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February 24, 2021

Hon. Felix George
Supervisor, DuPage Township
241 Canterbury Lane
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Re: *William Mayer vs. Alyssia Benford and DuPage Township*

Dear Supervisor George:

I represent William Mayer, former Supervisor of DuPage Township.

On March 19, 2019, upon the insistence and motion of Trustee Alyssia Benford, the Township Board passed a motion "to issue a corrected W-2 to William Mayer" for the tax year ending December 31, 2018. In particular, Trustee Benford, a Certified Public Accountant by trade, stated that the compensation reported on Mr. Mayer's 2018 W-2 was fraudulent and that the Township was required to issue a corrected W-2 or be guilty of tax evasion. Trustee Benford has, in open forum since that time, continued to state, in her capacity as a DuPage Township Trustee, that Mr. Mayer's 2018 W-2 was fraudulent and, further, that Mr. Mayer is guilty of tax evasion. In spite of the passage of this motion almost two (2) full years ago, and Trustee Benford's continued slanderous statements on the issue, the Township has never issued a "Corrected W-2 to Supervisor Mayer".

Mr. Mayer knows the reason. The reason a "corrected W-2 to William Mayer" was never issued is because his 2018 W-2, as issued, was correct in all respects. Mr. Mayer also knows that, on at least one occasion, this fact was reported to the Township by Klein Hall shortly after they were asked to provide a corrected W-2 per Trustee Benford's March 19th motion. Mr. Mayer also knows that the individual trustees have access to, and have viewed, the emails between the Township's attorney and Klein Hall on this issue.

In the event the Township claims it was not so informed by Klein Hall, you are here advised that Supervisor Mayer's 2018 W-2 was, in fact, correct in all respects. The 2018 W-2 as issued reflected \$22,186.35 of pre-tax health insurance deductions. The entire premium for Mr. Mayer's health insurance was paid via payroll deductions from his salary with zero cost to the Township. Since health insurance is a pre-tax deduction, this amount was excluded from his gross taxable

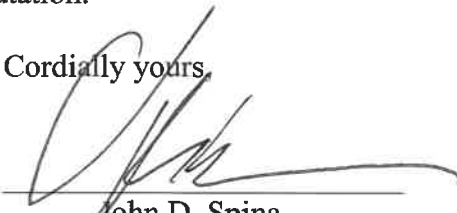
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earnings. In addition, his IMRF Contributions of \$1,304.88 were also deducted. As a result of these lawful deductions, Supervisor Mayer's 2018 W-2 correctly reported his Taxable Wages. These deductions are reflected in the Township's communications with Klein Hall and, further, are also consistent with deductions for all other employees that participated in the Township's health insurance plan. The W-2, as issued, complied with IRS Publications 15, 963 and 5137.

Trustee Benford's continued accusations at Township meetings that Mr. Mayer is guilty of tax fraud and tax evasion constitute *per se* slander. The Township's continued failure, in spite of its knowledge to the contrary, to inform the public that her allegations are false and, further, that the March 19, 2019 motion was passed in error and must be rescinded, make the Township complicit in the slander.

Demand is here made that the Township, in open forum and pursuant to a published agenda item at the next regular meeting of the Township Board, entertain and pass a Motion to rescind the March 19, 2019 action and, further, to confirm that the 2018 W-2 issued to Mr. Mayer by the Township was, in fact, and in all aspects, correct. Failure to do so will be deemed participation in Trustee Benford's ongoing slander of William Mayer's reputation.

Cordially yours,



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