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Macedon Town Police Involved in Village Code Enforcement Law, Why?

I guess it is time to be curious. A Village Board member, Dave Sliney is questioning rules and laws that he approved in his tenure as Village Trustee. A Former Mayor and the Macedon Police Department are involved in the questioning of Village Code Enforcement. The problem being is the Village is under a dissolution plan that does not mean the Village is supposed to become a "lame duck" administration and forget our obligation to run the government.

Let me present you with the facts:

1. Verbal complaint came to the Village code enforcement officer about the political signs with in the Village properties.
2. The Code Enforcement officer wrote a notice of violation letter to Christopher Countryman, Town Highway candidate stating the Village Zoning law, informed him the signs have been removed and can be picked up at the Village Hall. Any questions, to call Macedon Village Hall and speak to the Code Enforcement Officer.
3. The Code Enforcement officer wrote other notices of violation and again stated the law.
4. Councilwoman Pagano sent an email to Village Trustee Sliney, Lohse and Nelson stating every village resident who has a political sign in their yard received a registered letter, are you aware of this and here is a copy of the letter. **Code Enforcement Officer confirmed three Village residents were involved.*
5. Trustee Sliney then sent an email to Mayor Cramer and Councilwoman Pagano, with Bcc: others, stating if the Code Enforcement officer did this on his own he should be asked regarding his reasoning or if he was directed to send the letter the person responsible owes the Village board and the residents an explanation.
6. Deputy Mayor Kelly emailed Trustee Sliney, Mayor Cramer and Councilwoman Pagano, why not ask the code officer first instead of the grapevine method. Councilwoman Pagano question should be taken up with the Code officer and then the Village board if the answer is not to her satisfaction.
7. Councilwoman Pagano replied to Deputy Mayor Kelly that it is not up to her to contact the code officer.
8. Then on September 1, 2015 approximately at 10:45am Village Resident and former mayor Jim Youngman came into the Village hall and gave a FOIL request for the last 30 days of copies of the violations sent out for zoning. By 12:45, the request was completed and given to Mr. Youngman. A FOIL request states that once a request is made, you have 5 days to acknowledge it and then 20 days from acknowledgment to get the person the information.



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9. Approximately, 1:30pm on September 1, 2015 Officer Demchuk, Macedon Town Police came into the Village hall asking of the sign removal for Chris Countryman. The Code Enforcement officer explained the Village Local Zoning law that states any political, educational, charitable, civic, religious, or like campaign or event may be erected for a consecutive period not to exceed sixty (60) days in any calendar year. Said signs shall be removed within seven (7) days following the campaign or event. Copies were given to the officer of the zoning law. Officer Demchuk stated signs should not have been removed by the code enforcement officer, even if on Village owned-regulated property.
10. Officer Demchuk took the 4 signs with him to be taken in the chain of custody of property.
11. The Code Enforcement officer **relooked at the current zoning law** and it states:
 - a. The individual has thirty days from the date of the violation to correct the alleged violation or to appeal to the Village Planning board.
 - b. Political like event signs, each not exceeding twelve square feet, not erected more than thirty days prior to, and removed not more than one week after, the election or event to which the sign pertains.
 - c. The Zoning officer, which in the Village case is the Code enforcement officer, may remove signs if present a hazard to the public safety in traffic codes. An individual complained to the Code enforcement officer that signs obstructed view while driving.
 - d. As part of the overlay district, political signage is not permitted on municipal property unless it is signage authorized by the Mayor.
 - e. Signs prohibited: any sign placed in any public right-of-way except for signs erected by the Village, county, state or authorized government agency or authorized by the Village Board issuance of a right-of-way encroachment permit.
12. Who filed this police report to have the Macedon Police involved with a local zoning issue without calling the Village Hall to speak to the Code Enforcement officer? *The Village clerk went to the Town Police station to get a copy of the police report. As of September 2nd at 2:07pm, according to the Police Clerk a report has not yet been reviewed by the Sergeant, therefore a copy cannot be given out. They hope it will get reviewed by September 3rd, but not guaranteed.*

Thank you,
Marie Cramer, Mayor
Dave Kelly, Deputy Mayor
Dan Delpriore, Code Enforcement Officer

*Note: It appears that the lack of confidence these individuals display for the Mayor's office means it keeps the Village in turmoil and is hindering progress. Is this fair to the Village resident(s)?

Thank you,
Marie Cramer