

Ms Hanneman,

I am following up on my previous email, as I have not heard back from you about it.

Also, FYI, former trustee Tim Shaw notified Mr. Ludi several times that he was willing to speak with you about his first-hand knowledge that complaint-oriented statements made by the village clerk and office staff were provable lies and fabrications. Mr. Ludi assured Shaw that he would be interviewed, so I assume that Shaw was on your list of people to talk to.

Mr. Shaw says that he has never been contacted about this.

Thank you,
Ken Charneski

From: Ken Charneski <kcharneski@kronenwetter.org>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:31 AM
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Subject: re: Confidential: Village of Kronenwetter

Ms Hanneman,

I would not mind participating in your interview, once I have an idea of the nature of your questions, and whether or not I have any information that might help resolve anything.

Your email refers to a phrase "conduct a confidential review of a matter", which seems disingenuous, as your invoices refer to a "**complainant**", which naturally means that you are investigating a **complaint**. I have never been notified of any complaint against me, if this is indeed what you plan on discussing. I suspect it is, as at the Village Board meeting just before the election, a trustee loudly declared at public input "you have a harassment complaint filed against you". This trustee is an ideological opponent of mine, who is the husband of a co-worker and close friend of the Village Clerk; so if they knew about it and were throwing it around for political purposes, then "everyone" does, and I wonder why I am the last to know about this when HR-009 (attached) says I should have been the *first* to know.

At the May 13 Village Board meeting, the Village Clerk, three office employees, Poyer, Coyle, and Fisher, along with the wife of Trustee Vedvic, staged about a 20 minute, organized public smear campaign against me that I believe qualifies as provable defamation. No doubt they were repeating the lies and unfounded statements that they likely provided to you as well. If you find this relevant to your project, the audio is here https://soundcloud.com/kronenwetter/2024-0513a?si=e38d2867c1b64b77bc2c348c8c47ab6e&utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing

The joint diatribe consists of the first 15 minutes, and about minutes 22-27.

So, I am not sure where any confidentiality at all has been maintained in this investigation of all this, except to protect the identity of the complainant who instigated these unapproved expenditures to begin with.

In any event, I think it will be a large bag of worms for us to discuss, that will probably take a long while, and likely documentation as well.

However, before we discuss anything, below is an email in which are some issues I raised with Leonard Ludi on April 30, 2024. The attachments provided here are the same as I sent to him. Along with those, I have also provided for you the Village's Purchasing Policy here

FYI, https://cms6.revize.com/revize/kronenwettervillage/Policies/Finance/FIN-004_Purchasing%20Policy_Approved_Signed_2.26.24%20VB.pdf

If my complaint to Mr. Ludi and the Board involved \$5,000 at the time, the current total of about \$33,000 paid to date is obviously even more unacceptable.

If the Village Administrator, Clerk, or President of Kronenwetter have not already informed you of the contention surrounding the alleged illegality of this contract with your firm, and the apparent mis-use of funds, let this email serve that purpose for you.

Mr. Ludi resigned in May, promising to affect hand-off instructions and an exit interview, but he has done neither, and he has to my knowledge been completely unresponsive to all inquiries from Village officials.

If you are already aware of these issues, then can you explain to me how they have been resolved without Village Board knowledge or approval, and how I can participate in the interview without becoming a party to the misconduct, etc that appears to have been taking place regarding this unauthorized contract or expenditure?

Even if this contract/investigation was legitimate, Village policy GEN-001 does not allow trustees or employees to speak with, or otherwise incur costs with Village contracted attorneys, without **specific written permission** from the Village Administrator or Village President. I have been given no such permission. The Village Clerk should have provided that policy to you at the onset of Mr Ludi's and the complainant's discussion with you. https://cms6.revize.com/revize/kronenwettervillage/GEN-001_Consultant%20Access_2021%2012%2021.pdf

Therefore, I am writing to you on my own behalf as a courtesy to your inquiries, and not as a representative of the Village, or incurring cost on the Village's behalf.

I look forward to resolving whatever issues you wish to discuss, when I am confident that doing so will not incur further unauthorized expense to the Village.

Thanks for your time,
Ken Charneski