

**From:** [Kirk Allen](#)  
**To:** [Rachael Lawrence](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Media question  
**Date:** Friday, August 9, 2019 8:32:57 PM

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Keep it simple.

In a meeting you said the salt bill was unlawful.

Who made that determination?

Kirk

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**From:** Rachael Lawrence <rlawrence@algonquintownship.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 8:18:55 PM  
**To:** Kirk Allen <Kirk@illinoisleaks.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Media question

It appears we are having two different conversations. You are using half of a sentence out of context to try to make a point that has nothing to do with the context of the original comment or even salt, like you asked today.

I'm not interested in playing your semantics games.

I've tried to be patient with you, but I'm more inclined at this point to simply discontinue any participation with your baiting statements.

I can't speak for the Algonquin Township board anyhow, so perhaps you should direct your future questions to a FOIA officer or even the Township Attorney. I would refer you to their direct email addresses, but we both know you already have them.

Have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,  
Rachael Lawrence  
Algonquin Township Trustee

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**From:** Kirk Allen <Kirk@illinoisleaks.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 8:02:32 PM  
**To:** Rachael Lawrence <rlawrence@algonquintownship.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Media question

My question had nothing to do with past officials or their legal representation?

You stated in a meeting the compass mineral bill or how it came about, was unlawfully.

My question is simple. What court made this determination?

It appears clear that you understand the board cant make such a determination yet you had the bill pulled because it was unlawfull.

Who determined it was unlawful?

Kirk

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**From:** Rachael Lawrence <rlawrence@algonquintownship.com>

**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 2:23:13 PM

**To:** Kirk Allen <Kirk@illinoisleaks.com>

**Subject:** Re: Media question

Mr. Allen,

I think the answer to your question is in the very sentence you abridged:

"...(for example, expenditures approved by a previous board)?"

While I realize you enjoy cherry-picking selections of full sentences to recontextualize them to suit your own purposes, it may serve you well to revisit that exchange and its context.

I'm one Trustee on a board responsible for auditing \*current\* bills (with the aid of legal counsel when necessary) and not those of previous boards. While you will speculate about the legality of previous boards' and officials' actions or inactions, the notion that a current board should somehow take upon some law enforcement or judicial role in past Township business is patently absurd. Not only is it not a Trustee's authority to do so, it is the very purpose of prosecutors, law enforcement investigators, and judges.

Equally absurd is the notion that a current board should pick and choose which current or former officials should be allowed a legal defense for actions taken in their official capacity (a function afforded townships by Illinois statutes) absent criminal charges. Doing so would be taking on a judicial role in deciding a person's guilt or innocence without even the pretense of due process. I believe you've even written a blog entry about the precariousness of public officials' personal liability for their official actions.

Any other questions?

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**From:** Kirk Allen <Kirk@illinoisleaks.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 10:13:56 PM

**To:** Rachael Lawrence <rlawrence@algonquintownship.com>

**Subject:** Media question

Rachael,

In a Facebook comment, you stated: **“Who is the Board to determine what actions are lawful or not?”**

During the June you meeting you stated the that the Compass Mineral bill was not lawful and once again it was not paid.

Who is the Board to determine what bill is not lawful?

The authorities said there was no criminal activity related to the salt matter in question and no court has ever made a determination that the bid that was published and awarded was not lawful. So again, who is the Board to determine that the bill for the salt is not lawful?

Considering this is in fact directly related to Township Business, criteria you have insisted upon for a response, I would appreciate a response.

Thanks

Kirk Allen