

November 30, 2021

Douglass Township Board
Stanton, MI 48888

Dear Board Members,

You may remember that at the November 3, 2021 Board Meeting, I personally challenged the Board members in attendance on the unapproved hiring and payment of The Spicer Group. Unfortunately, the minutes do not include any part of that discussion so I am writing to document them for the record.

A synopsis of my comments includes.....

-We've hired 2 planners, we are way over budget on the attorney and we are not getting any numbers about that?

-We are paying the Attorney \$350/hour, the planner, I don't know how much and the other secret planner \$150/hr. and...

-That's disturbing. Amy told me you weren't paying Spicer and to ask Ron Reddick. I asked Ron Reddick at the PC meeting and he said the Township is paying for Spicer.

The Clerk responded that she had not received any bills from The Spicer Group and after backlash from the Supervisor, I chose to conclude my comments early.

Additionally, my husband, Steve Crooks, commented directly after me. He stated "it doesn't matter whether you know about how Spicer is being paid, they are being paid. It's a problem if you know it and it's a problem if you don't know it. The Township can't be paying expenses and not know they are paying expenses". The fact that Steve spoke, much less what he said, was also omitted.

Due to the financial nature of these comments and the unapproved expenditures involved, one could certainly wonder why all of these comments were omitted. You are all responsible for the accuracy of the minutes. It's curious why anyone would vote to adopt the minutes of that meeting without noting these significant omissions.

Please add this to the official record.

Sincerely,



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