

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Van Scyoc has been effective town leader

To the editor: In the Feb. 16, 2013, Freeman, one of the owners of the Five Diamonds sent a letter to the editor criticizing the town's Chairwoman Angie Van Scyoc, saying that she refused to turn over emails to Supervisor German, held too many meetings and handled the 5 Diamonds poorly, which resulted in unnecessary expenses for the town.

I think this board instead of being criticized for the number of meetings should be applauded for their dedication, strong work ethic, and willingness to spend whatever time it took to solve the town's problems. Since when do we fault people for working hard?

Concerning the 5 Diamonds, the writer says that Van Scyoc has caused a "hostile environment" and "unnecessary expenses" for the town. In my opinion the hostility has occurred because the owners did not abide by the agreements in the conditional use permit which they helped formulate. They had dozens of violations of this permit! In an effort to work with the owners, this board gave them a lot of latitude and did not require them to pay for the violations of the permit. So it seems to me the owners of the 5 Diamonds are the ones who cost the town money.

Supervisor German has accused the chairwoman of having secret meetings. But what about the secret meeting he and Supervisor Fischer had with Waukesha city officials which seems to have affected the fate of the town's water service area agreement? When questioned at the Town Board meeting about what was discussed, and who was at the meeting, Supervisor German said he didn't know but they didn't discuss the water service area at all. Yeah, and I have a bridge I can sell you!

This Town Board led by Van Scyoc has tried to keep the town's boundaries intact and safe from unwanted annexations. They have held down taxes and have openly discussed the budget at Town Board meetings. They have encouraged residents to express opinions before every meeting. Minutes are available to the public online and at the Town Hall after approval by the board. Van Scyoc herself is available before every meeting for several hours to answer questions by the public. I have even seen her at elections directing traffic.

The writer of the letter obviously has an agenda which he doesn't think Angie continuing as chairwoman will help him attain. It's too bad he has to resort to a smear campaign using untrue statements.

Anyone who is interested in hearing the meetings or seeing videos of the meetings can go to YouTube, type in Waukesha Town Board meetings and you can see and hear it all, courtesy of Sandy Hamm.

FYI, I am not a relative of the chairwoman. I am not a neighbor. I am not a co-worker. I am simply a concerned citizen who frequently attends the meetings and who feels the current chairwoman and several members of the board are a 100 percent improvement over the former board. Chairwoman Van Scyoc has my vote!

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