May 21, 2019

**MAYOR’S STATEMENT TO THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE REVIEW**

Project Booth Replacement – BAR appearance

Thank you for volunteering part of your free time to the community by being a BAR member.

Several BOT members and the Mayor are in a family disagreement. Let me explain.

A BAR meeting is not required by law, however, I did ask for your informal opinion. In a prior meeting the BOT asked me to commit to additional procedures before moving forward with the booth project. For the record I called a vote on moving forward without these additional procedures.

2 Trustees vote nay, 2 Trustees votes abstain and I voted yea.

The Board did schedule another special meeting for yesterday to state clearly want procedures they expected. Here are a few. Appearing before the BAR; holding a public meeting regarding their views on the both; pro and con. Followed by a public survey.

There is a double standard here however. Last summer a Trustee cut down trees and landscaped in and around the front-gate. Also a bronze flagpole was installed. This Trustee did not show the BAR the same courtesy I am showing now by being here this evening.

The village nor state code requires my presence before the BAR but I am here. Some Trustee believe that I should not be here because THE PUBLIC WAS NOT NOTICED. Likely a handful of residents would have shown anyway. As I said to the BOT we will have all the public comments we can handle at the “Town Hall”.

Rather than obstructing I recommend compromise in this matter. I do not have to appear. I am doing so because I was asked to. They may not get all they had hoped for from this meeting but considering I did not want to appear originally, but am doing so any, begs the question why these Trustees are unwilling to compromise down the middle of our positions.