

To: Cohoctah Twp Board and Planning Committee

Subject: Unauthorized land use

Where: 8016 Hemingway, Howell, MI, 48855

Date: December 9, 2025

A complaint was reported at the July 11th Cohoctah Twp Board meeting from the neighbor (7970 Hemingway) claiming people were living in an RV on vacant land at 8016 Hemingway. They are concerned about septic waste.

Upon my July 17th, 2024, investigation of 8016 Hemingway, I also noticed an RV trailer, multiple accessory buildings, a newer well, a large, enclosed trailer, and blight (trash/stuff) on the property.

I met a lady (Leann) who claimed to be the stepdaughter of the owner(s). She assured me that nobody was living in the RV, only staying there when they came out on the weekend to work on the property. No permits were applied for or issued to allow any of these.

I informed her that she would need permits to allow the RV on the property and that the accessory buildings would have to be removed, except the "old" barn (grandfathered).

Jerome Archackie and Patti Calisti are the property owners of 8016 Hemingway, Howell, MI, 48855, according to our records.

July 23, 2024, Patti Calisti, property owner of 8016 Hemingway, Howell, MI, 48855, called me asking me what the concerns were about. I returned her call on July 24, 2024, explaining the violations, and she assured me that they were cleaning out the accessory buildings, getting ready for a yard sale to get rid of much of their stuff. They were also going to move the RV to their home on Lake Chemung. She also mentioned an interest in building a home on the property.

On September 5, 2024, I stopped by the neighbor who submitted the complaint to follow up on the progress that was made of which was minimal, if anything.

On September 6, 2024, I issued a written warning for the Accessory buildings that remained.

On September 10, 2024, Patti and Jerome called regarding the notice I sent. They were concerned about their timeline to fix the violations. I returned their call on September 11, 2024, stating the Twp position, but agreed to work with them on the timeline if progress was being made.

On September 16, 2024, Patti left a message that she wanted to talk about the property situation.

On September 19, 2024, I talked with Patti, offering suggestions to help their progress.

On October 1, 2024, Patti called, wanting me to inspect their progress on the property.

On October 5, 2024, I inspected the property and saw progress regarding blight (trash/stuff), but the other concerns remained.

On Aug 18, 2025, I did a follow-up inspection on the property and saw the enclosed trailer and RV were removed; however, the accessory buildings were still there. A second written warning was issued.

On September 11, 2025, Patti called me to say that they had sold the property.

On December 4, 2025, a Show-Cause Hearing notice for December 11, 2025, was issued along with copies of the violations.

At the time of writing this letter, Patti or Jerome did not reach out to me.

Respectfully,

Steven Bronsberg
Zoning Administrator, Cohoctah Twp