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Via Email: rsmith@villageofpecatonica.com

Dear Chief of Police Robert Smith,

I represent Rogene Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton was arrested by your Police Department on October 15, 2019. I believe that this was done at the direction of your complainant Mr. Musso, who is the Township supervisor, and on the advice of the township attorney John M. Nelson.

Please let this letter serve as notice that on February 10, 2020, Case No. 19 CM 3360, People V. Rogene Hamilton was dismissed. A copy of the Order is attached. The reason for the dismissal is because her arrest was improper and contrary to statute. Mrs. Hamilton is entitled to attend Township Meetings.

Mrs. Hamilton will be attending the Tuesday February 18, 2020 Township meeting. In an effort to avoid any misunderstanding, I am writing this letter for the benefit of all parties.

While Mrs. Hamilton has not been served with a prospective ban on future Township meetings, she is aware that an improper 6 month ban on her attendance may have been attempted or enacted in contradiction to the powers that the board possesses. Should this be the case, this again would be a prohibited act by the Board. Mrs. Hamilton is fully prepared to exercise each and every one of her constitutional rights which may include a lawsuit against your Police Department including, and not limited to, False Arrest.

Pursuant to Illinois Law/Township Code, The Pecatonica Township Board has no authority whatsoever to ban Mrs. Hamilton from its meetings. Should she be arrested for attending or speaking at these meetings, as her attorney, I can assure you that she will exercise every one of her rights.

Very truly yours,

Denise M. Ambroziak

Cc: John M. Nelson jmnconst1318@yahoo.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF WINNERAGO

People of State
Of Illimois

Rogere Hamilton

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Case No. 19CM 3360

ORDER

On Motion of the State, the above Captioned case is hereby dismissed.

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Judge