

April 25, 2025

To: Mayor Chapman – Town of Mineral

Re: Councilman Hempstead's actions

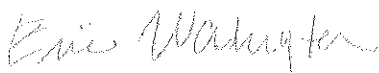
From: Eric Washington

Mr. Mayor,

Councilman Hempstead has abused his power as a council person, in my opinion. I have 2 projects, plus my house that I am overseeing in the Town and he has acted on behalf of the Council and Town to stop them.

- 1- 9th street development – I am managing the development of 9th Street for the homeowners. I have reached out to the County and VDOT to ensure everything is being done in accordance with the rules. I also made sure to check the ordinance in the Town and it says that the property owner is to develop the road if they want to get to or develop on their property. Mr. Hempstead came down to 9th Street and told the workers to stop immediately and were not allowed to be working. I spoke to Mr. Hempstead on the phone at the same time and told him he did not have the power to do this.
- 2- He has filed a complaint to DPOR about my renovation of my home at 611 Mineral Ave and the build of a new dwelling at 620 St Mary's which I have the right to build and sell. The DPOR complaint was submitted on behalf of the Town regarding what I am doing and my wife is doing at our house and then what I am doing for our other property. This is directly interfering with my livelihood and work and I do not believe the Town wants to be a part of interfering with someone's livelihood.

Thank you,


Eric Washington