Hamburg Mayor, he supported the fact that the written 'Minutes' of City Council meetings be 'abbreviated'; containing only minimal information. Malz's, and the City's grossly misplaced 'logic' for such action was that if City residents wanted more information, 'they could listen to the tape'.

This was/is **CLEARLY** an attempt to impede City residents from really knowing what is taking place in our City and/or discussed at City Council meetings.

I'm looking forward, as I'm certain City residents are, to receiving, BEFORE ELECTION DAY 2022, answers, information and explanations to the items outlined above in this letter, so the residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** can make an unbiased informed decision when going to the voting booth, and be armed with facts; not 'smoke and mirrors', as to who the next Mayor of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** will be.

Your intentional 'inappropriate misconduct and behavior' is **CLEARLY** a WILLFUL VIOLATION OF LAW; as defined under **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43; MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, Subdivision 1**, to wit: ***".....intentionally fails or refuses to perform a known mandatory, nondiscretionary, ministerial duty of the office or employment within the time or in the manner required by law."***

As further defined in **MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43; MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC**

OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, ***"A public officer or employee who does any of the following, for which no other sentence is specifically provided by law, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than $3,000, or both."***

Instead of having the honor, privilege and respect to continue to be Hamburg's Mayor at the end of your term this December 31st, you ***REALLY*** should be ***IN JAIL*** because of your reprehensible, repulsive, indifferent, arrogant, irresponsible and ILLEGAL CONDUCT; (**MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.43 - MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE**) outlined and described herein.

In closing, as a taxpaying resident of the City of Hamburg, I reserve the right to seek additional information from you regarding your other misconducts and inappropriate behaviors not already addressed in this letter, so that I, as well as the residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, may make an informed, just and proper decision to determine if you, and all of the 'negative baggage' that accompanies you, are suitable to serve ANOTHER FOUR YEAR TERM misleading the City as the Mayor of Hamburg and abusing the trust that the Office of Hamburg Mayor deserves and requires.

I am writing this letter to you as a **PRIVATE RESIDENT** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** based on information that I have 'uncovered' about you that, you have managed, at least to this point, to conceal from me and my fellow Hamburg residents about your 'seedy' past.

And if the other **PUBLIC OFFICIALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG** **were aware** of your past 'history' & actions and also **took no action** (nonfeasance), than you are wholly responsible for a 'whole new set of problems and issues' of the other **PUBLIC OFFIICALS** of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, as well as to the City's fine residents !!.

Because of your highly inappropriate conduct and despicable behavior, you have LOST any respect, that you ***MAY*** have ever had, from the residents of the **CITY OF HAMBURG**, because you have ABUSED, TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF and DECEIVED them, and the TRUST GIVEN TO YOU, by us.

Sincerely,



Richard Odoms
Hamburg Resident Since 2007
150 Jacob Street
Hamburg, Minnesota
55339

Enclosures

'CHOICE EXCERPTS'

OF PUBLIC

'INTERNAL' E-MAIL MESSAGES

BY

HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS

THAT I'VE OBTAINED .....

WHAT'S TAKEN PLACE HERE IS A VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA'S 'OPEN MEETING' LAW !!

SITUATIONS WHERE THE LAW APPLIES: A ***meeting is a "meeting"*** for purposes of the law ***when a quorum or more of the governmental body is gathered—in person or by interactive technology, whether or not action is taken or contemplated***. The open meeting law does not address whether the governmental body must keep or publish meeting minutes, hold a meeting for a particular purpose, or allow members of the public to address the body. For any particular governmental body, there may be other laws or charter provisions that address those topics.

13D.06 CIVIL FINES; FORFEITURE OF OFFICE; OTHER REMEDIES.

Subdivision 1.Personal liability for $300 fine.

Any person who intentionally violates this chapter shall be subject to personal liability in the form of a ***civil penalty in an amount not to exceed $300 for a single occurrence***, which ay not be paid by the public body. *(How many* **'SINGLE OCCURRENCES'** *do you think are contained in the* **SIXTY PAGES** *of* **PUBLIC E-MAIL MESSAGES** *that I've obtained that were* **SENT BY HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS ??**)

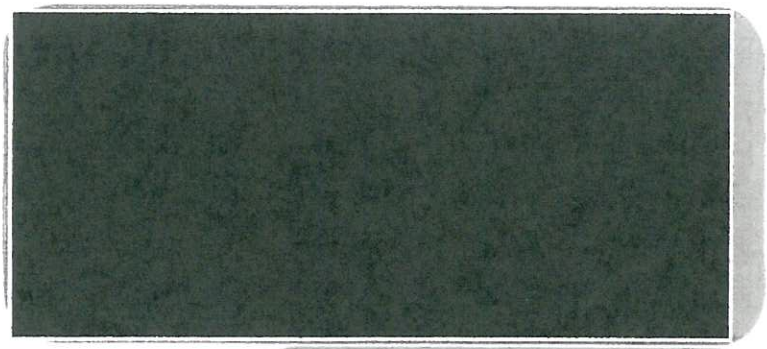
Because **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** are **IMMUNE FROM PROSECUTION** by the **CARVER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, they will **NOT BE CHARGED** for violating **MINNESOTA'S DATA PRACTICES LAW !!**

(The **SAME LAW** *that* **HAMBURG CITY OFFICIALS** *tried to get me* **CHARGED WITH VIOLATING**, *when I was a* **HAMBURG CITY COUNCILMEMBER** *that you've already read about previously in this book !!)*

Verizon LTE 5:36 PM @ 94%

Jason

U know how bad I really wanna say some shit. But at the same time I don't wanna because I'll apply for the job and don't want people thinking I'm saying it for that reason. The guy is a fucking idiot. I mean look at how shitty the park is, and theres been a big branch by the playground that's been there all week that he's to lazy to pick up.



I back you up 100%

Jason

and there a pile of sand that hasn't moved in over a month half

The guys a fucking tool

Lol u think, he only needs 3500 l. Tools 60k in a truck and then 5k for a trailer to be able to do his job

Fucking retard needs to go bye bye

Imagine that, fucktard is at the city office but there's still branches laying all over in the park from the storm

Ya lots shit still needs to picked

Jason

city office but there's still branches laying all over in the park from the storm

Ya lots shit still needs to picked up

Call me when you can

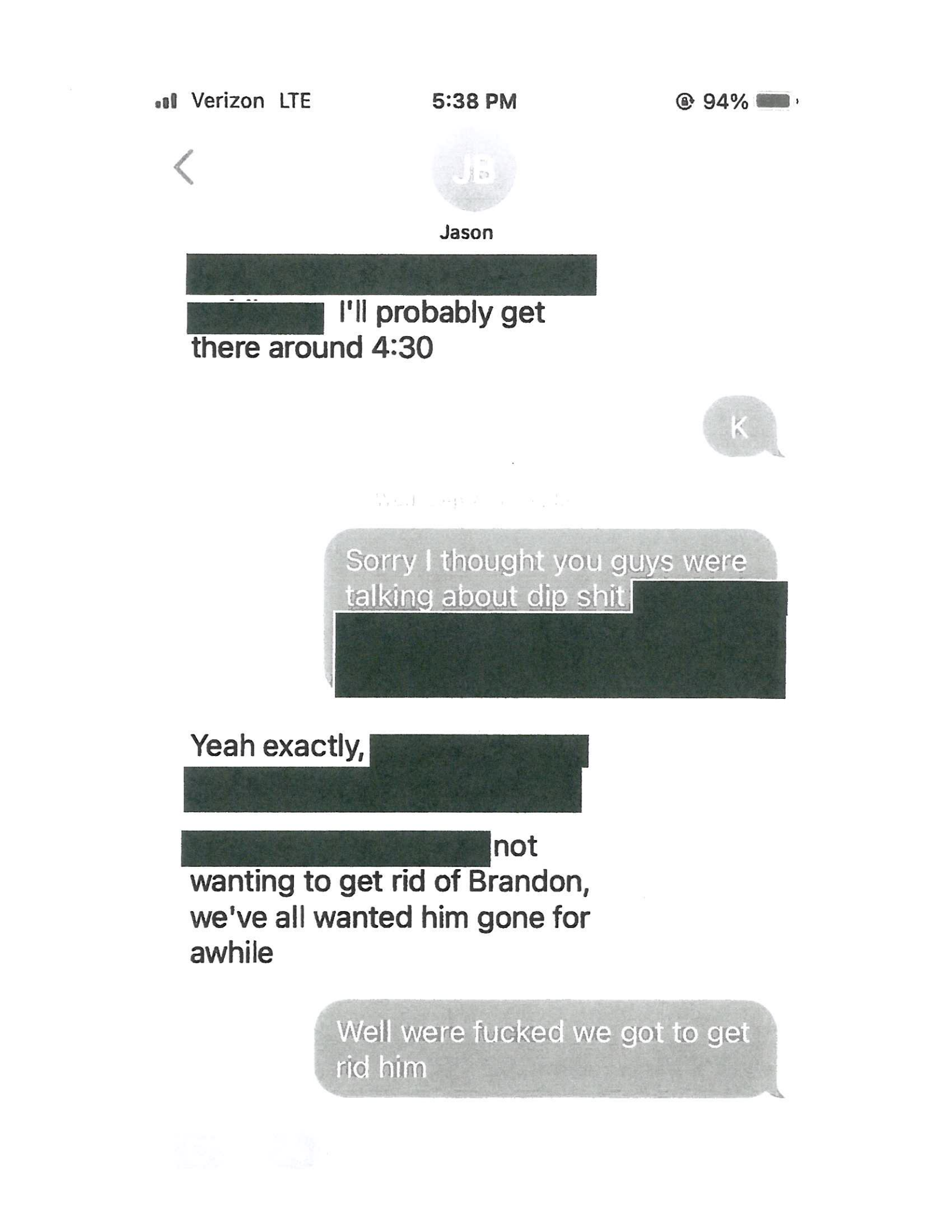
It's about fucking time!!!

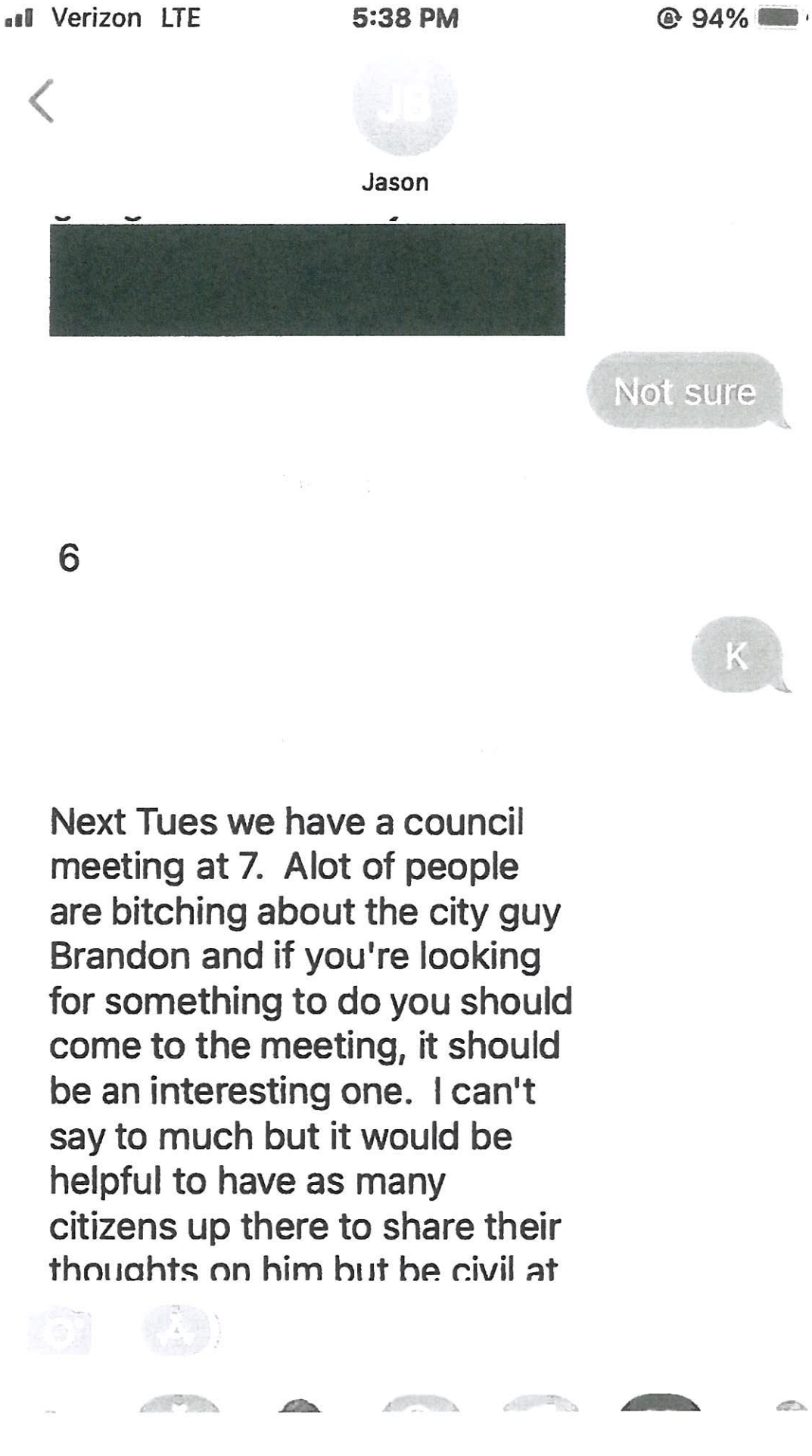
Right about 2 months over due

[redacted]

Lol exactly, [redacted]

[redacted]


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JB
Jason
[redacted] I'll probably get there around 4:30
K
Sorry I thought you guys were talking about dip shit [redacted]
Yeah exactly, [redacted] not wanting to get rid of Brandon, we've all wanted him gone for awhile
Well were fucked we got to get rid him


Verizon LTE
5:38 PM
@ 94%
JB
Jason
[redacted]
Not sure
6
K
Next Tues we have a council meeting at 7. Alot of people are bitching about the city guy Brandon and if you're looking for something to do you should come to the meeting, it should be an interesting one. I can't say to much but it would be helpful to have as many citizens up there to share their thoughts on him but be civil at

Jason

helpful to have as many citizens up there to share their thoughts on him but be civil at the same time. There is just alot going on in the city in general that you all should know about.

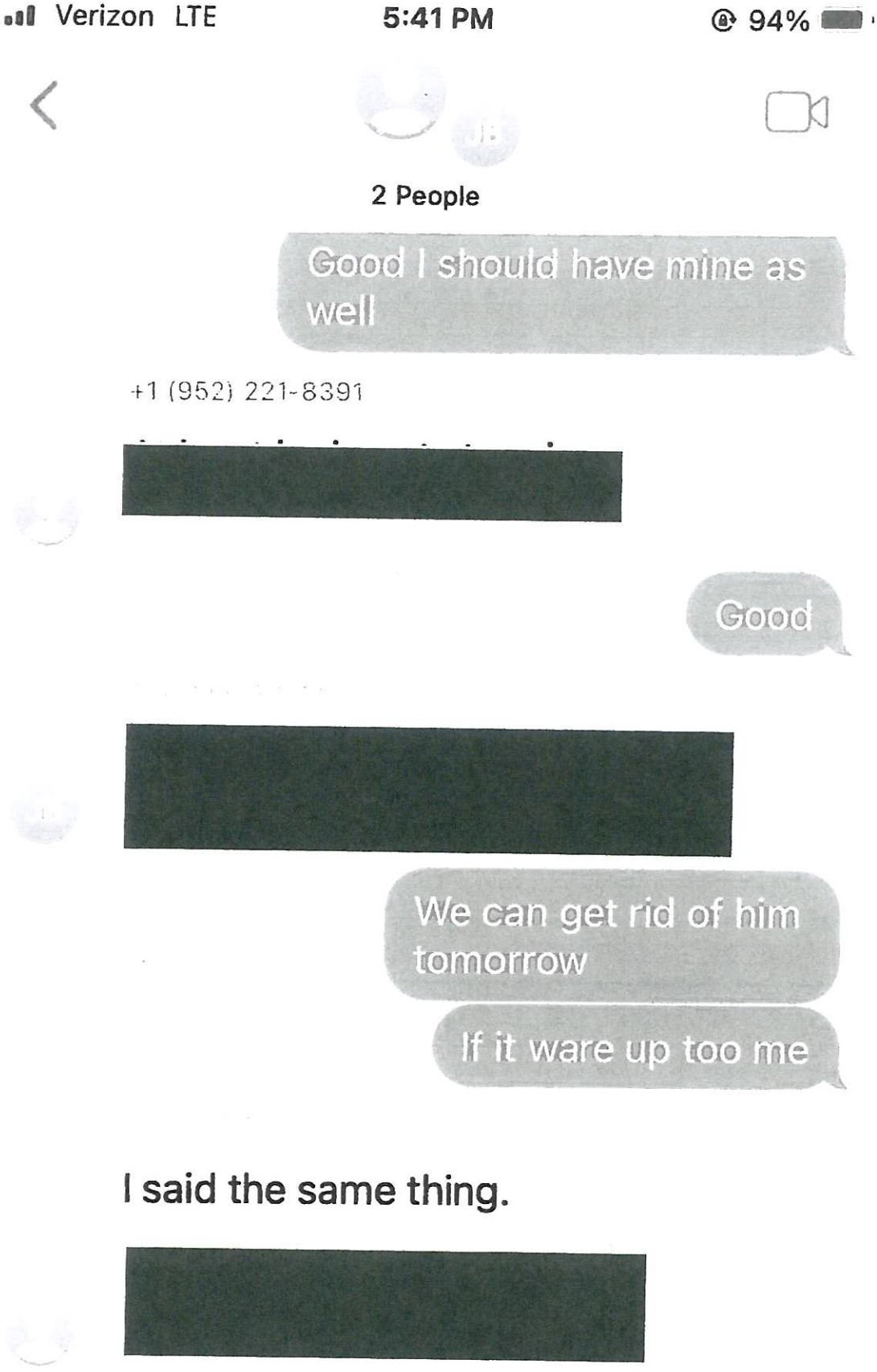
Does that sound good or should add or subtract anything?

Sounds great

I asked Lund about it too if should add anything or not. See what he says.

Yes

Hi Eric
Do you have a feel for what direction the council is


Verizon LTE
5:41 PM
94%
2 People
Good I should have mine as well
+1 (952) 221-8391
[redacted]
Good
[redacted]
We can get rid of him tomorrow
If it ware up too me
I said the same thing.
[redacted]

[redacted]
5 People

others feel differently then we need to have another PC meeting. [redacted]

Sounds good to me, I think Eric wants him to stay though

+1 (952) 221-8391

I'm 100% on board. It's like a broken record that will not stop. I do not want the city to loose the employees that are valuable. I'm tired of hearing about tools and vehicles that are outrageous prices for the city.

Get rid of him 100% on board to move on from him

9:40 90%

Mass text 5

MMS
3:19 PM



Eric Poppler

Well think we all should have a talk and start the process sorry

MMS
3:21 PM

Jessica Weber

He had to have a brand new chainsaw.

MMS
3:22 PM

Eric Poppler

Right we'll give a break he has no truck or trailer multiple trips you know I am sure it took hiccup and fuck up all day to clean the park

MMS

From last night

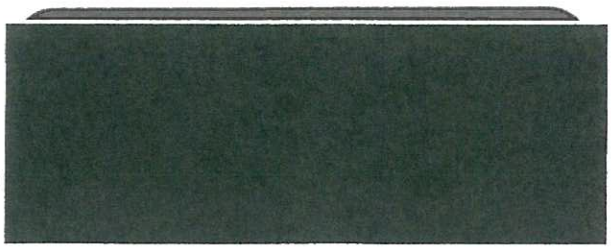
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3:24 PM

Eric Poppler

Sorry for that statement but honestly I am done with him [redacted]

MMS
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Tim Tracy

6:58 PM — Popler said Lund kinda lit dip shit up last night

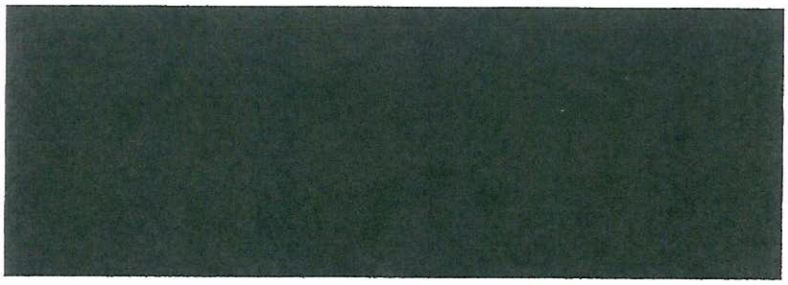
That's good but I just don't think anything will sink in with that guy! What is the deal with the emails?!?!?

6:59 PM

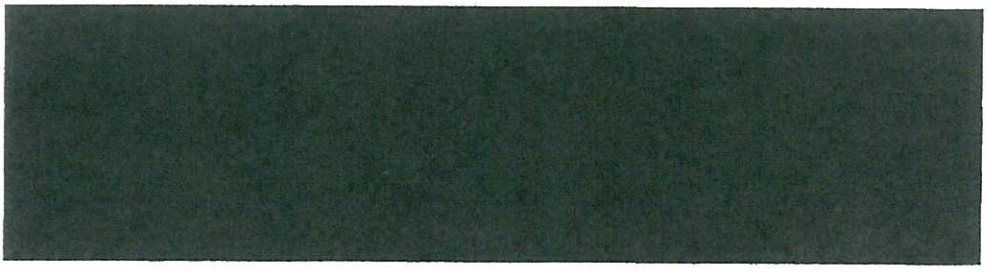
7:00 PM — Nothing will sink in. What emails??

Must be personnel committee

7:01 PM



7:10 PM — How can this town have so many problems ALWAYS



7:36 PM — Lol I thought I would listen to council meeting

9:45 88%

Eric Poppler

10:41 AM

[redacted] the city office but there's still branches laying all over in the park from the storm

Ya lots shit still needs to picked up

10:42 AM

Wednesday, September 7

Sorry I thought you guys were talking about dip shit [redacted]

3:50 PM

4:02 PM

[redacted]

4:03 PM

[redacted]

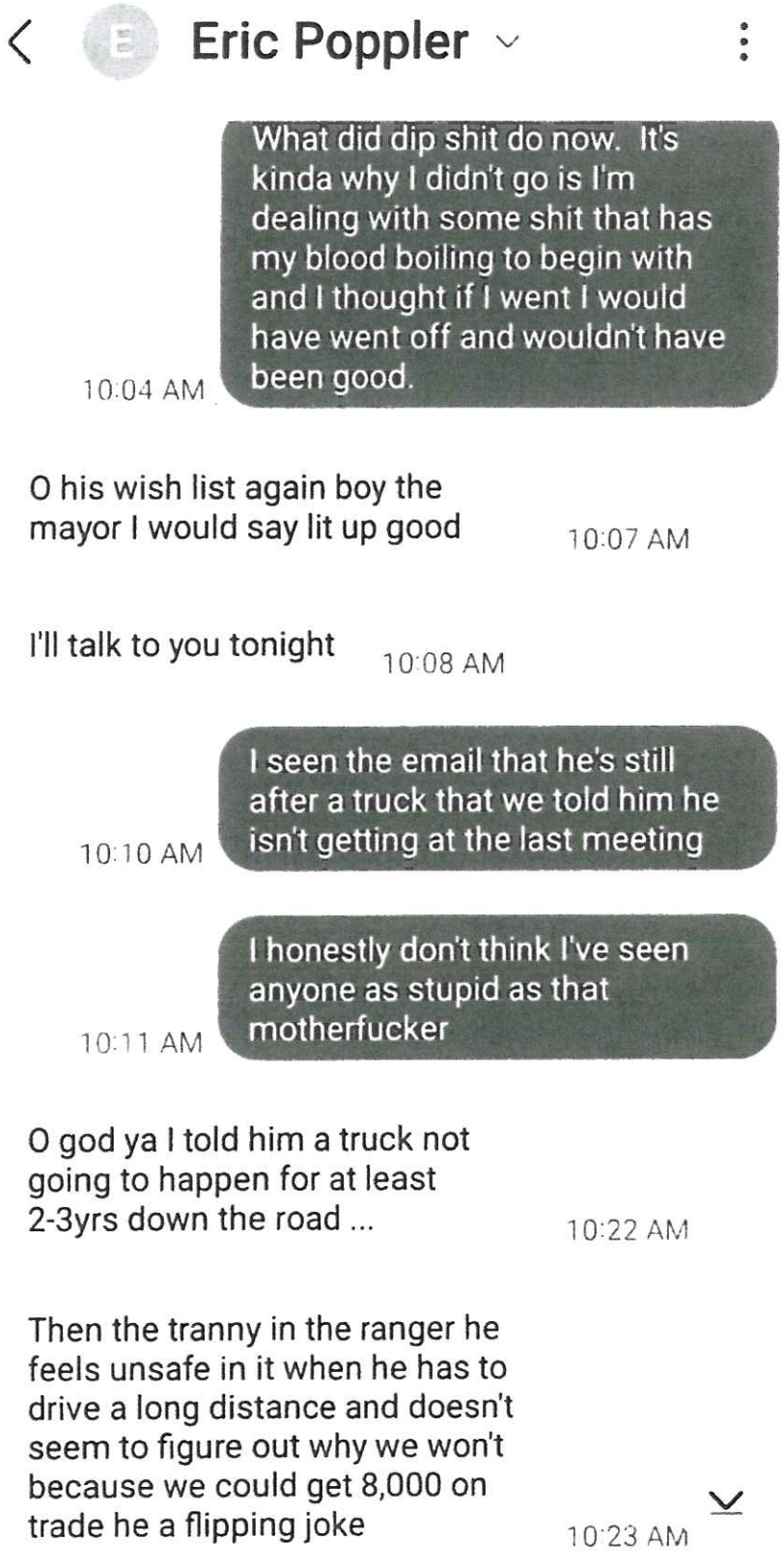
Well were fucked we got to get rid him

4:03 PM

Wednesday, September 14

Missed a good one last nite

9:58 AM


9:46
88%
Eric Poppler
What did dip shit do now. It's kinda why I didn't go is I'm dealing with some shit that has my blood boiling to begin with and I thought if I went I would have went off and wouldn't have been good.
10:04 AM
O his wish list again boy the mayor I would say lit up good
10:07 AM
I'll talk to you tonight
10:08 AM
I seen the email that he's still after a truck that we told him he isn't getting at the last meeting
10:10 AM
I honestly don't think I've seen anyone as stupid as that motherfucker
10:11 AM
O god ya I told him a truck not going to happen for at least 2-3yrs down the road ...
10:22 AM
Then the tranny in the ranger he feels unsafe in it when he has to drive a long distance and doesn't seem to figure out why we won't because we could get 8,000 on trade he a flipping joke
10:23 AM

9:48 4G 88%

Tim Tracy

5:39 PM Yes he's annoying as fuck with the want want want

He is OCD and too dumb to understand small town budgets, it's a very bad and annoying combo.

5:39 PM

5:40 PM Well if he pisses me off enough I might say something

I told him over and over during the personnel committee that he is asking for too much too soon and he just gets a retarded, pouty look on his face and just comes from a different angle. [redacted]

40 PM

5:42 PM [redacted]

[redacted]

5:42 PM

9:51 4G 87%

Tim Tracy

You guys are assholes 🤣🤣🤣 9:21 AM

