

EXHIBIT

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

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| BONNIE KUROWSKI |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
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| v. |) | Case No. 1:21-cv-04363 |
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| JOHN KRAFT, KIRK ALLEN, |) | |
| ALYSSIA BENFORD, CYNTHIA BRZANA, |) | Judge Feinerman |
| SHERI GRIMMENGA, KRISTINA WING, |) | Magistrate Judge Fuentes |
| BECKY BECKER, and EDGAR COUNTY |) | |
| WATCHDOGS, INC., an Illinois Corporation, |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendants |) | Jury Trial Demanded |
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AMENDED COMPLAINT

NOW COMES Plaintiff, Bonnie Kurowski, and complaining of John Kraft, Kirk Allen, Alyssia Benford, Cynthia Brzana, Sheri Grimmenga, Kristina Wing, Becky Becker and Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc., an Illinois corporation, alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Plaintiff is an individual who is a citizen of the State of Florida, who resides in the City of Clermont, Florida.
2. Defendant John Kraft is an individual who is a citizen of Illinois residing in the City of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. He is the registered agent of and a member of Defendant Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc.
3. Defendant Kirk Allen is an individual who is a citizen of Illinois. residing in Kansas, Edgar County, Illinois. He is a member of Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc.
4. Defendant Alyssia Benford is an individual who is a citizen of Illinois residing in

- Bolingbrook, Will County, Illinois. She was an elected Trustee of DuPage Township in DuPage County, Illinois.
5. Defendant Cynthia Brzana, is an individual who is a citizen of Illinois residing in Wilmington, Will County, Illinois.
 6. Defendant Sheri Grimmenga is an individual who is a citizen of Illinois residing in Wilmington, Will County Illinois.
 7. Defendant Kristina Wing, is an individual who is a citizen of Illinois residing in Macomb, McDonough County, Illinois.
 8. Becky Becker is an individual who is a citizen of Illinois residing in Lakewood Shores, Will County, Illinois.
 9. Edgar County Watchdogs is an Illinois not for profit corporation, with its principal place of business in Paris, Edgar County, Illinois.
 10. As is established in paragraphs 1 through 9, Federal diversity jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332. Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of Florida and all Defendants are citizens of the State of Illinois. The amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.
 11. Venue in the Northern District of Illinois is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 because several of the defendants herein are located in this District; a substantial part of the events or omissions on which the claims asserted herein are based occurred in this District.

FACTS RELEVANT TO ALL COUNTS

12. Plaintiff is an online newspaper reporter who has written articles regarding matters involving the political events occurring in the State of Illinois.
13. Defendants are all individuals who are involved with Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc., which claims its purpose is “to foster accountability, truth, and transparency in our local governing bodies.”
14. On or about September 15, 2020, Plaintiff received information that Defendant Benford, as a Trustee of DuPage Township, was leaking township information to reporters, particularly those affiliated with Edgar County Watchdogs. As a result of this information, Plaintiff filed a FOIA request with DuPage Township, requesting information.
15. Within a day, Defendants KRAFT and ALLEN wrote an article on the Edgar County Watchdogs’ web site, disclosing Plaintiff’s FOIA request, and making disparaging statements about Plaintiff and the FOIA request she had made. That Defendant BENFORD leaked Plaintiff’s FOIA request to them was the only way KRAFT and/or ALLEN could have known that Plaintiff filed this FOIA request. A copy of that article is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Many of the statements made in that article about Plaintiff were untrue, including the statements regarding the amount of student loans she allegedly owed; the Defendants falsely stated in the article that Plaintiff had filed bankruptcy twice.
16. Contemporaneously with the publication of that article, and continuing for two months thereafter, Defendant Kraft made several telephone calls and sent several emails to Plaintiff’s then employer, Jarden & Howard Technologies, Inc., (JHT), making

disparaging and untrue statements about Plaintiff, as a result of which Plaintiff was discharged from her employment with JHT in December 2020.

17. On November 15, 2020, Defendants Kraft and Allen wrote another article about Plaintiff, with the headline “DuPage Twp received threats in email filled with mindless ramblings.” A copy of the article is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. That article falsely accused Plaintiff of having “sent a threatening email to Township Trustees and the Township Supervisor making all kinds of wild incoherent accusations, threatening criminal and civil actions and even threatening to file a complaint with the DuPage County State’ attorney and the National Security Division of the Department of Justice.” The statements made by Defendants commenting upon Plaintiff’s purported actions were false and designed to place Plaintiff in a false light before the public.
18. Plaintiff had been operating a web site entitled Citizens for a Better Bolingbrook on which she had been writing news articles regarding events in and around Bolingbrook, IL. On or about December 13, 2020, Plaintiff re-named that web site “Bolingbrook Reporter.”
19. Immediately after Plaintiff re-named that web site, Defendant Brzana opened a page on Facebook using the same name, “Bolingbrook Reporter.com” This was done for the sole purpose of confusing the public regarding the issues about which Plaintiff was writing as a news reporter, and make it appear that the statements made by Brzana were being made by Plaintiff.
20. Defendants used the Facebook page owned by Brzana with Plaintiff’s logo to further harass and interfere with Plaintiff’s ability to write news articles to the public.

21. On or about March 1, 2021, Plaintiff wrote a letter to the Department of Professional Regulation of Illinois complaining of various unethical actions by Defendant Benford. A copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 3, and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
22. On or about March 3, 2021, Plaintiff wrote a letter to Jim Glasgow, State's Attorney of Will County, Illinois, complaining that Defendant Benford had abused her power as a Trustee of DuPage Township by obtaining a letter written to the DuPage Township Supervisor and leaking it to the news media, including the Edgar County Watchdogs, by whom Benford is employed. A copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 4 and incorporated herein by reference.
23. In the letter Plaintiff wrote to Mr. Glasgow, she described Edgar County Watchdogs as a hate group which somehow is involved in "disrupting multiple government entities in IL through extremism approaches."
24. Upon learning that Plaintiff had written this letter to the State's Attorney of Will County, Defendants commenced a campaign to harass Plaintiff, including placing her in a false light before the public, by various activities, including cyberstalking her, writing false and untrue statements of her in media distributed to the public and personally interfering with her business operations.
25. On or about April 7, 2021, Plaintiff opened a page entitled "Bolingbrook Watchdog." Almost immediately thereafter, defendants also created pages on other Internet media sites entitled "Bolingbrook Watchdog," which they used to falsely represent to the public that they were operated by Plaintiff.

26. Defendants also copied materials from various websites authored by Plaintiff, including “Will County Reporter,” “IL Reporter,” and “Macomb Reporter” and re-published her articles with false comments about the statements she had written, all for the purpose of interfering with Plaintiff’s activities as a legitimate news reporter and causing her to be humiliated and disparaged.
27. During this time, Defendants personally drove to Plaintiff’s home, where they surveilled her and took photographs of her and her activities.
28. Defendants posted photographs of Plaintiff, her home and her resume on the various website pages they operated, with comments about her, all of which were designed to harass and interfere with Plaintiff’s business as a legitimate news reporter.
29. Defendants falsely printed that Plaintiff was an atheist in connection with articles about her membership in a Masonic Lodge, again for the sole purpose of attempting to have Plaintiff expelled from her membership in that lodge.
30. Plaintiff wrote about these activities on her web page. On April 17, 2021, Defendant Kraft re-printed Plaintiff’s post, over which he wrote “What a liar she is.” Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is the Post by Defendant Kraft on April 17, 2021, and incorporated by reference herein.
31. Defendant Kraft has repeatedly copied materials written by Plaintiff, and re-posted them, with comments calling her a liar, and accusing her of false statements. Those postings include the following:
 - a. December 25, 2020, Exhibit 6 attached hereto and incorporated herein;
 - b. December 29, 2020, Exhibit 7, attached hereto and incorporated herein;

- c. January 11, 2021, Exhibit 8, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- d. March 1, 2021, Exhibit 9, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- e. March 1, 2021, Exhibit 10, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- f. March 5, 2021, Exhibit 11, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- g. March 9, 2021, Exhibit 12, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- h. March 26, 2021, Exhibit 13, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- i. March 28, 2021, Exhibit 14, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- j. April 4, 2021, Exhibit 15, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- k. April 6, 2021, Exhibit 16, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- l. April 10, 2021, Exhibit 17, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- m. April 15, 2021, Exhibit 18, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- n. Unknown date - Admin- 44 mins, Exhibit 19, attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- o. Unknown, date - Amin - 6 hrs, Exhibit 20, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

COUNT I - FALSE LIGHT INVASION OF PRIVACY

- 32. Plaintiff incorporates as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 28.
- 33. All of these postings and publications, as well as others, and actions taken to stalk Plaintiff were accomplished by defendants for the purpose of destroying Plaintiff's reputation, and preventing her from publishing the truth about local political activities in and around Will, DuPage and Edgar Counties and intimidating her.
- 34. As a result of these actions by Defendants, Plaintiff has been discharged from her

employment, and has otherwise suffered mental anguish and personal upset.

35. Plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) as a result of the actions of defendants.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff BONNIE KUROWSKI, prays that she be awarded damages in an amount no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) against Defendants John Kraft, Kirk Allen, Alyssia Benford, Cynthia Brzana, Sheri Grimmenga, Kristina Wing, Becky Becker and Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc. jointly and severally, plus her costs of suit and attorney's fees herein.

COUNT II - CYBERSTALKING

36. Plaintiff incorporates as though set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 28.
37. All of the matters posted by Defendants constitute a course of conduct using electronic communication directed at Plaintiff specifically, and Defendants knew, when they committed these acts, that they would cause Plaintiff to suffer emotional distress and constituted harassment of Plaintiff through the use of electronic communications, all of which constitute cyberstalking as defined in 720 ILCS 512-7.5(a) and (a-5).
38. All of the matters posted by Defendants constitute harassment through electronic communications, as defined by 720 ILCS 5/26.5-3.
39. As a result of the actions of defendants which constitute violations of these provisions of Illinois law, Plaintiff has been discharged from her employment and has otherwise suffered mental anguish and personal upset.
40. Plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00.) as a result of the actions of defendants.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff BONNIE KUROWSKI, prays that she be awarded damages in an amount no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) against Defendants John Kraft, Kirk Allen, Alyssia Benford, Cynthia Brzana, Sheri Grimmenga, Kristina Wing, Becky Becker and Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc. jointly and severally, plus her costs of suit and attorney's fees herein.

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Employee of a Florida Corporation attempts influencing Bolingbrook, DuPage Township Election

BY JOHN KRAFT & KIRK ALLEN
ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Bolingbrook, IL. (ECWd) -

It has come to our attention that an employee of a Florida Corporation based out of Orlando has been filing requests for public records with DuPage Township, mainly related to Trustee Alyssia Benford's communications.

We asked JHT's President and COO, Carla Holoman, to comment on their employee using a corporate email account for this purpose, and Holoman's response was: "***JHT Incorporated has no comment nor does the company have any interest in DuPage Township politics.***"



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Consider this a public service announcement for our readers in the



Village of Bolingbrook and DuPage Township:

Bonnie Kurowski, (click the link for a nice pic)(also read ***American Consequences***) a former and failed Bolingbrook Mayoral Candidate, has filed several FOIA requests using the Corporate email account of bkurowski@jht.com and includes within the body of the email her official job title, contact information to JHT, Inc., and their "JHT CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE." These emails were sent during normal business hours.

This initially gave us the appearance that JHT, Inc. is condoning, or permitting this activity using its corporate identity - which we now know is not the case.

FOIA requests in themselves are never problematic, however, Bonnie Kurowski also started a Facebook Group page in which she has been "writing" things about certain elected officials of DuPage Township, and it gives the appearance, through the timing, of attempting to influence the upcoming Spring 2021 Village and Township Elections - which is also not particularly problematic, especially since we covered nearly all of her "breaking news" several years ago as can be found on our website.

The Group claims to be a "hard hitting news source" but we have never found credible news sources using almost exclusively "anonymous" sources. The writings are not particularly well thought out pieces,

sources. The writings are not particularly well thought out pieces, mostly stating they are from "anonymous sources" - which are almost the same as no sources, or made-up sources.

Incidentally, as I was writing this article, an *FBI Media Alert* arrived in my inbox, the title is: "*FOREIGN ACTORS AND CYBERCRIMINALS LIKELY TO SPREAD DISINFORMATION REGARDING 2020 ELECTION RESULTS*" and it talks about the following:

- raise awareness of the potential threat posed by attempts to spread disinformation regarding the results of the 2020 elections. Foreign actors and cybercriminals could create new websites, change existing websites, and create or share corresponding social media content to spread false information in an attempt to discredit the electoral process
- urge the American public to critically evaluate the sources of the information they consume and to seek out reliable and verified information from trusted sources

The Media Alert is similar to what we have always said: *Do your own research, read the actual public records, make sure sources are identified, and do your own research again.*

As for Kurowski's claim that "***as a Top Secret DoD employee, my company has monitored her and deems her a high level security risk***" - we have a letter from JHT's legal team, denying all of it.

According to JHT (read their letter below, or [here](#)):

- *Kurowski is not a "Top Secret DoD employee"*
- *Kurowski is not employed by DoD*
- *JHT has not monitored "MZ" at any time.*
- *JHT has not deemed her a high-level security risk as alleged in the petition*
- *JHT has never heard of "MZ" until they received this letter of inquiry*

Some of the back-history on this is that Kurowski had filed two separate complaints alleging the HOA held illegal meetings, etc., but both were dismissed and Kurowski was ordered to pay the HOA's legal fees (***see pages 3 and 4***). She also filed for a trademark on the HOA name, then immediately started sending out cease and desist notices demanding people quit using the name or pay her a fee for its use. ***The HOA objected and the name was taken from Kurowski in a harshly worded determination.***

7. At the same time they are harassing Bonnie's workplace, they are harassing her court case and doxxing it. They send to her employer a personal injunction which does not involve JHT. The issue with their allegations and assumptions, and cyber stalking, is that they were unaware Bonnie had a business registered in 2012. This business is listed with a Cage and DUNS Number. So by posting Bonnie was NOT a top security or DoD, they falsely interfered with her company, made it appear as though Bonnie's credentials were JHT filings, printed false information, and cost her a job. None were ever fact checked as legitimate media would do. No claims made were without malice.
8. It was apparent from September to December that Bonnie covering Alyssia Benford's wrong doing, as a journalist, would amount to attacks of this nature, thus proving malicious intent to ruin a reporters livelihood and reputation to defend an improper action of an elected official. Therefore, ECW were co-conspirators.

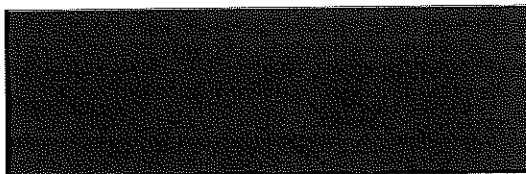
The rescheduled Hearing is set for February 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in
Lake County, Florida, Court

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December 14, 2020



by regular US Mail

Re: Bonnie Kurowala v. [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

The undersigned represents Jardon and Howard Technologies, Inc. ("JHT"). Your letter to my client dated December 10, 2020 has been referred to me for response. Please address any future communications regarding this matter to me.

I have reviewed the Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Stalking (the "Petition") that apparently was filed in Lake County, Florida by Bonnie Kurowala against [REDACTED]. My client has no knowledge of this Petition or any of the facts as alleged in this Petition by Ms. Kurowala other than as set forth below.

Because of this fact, there is no need for my client to address any of the questions you have presented, except Exhibit A, Section III(S)(F). Although Ms. Kurowala is currently employed by JHT, she is not a "top secret DoD employee" nor is she employed by DoD. Furthermore, JHT is not, and has not monitored [REDACTED] at any time, nor do they deem her a high level security risk as alleged in the Petition. Until receiving a copy of this Petition and your letter, my client had never even heard of [REDACTED].

I trust this response will put an end to my client's involvement in what appears to be a dispute between two private individuals. Please also be advised that by this response, or what you may consider as a lack of response to your other questions, JHT does not ratify the facts as alleged in Ms. Kurowala's Petition other than as stated above.

credibility and claims of wrongdoing, it should be a red flag to the readers. A *DoD CAC Card* is simply a "smart" ID Card for all military and those employees and contractors who work for them. It has an embedded chip containing the holder's personal information and access levels.

FAILED: Alleged breach of security of the system data:

Kurowski objects to a Trustee forwarding [township] government internal emails to people and media outside of the organization.

We find no laws, statutes, or ordinances prohibiting releasing emails to other people - with or without an FOIA Officer's involvement.

The *statute cited* by the complainant clearly exempts such disclosure of emails, the email example provided does not qualify as "personal information" under the cited statute, and emails are public records subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act:

"Personal information" does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, State, or local government records.

As for the complained of executive session information, the *Illinois Attorney General has previously stated* that there is no constitutional or statutory authority to punish or sanction any board member for revealing what took place in executive sessions of the board, and "*any attempt at doing so would not serve the objectives of*

board, and *"any attempt at doing so would not serve the objectives of [the Open Meetings Act] and would, instead, have an adverse impact upon open access to government."*

FAILED: Alleged violation and editing of FOIA requested documents:

Kurowski claims a Trustee has been altering the FOIA requested document.

She cites the Federal Freedom Of Information Act which has no authority over state and local governments.

Amazingly, her "evidence" shows no altering or redactions of the email - and even if it did, the information contained in texts and emails that are personal in nature and not discussing public business may be redacted under the Illinois FOIA.

FAILED: Alleged conflict of interest:

Kurowski alleges that a Trustee used her own company to make money from the Township, and the transaction caused a breach of security to personal and private information.

We have found no check written from any Township bank account payable to that Trustee or her company - except for one that was written long before she even became a Trustee.

DUPAGE TOWNSHIP, FEATURE, WILL COUNTY

DuPage Twp received threats in email filled with mindless ramblings -

BY JOHN KRATKA, KIRK ALLEN
ON NOVEMBER 17, 2020

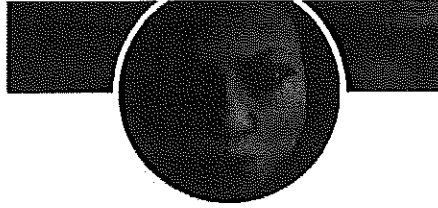
DuPage Twp, IL (ECHVQ) ·

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Here is the best part: Kurowski published a confidential Township report (which ended up being a big nothing-burger) on an employee complaint and is now complaining about public information being released. Does anyone else spot the hypocrisy?

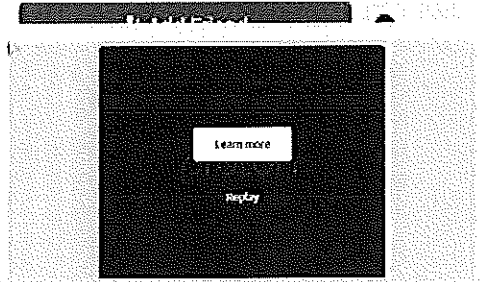
I guess the phrase "*Bad decisions make great stories the next day...*" is true after all..

Since this letter has been placed on *November 17, 2020, Township Meeting Agenda* for discussion, we will provide our comments below.



Bonnie Kurowski

Bad decisions make great stories the next day..



The bulleted sentences are Bonnie's, and taken from the email as sent - we did not correct any of the misspellings. It was a simple copy and paste.

Our comments follow hers and are **Bold** and **Underlined**.

Read the letter as she sent it below, or **HERE**.

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ITEM: X (C) on the November 17, 2020, DuPage Township Meeting Agenda

- My name is Bonnie Kurowski. Two months ago I requested a FOIA. It is my right to do so legally and your job to fulfill it when possible.

CORRECT!

- I expected the FOIA to be treated as policy dictated, that if anyone requested my FOIA it would be through a FOIA officer and my personal information would be redacted. This is the process for anyone asking for information from DuPage Township and all other government agencies under FOIA laws. It is why you certify your FOIA officer.

WHAT you expect is of no consequence. There is no requirement to actually file an FOIA request thru an FOIA officer in order to obtain public records. That process merely places the responsibility on the public body to answer truthfully, and for the public to hold them accountable when they do not.

- So I followed process and requested by FOIA, who FOIAed my FOIA request.

CORRECT.

- My request was denied. It was denied because there was no request for my submitted FOIA by legal channels.

WRONG - It was denied because the Township "did not possess any documents responsive to your request"

- Which means someone there bypassed the process, disregarded FOIA laws, stepped on the duties of your FOIA officer, made a decision to send it out, even though not properly trained, and sent my request to media without a certified FOIA certificate in their name.

THERE is no "bypassing the FOIA process" since the FOIA only holds a public body responsible for answering. It does not place a mandate on the public to use the Act.

- The Township is now liable. My personal info was not redacted. I was not treated properly and under the laws that protect me, and my rights were harmed. This harm caused my name and reputation to be defamed. The "fake media" that was sent my information has since removed the wrong information, but the damage was done over a month of post before removal. No apology or retraction was offered.

BUSINESS email addresses are not "personal information" as found in Section 2 (c.5) of the Act. Even IF there was personal information, redacting it is OPTIONAL. We know of no "fake media" who was sent the information. If it is talking about us, we did not remove anything from the original article she talked about. All of the article is true, therefore, there was no reason for any apology or retraction. Besides, if she was so concerned, why would she publish her own "personal" email address for the world to see (here)?

- Therefore, one of the board, a recipient of my request, used Township email and leaked my request and private information to a person who calls himself a member of the media violating my rights. This is now a civil and criminal matter.

FALSE and speculative. Anyone, including an employee, could have forwarded that info to us, and providing non-secret public records is not a "leak" by any definition. Providing those emails is not a "civil and criminal matter" and no rights were violated.

- This person, Trustee Allysia Benford, not only leaked my request information but invoked this person to take criminal action. This included cyber stalking, harassment, calling my employment, posting liable information publically about me, as well as releasing my company information.

FALSE and speculative. Nobody "leaked" any information and certainly nobody "invoked this person to take criminal action" as alleged above. Publishing public records can never be considered "cyber stalking, harassment, calling my employment, posting liable information publicly, or releasing her company information."

- The laws broken were not only criminal cyber stalking laws, civil laws for violating FOIA laws, defamation, but IL Ethics laws too.

THERE were no laws broken, let alone any criminal cyber stalking laws, FOIA laws, defamation, or Illinois Ethics Laws.

- This violated IL ethics act 2-480 (5) conflict of interest, 2-483 (b) prohibited employment, 2-484(a) improper use of confidential information, and 2-486 whistleblower protections.

THE CITED information above is not found in the LAW. It is found in the DuPage County Ordinance Book – and only applies to DuPage County Employees – DuPage Township is not located in DuPage County.

- Due to the number of criminal and civil violations that transpired because of the leak, I have had no choice but to submit for State Whistleblower violations today and launch another State investigation for ethics violations. This is now located in the States Attorneys office in Dupage.

FALSE. There were no “number of criminal and civil violations” and there was no “leak.” State Ethics laws are not applicable to this situation. The State’s Attorney’s office in DuPage County has no jurisdiction in DuPage Township.

- I am calling for the Supervisor and Trustees to take immediate action, violate her, investigate her leaks, report them to the proper authorities, and secure the Township from all threats she has exposed the Township to, while waiting on the States Attorney action.

CALL ON them all you want, there is no action to be taken. The State’s Attorney will take no action – no laws were violated.

- I’m requesting that upon this complaint, an investigator should promptly conduct a jurisdictional investigation to determine whether the person named in my complaint has leaked any classified information, not just mine, and to what extent these leaks affect local and national level governmental security breaches.

CLASSIFIED information – LOL. National and Local Governmental Security Breaches. Another LOL – She must think her FOIA requests were for some type of super-secret national security info from a local township. What a joke.

- I'm also asking that she be censured at a special meeting scheduled ASAP to prevent her access and votes from further meetings and documents until a full investigation is run, government information is secured, and a summary of the breach is sent to the correct authorities. Failure to do so will show me you are not taking me or the security of your private information of residents seriously. I will report that immediately to the authorities and media.

NO SPECIAL meeting can be had to prevent an elected township official from accessing the records of the Township. Nothing can prevent her from voting during meetings, nothing can prohibit her from accessing township records, no investigation is warranted, and there was no government information breach. Report it to whomever you want to report it to – it will go nowhere.

- Not doing these things within the next 30 days will prompt me to pursue Federal level action with my documents as supporting proof. I reserve the right to seek criminal and civil action if deemed necessary. I will seek restitution for my time, costs, and misc for violations of the data breach and include other breach information I have acquired.

THERE IS NO federal level action to pursue. Seek all the criminal and civil action you want – it will go nowhere. There was no data breach.

- I am hoping you take government security important. You have been given the job to protect the employees, elected officials, and residents personal information safe from harm. You failed me and possibly many others and have yet to take action.

NO failure, no action to take.

- According to US Intelligence Agency reports. Federal employee leaks are a serious matter. You have a Federal Employee doing it for political gain.

WHY WOULD a township care about what federal employees do? There are no federal employees working for DuPage Township.

- If you or I feel you cannot, or will not, take it seriously, and it is not handled properly, I can and will assist by personally escalating it to the National Security Division of the Department of Justice, and enclose this request and information on your response, or lack there of. I am aware of the processes that need to take place and how important it is. I hope it does not need to get escalated to that point.

WE ARE CERTAIN the National Security Division of the Department of Justice is waiting on pins and needles for your information on how little old DuPage Township provided public records. It will surely justify an investigation the likes of which this country has never seen before (excuse the sarcasm).

- I look forward to your update within 30 days of this letter. I can be reached at 630-XXX-XXXX with questions.

• Sincerely,

• Bonnie Kurowsk

3/1/2021

Department of Professional Regulations

To Whom it May Concern.

Hello. My name is Bonnie Kurowski. I am a Reporter at IL Reporter and I wanted to submit a complaint regarding Alyssia Benford CPA and CAM in Bolingbrook, IL. I have been reporting about her for about 7 months now, as she is not just a local IL IDFPR Registered CPA and CAM Manager, but she is also involved in some shady Accounting and Political dealings, as well as Extremist behavior. All of these violate Unprofessional Conduct rules, and I will prove this in this letter.

I see that your mission includes:

The mission of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation is to serve, safeguard, and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public by ensuring that licensure qualifications and standards for professional practice are properly evaluated, applied, and enforced.

Therefore, I would like to report the following findings on Alyssia Benford Licenses #: 065023690, # 261000876

I find that she has been in violation of the following Section 1420.200 Unprofessional Conduct.

a) Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12) of the Act, unprofessional conduct in the practice of accountancy activities shall include, but not be limited to:

- 1) Knowingly misrepresenting facts and, when engaged in accountancy activities, including the rendering of tax and management advisory services;
- 4) Committing an act that violates public policy or is discreditable to the public accounting profession;
- 6) Engaging in any business or occupation that impairs the objectivity of a licensee's judgment in connection with the rendering of professional services;
- 9) Discriminating against clients on the basis of race, gender, religion, age, national origin, political affiliation, social or economic status, choice of lifestyle, or sexual orientation;
- 10) Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving from any person any fee, commission, rebate or other form of compensation for any professional services not actually rendered.

I am alleging these following items and have attached evidence in the appendix as follows:

A. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(1) & (4) & (6) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she has been using her "expertise" to advise DuPage Township in its business transactions, as a sitting elected official on their board. She expresses her knowledge as the only Board CPA and therefore acting as the knowledge base for the Board. However, she has determined the Board of DuPage Township, where she sits, has been doing the "wrong" financial things. She sees it on the agenda, has access to the docs, waits for the vote at the next meeting, then follows local troll online conspiracy theories, arguing on budgets, levies, and more, to use this as a launching pad to PROVE the Board has done something illegal. She has filed multiple lawsuits on taxpayer dime. These lawsuits are getting nowhere because she has been wrong. Acting as the knowledgeable person has cost the Taxpayer money and clearly shows she does not have the knowledge to be a CPA or CAM. It also shows she is "CONSPIRING" against people intentionally, which is unethical. She has created political drama and has used her Extremism agenda to throw these accusations, with no proof. Although too many to research, each one has been taken seriously by the State, Board, and Attorneys and she has been found wrong in each issue. This can all be verified through Felix George, Ken Burgess, and Maripat Oliver who sit on the DuPage Township Board as Elected Officials.

B. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(1) & (4) & (6) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she has used her title to bully and harass an employee of the Township named Linda Youngs. She has mislabeled a financial document, showing \$75K was missing, when in fact it was a typing error. It did not stop her from over-stepping her boundaries, illegally firing a woman over theft, trashing this lady's name, and then losing the lawsuit, which put the lady back into her job and uncovered the 75k was a clerical issue and no money was ever stolen. As the expert in

this manner, it clearly showed she was incompetent and using her power to remove someone who did not support her election run for state office. This led to her bullying the returned employee and an investigation was launched. This investigation was lengthy. There were 12 counts of harassment and bullying reported and the investigation showed she was guilty on all charges. The Board decided to Censure her in December 2020. This can be verified in the same manner as above, or through FOIA.

C. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(10) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when in 2019 she billed the Township for services her accounting firm stated they completed. They could not be complete because they were never approved. These services, she claimed, were used to pay her children for accounting services. She stated this after a conflict of interest was posed on unethical behavior of an Elected Official and it was submitted to the State for violation. The amount was never approved by the board for services, but she tried to vote to pay it at the following meeting, not even recusing herself from the vote. The invoice was denied. The main issue was that she acted unethical in all areas, from removing a computer and private HR files from the Township offices, fought returning them, then billed for services from her private company. The personnel files caused many employees and elected officials to file police reports, since they contained Social Security numbers, bank account information and personal records. This can be verified in the same manner as above, or through FOIA.

D. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(1) & (4) & (6) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she recently just submitted a State Complaint against a former DuPage Township elected official that she has had issues with. He asked for a corrected tax return for over a year. They have not supplied this to him. She had refused his request and has made him wait because she felt she was right. She did not inform the Attorney of the Township, holding the power over this man and his money. She accused him of wrongful need of this tax return based on his contributions to his health insurance, which was not reflected on his return. He proved she was wrong, again, and had misadvised the Township. He asked for a public apology and the new amended return or would sue for it. She still has not complied. When he attended the Township meeting to address this issue and properly inform the board, Alyssia panicked and ran to the courthouse, asking a judge for a restraining order against this man and his wife. They never even threatened her, other than exposing her lack of job knowledge publicly. The judge denied her request as frivolous. She has deemed this man over this request and submitted him to State Investigation over it. She still has not apologized or retracted her Investigation with the State, despite being wrong.

E. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(1) & (4) & (6) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she stated the IRS is fining the Township. However a simple yes or no question from Christine Mayer at the last board meeting, exposed she lied to the Board, and to the voters of DuPage Township.

F. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(1) & (4) & (6) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she illegally changed employees emails passwords.

G. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(1) & (4) & (6) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she illegally had DuPage Township employees work on her campaign during work hours.

H. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(1) & (4) & (6) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she illegally deleted govt emails and has continuously shared executive session emails and residents personal information with a blogger, an Extremist Group, and Reporters.

K. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(1) & (4) & (6) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she wanted to illegally "put the fix in" for an audit.

L. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(9) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she picked a slate to run in the April 6, 2021 election, and as a slate and her own views have chosen an agenda that has discriminated against "white people", calling them all racist. She leads this team, and they have publicly used the racist remarks on multiple occasions, even calling myself as a reporter, racist for exposing a "black woman during Black History month". The

continuous use of race is starting a race war in the community. None of her false statements are proven, as none that she has accused of racism are racist.

M. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(6) & (9) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when she started working for Edgar County Watchdogs, which is a far-right extremist organization and used their website to defame residents in her community, elected officials, and reporters. This group has been linked to the Capitol Insurgence, has attacked the Township offices on multiple occasions, zoom bombed Government meetings, claimed she could not hear the meeting, and then used her set up to file lawsuits. She is desperately trying to get Township funds for her own use, either awarded by a lawsuit or through any other means necessary and her goal is to disrupt Government.

N. Pursuant to Section 20.01(a)(12)(6) & (9) Alyssia Benford acted unethically when her, and the Edgar County Watchdogs contacted my full-time employment by phone and sent letters (to the CEO) to harass my employment, resulting in the company terminating me because the harassment was deemed a threat to my DoD Security status. Again, she alleged wrongdoing, racism, and other libel statements.

In Conclusion:

The result is that Alyssia Benford is on a mission to destruct the government, intentionally harm others with libel, gives bad accounting advice (albeit intentional or unintentional), pursues vendettas daily, is completely mentally unhinged and self-destructing. I am requesting an immediate investigation and assistance in holding her licensure until she can be deemed "Not a threat" to the community and I am asking that this office safeguard, promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Bonnie Kurowski, PhD

Reporter for IL Reporter and Bolingbrook Reporter

630-300-8141 for questions, bonniekurowski1@gmail.com

Appendix:

03/03/2021

States A. orney's Office

Jim Glasgow

Mr. Glasgow,

Requesting: To launch an investigation into an Elected Official of DuPage Township.

Elected Official: Alyssia Benford DuPage Township Trustee

The Situation: Earlier this month Alyssia Benford spoke against a former elected official named Bill Mayer during a committee meeting. The issue doesn't matter. What I am reporting is the process of what happened after a legal letter was received at the Township, and as a Trustee she was included in the chain of notice of the legal document.

Attorney 1: (Mayer's Attorney) Bill Mayer, former DuPage Township Supervisor submitted a letter to the current Township Supervisor, via his attorney, demanding that the board rescind the motion to correct former supervisor Bill Mayer's W2 from 2018 that was voted on by the board during the March 19, 2019 board meeting.

Attorney 2: (Township Attorney) Has not responded yet, as the board would have to meet in executive session, vote, and notify of the results.

Now here comes Alyssia:

I am alleging, with supporting documents that Alyssia ...

1. Alyssia opened the letter, superseded her FOIA officer and chose to leak it to the media, (which she works for), did not redact info leaking complainant's information to publish it, and there was no FOIA. (Legal action is not FOIA available). She did not discuss with her board or Supervisor the action for the letter, stepped past her duties to respond to the legal letter personally, using a "gift" of a free attorney from her media job, acted as the respondent as the Board representative, then got scared of the repercussions and tried to file a restraining order against the complainant of the letter in fear of retaliation.

Therefore. I am alleging that Alyssia Benford Pierced the Corporate Veil and violated many IL State Code of Ethics Violations, harming people and taxpayers.

- Pierced the Corp Veil of the Township by choosing to act on her own outside of the Township, thus harming the residents as follows:
 - Veil: Attorney 3: (Edgar County Watchdogs) She used her second job's attorney (to respond to Bill Mayer's Attorneys complaint), which was only given to her since she is a member of the Board. This was outside her duties, used an outside attorney, and represented her statements, thus piercing the veil.

- Conflict of Interest: She failed to inform the board that she is also the media (her other job) and was leaking NON-FOIA ALLOWED information to this media company. There was no redacting personal information and they published this information in a defamatory article against Bill Mayer.
- Veil & Gift Ban Act laws: She then violated the laws by commingling business funds across businesses, using benefits from Edgar County company to benefit her position. Whether it was “gifted for her for free” or “supplied as an employee” by the company. It violates the Gift Ban Act Law of ethics. Pierces the veil, and conflict of interest in disclosures of other work and benefits.
- Veil: She REPRESENTED HERSELF on behalf of the board as the sole response.
- Veil: She overstepped her position and authority.
- Violated numerous Ethics laws. (It is the responsibility of all public servants to maintain a high ethical standard in order to effectively and honestly serve the citizens of Illinois.)
- S-5.5 Conflict of Interest: How can Alyssia work for a watchdog group against her own Township while sitting as a Trustee of that Township? Multiple incidents are on file with her suing the township over things she chose NOT to stop as a Trustee. Alyssia represented that she is only on the board to assist her second employer on their path to take down the Township. It is now well known that Edgar County Watchdogs is actually a far-right wing hate group who disrupt government. She has benefited by being able to write stories about her opponents on their fake news site and campaigning during board meetings.
- She has denied working for Edgar County Watchdogs, but I have also been a victim of leaked FOIA requests they have gotten from her, also without my personal info redacted.
- S-4A-102- Disclosure of Economic Interest not filed: She can no longer deny working for a company when she is using their legal resources to defend herself, and the Township. She can no longer deny working for them when the defamatory story written clearly states her 23018 wild accusations.
- S-5-15 Political Activities State employees shall not intentionally perform any prohibited political activity during any compensated time: She is present at Board Meetings with Edgar County Watchdogs and has now sued the Township with them as listed Plaintiffs with her from a meeting. This shows she is doing political campaigning during work hours.
- Taking her defamation to social media is a violation of Ethics. It is the responsibility of all public servants to maintain a high ethical standard in order to effectively and **honestly** serve the citizens of Illinois.

Whereas I find that the State's Attorney needs to start an investigation into this manner, as her actions have seriously harmed the Township operations and the Residents/ Taxpayers. This is the result of not acting sooner, as I have previously reported to you about the Edgar County Watchdogs and how they are disrupting multiple government entities in IL through extremism approaches. If you contact the Supervisor Felix George, he can tell you more about combating this hate group. However, this one situation alone should warrant a separate investigation immediately. Her destruction is happening daily and being censured has not worked.

If you wish to know more about what I am doing about reporting on the Edgar County Watchdog Group, and what they are up to, please let me know and I would be happy to share. Just remember this group brags on their website that they have taken down 600 elected officials by bullying tactics and extremism and there are other elected officials suffering right now from their attacks. They also need help.

Awaiting your assistance.

Bonnie Kurowski

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Appendix:

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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

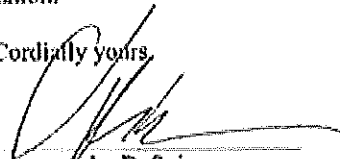
Hon. Felix George
February 24, 2021
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earnings. In addition, his IMRF Contributions of \$1,304.88 were also deducted. As a result of these lawful deductions, Supervisor Mayer's 2018 W-2 correctly reported his Taxable Wages. These deductions are reflected 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,



John D. Spina

JDS*st

CC: Dennis Raga
Ken Burgess
Manipat Oliver
Alyssia Benford

Attorney 2:

No Response yet

Attorney 3:

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March 1, 2021

Mr. John D. Spina, Esq.
7610 West North Avenue
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707-4195

Re: Your specious letter of February 24, 2021

Dear Mr. Spina:

As you know, I represent Alyssia Benford. I have been asked to respond to the letter you sent to Mr. Felix George, Supervisor DuPage Township dated February 24, 2021. Your letter mis-states the law and erroneously claims some great harm to Mr. Mayer's purported reputation. Mr. Mayer enjoys the reputation he has deservedly earned based on his widely reported conduct. Importantly, your entire letter is predicated upon a series of erroneous legal conclusions. Typically, it is proper for an attorney to research an issue before sending out an unsupported document. Moreover, a document lacking any citations to authority, such as your letter is indicative of a product of an uninformed mind.

It, therefore, appears necessary to educate you on applicable law and legal authority that appears to have escaped your obvious mental prowess as a person who is an "attorney" by trade. As I understand your letter, you contend, *inter alia*, that: A) statements made at a public meeting are actionable, B) that the Township is thereby subject to some form of vicarious liability; C) that Klien Hall's opinion is dispositive of a present factual issue; and D) within your letter you make a series of slights towards Ms. Benford's status as a Certified Public Accountant. This letter is responsive to those matters you raise in your letter.

Initially, it is clear that any statement Ms. Benford made was during public debate wherein she engaged in comment on a public issue. As you may know, or more likely may not know, that in turn places anything that Alyssia stated squarely in the arena of the Citizens Participation Act ("CPA") 735 ILCS 110 et seq. The CPA serves to protect speech that is designed to get government to act. The term "Government" is broadly construed in the CPA to include even the electorate. See *Wright Development Group, LLC v Walsh*, 2010 WL 4125655 (Ill Sup Ct). By the terms of your letter, that is what Alyssia Benford undertook to do and therefore she has immunity under the CPA. I really hope that you endeavor to file such a specious claim, as I can more fully educate you in the dynamics of the CPA, including the provision on attorney fees for a prevailing defendant. See 735 ILCS 110/25. Moreover, you should also be apprised of the *Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity*

Act. See 745 ILCS 10 et seq. Even if your erroneous position on liability of DuPage Township had any value, such a claim is barred by the limitations period in the immunity act. Specifically, Section 8-101 of the Act provides:

Limitation. (a) No civil action other than an action described in subsection (b) may be commenced in any court against a local entity or any of its employees for any injury unless it is commenced within one year from the date that the injury was received or the cause of action accrued.

Accordingly, since your letter references purported causes of action arising in 2018 and 2019 you have passed the limitations date as we are in the year of our Lord 2021, using the Gregorian calendar. Thus, Mr. Mayer has no cause of action whatsoever.

The Tort Immunity Act, in turn, protects local public entities and their employees from liability arising from government operations. *Van Meter*, 207 Ill. 2d at 368 (2003); see 745 ILCS 10/1-101.1(a) (West 2018). The statute's purpose is to prevent the dissipation of public funds on damages awards in tort cases. *Murray v. Chicago Youth Center*, 224 Ill. 2d 213, 229, 864 N.E.2d 176, 309 Ill. Dec. 310 (2007). Under the Tort Immunity Act, local governmental entities are liable in tort, but this liability is limited "with an extensive list of immunities based on specific government functions." *Harrison v. Hardin County Community Unit School District No. 1*, 197 Ill. 2d 466, 471, 758 N.E.2d 848, 259 Ill. Dec. 440 (2001).

I have yet to find any authority that Klien Hall (a twelve member accounting firm) is the ultimate determinant of any present or prior fact. You articulate that Klien Hall made a statement. However, organizations only make statements via people. You do not quote any individual person. Thus, you rely upon a fragile claim on some purported historic fact that is not dispositive. I do know that Klien Hall holds themselves out as "Financial Futurists." See <https://kleinhallepa.com/team/christina-klein-cpa-mst>. However, I have yet to cast my eyes into their crystal ball which allows them to see into the future. The term "Futurists" is defined as follows:

Futurists (plural noun) · futurists (plural noun)

1. an adherent of futurism.
2. a person who studies the future and makes predictions about it based on current trends.
3. Theology - a person who believes that eschatological prophecies are still to be fulfilled.

Given the holding out as "Financial Futurists", I wonder why they are even in business as knowing the future might foretell accumulating personal fortune.

While I may not be able to tell you what the future is, I can tell you that the position you take in your letter of February 24, 2021 is clearly erroneous.

Sincerely,



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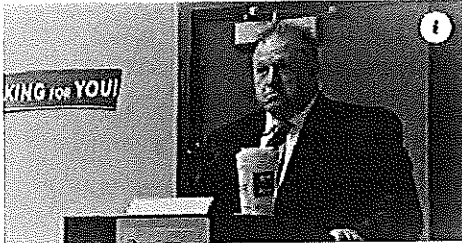
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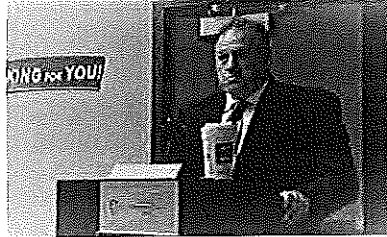
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- *Statements made during a public meeting are protected speech*
- *Civil action (against a public body) must be commenced within one year, which clearly places the 2019 board action outside the statute of limitations*
- *'TORT' immunity applies*

We urge all to read the *below letter*, it is a fascinating read:

Ltr to Spina, 3-1-21



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Disgraced Former Supervisor Threatens To Sue DuPage Township

BY JOHN KRAFT & KIRK ALLEN ON FEBRUARY 26, 2021

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Bolingbrook, IL (ECWd) -

At this week's DuPage Township Finance Committee meeting, former Supervisor Bill Mayer appeared to be worried about a W-2 he was given during his tenure as Supervisor. He spoke on the subject during public comment time. Listen to his threats to sue the Township (*HERE*)

We will begin this by stating that we covered this payroll issue a couple of years ago noting that employees and officials of a township cannot be paid in advance and cannot receive things not specified in their compensation setting resolution - it violates state law (something Attorney Spina couldn't wrap his head around at the time), and the new Township Attorney covered it in a memorandum (*here* and our second article *here*), and the Auditors covered it in their report for year 2018 (*here* - see

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We also covered the "insurance" issue as being unauthorized compensation (meaning it cannot be considered pre-tax payroll)(read it *here*) and *here*).

On Feb 24, 2021, Mayer had his attorney, John Spina (also the former DuPage Township attorney) send Supervisor Felix George a *demand letter* complaining about the board voting and passing on a measure to issue Mayer a corrected W-2 for the tax year ending December 31, 2018.

letter demands the Township, in an

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The letter demands the Township, in an open forum, during the next meeting (*notice how this is worded to make sure that Burgess, Oliver, and George can pass it before leaving office - but forgetting that it can be reconsidered at the following meeting, or simply voted on again to rescind this rescission with a new Board*) to rescind the March 19, 2019 action taken to issue a corrected W-2 and to further confirm that the 2018 W-2 was correct.

Please keep in mind that local ordinances or resolutions cannot conflict with state or federal law (such as income reporting requirements), and are deemed void from the beginning - which we believe should apply to any attempt at legislating

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William Randall
That lawyer's response is priceless.

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Alyssa Benford
William Randall! And the truth!

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Alyssa Benford

Ron Doweid! It's not about the W2, the township owes taxes to the IRS for social security and medicare. They are not in compliance. That is what must be resolved. The corrected W2 will indicate that the township paid those social security and medicare taxes on behalf of the employee because they were not properly withheld at the time the former supervisor gave himself health benefits that were not a part of his compensation voted on by the board.

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What a liar
← she is



Bonnie Kurowsk

We do not get our stories attacked, we get our personal info doxed, they go after our household including children, and I personally had some just last month drive 5 states away to follow me, stand on a sidewalk and take pictures to intimidate my child. The threat to journalism is real right now.

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Denise Kinoski "Top-Secret DoD Employee" LOL!!!!

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In her msg the attorney fees, based on lawsuits, stipulations, and items created by the ESO's and Joyce Berford to get the property vacated by Alyson Terrell (the attorney fees were never paid) "What was expected of the taxpayers"

FALSE

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between all the physical things, using the board table, attorney fees, and had the attorney at her own home and was not a lawyer (I have completed the figures)

*The numbers table does not reflect for Annual Salary

She is the attorney's number, Alyson Terrell and her new law (about 2021 the taxpayer 1463476)

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she excluded handling the details of the (I was concerned they could make a personal information, being being being, paying her \$120,000 to pay for her own business, use of attorney for personal and expense things of her own, being staged or stress and more found why an investigation and... building behavior, her nature, and...

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the Township has various evidence that she is not a lawyer from these officials and it is unclear if it. Although the attorney and others in being the Township because of her actions, and to pay for the STEE in Bellingham has EVER come close to this money, number 14224 taken from taxes and the food party. The money I was requested by her building, family members of these buildings and many gauges for the. And what it works, is the stage of the township and means that is responsible, it could mean taking down the whole township. The single liability showed the Village why we need to defend the Township.

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Bonnie Kurawski **Board of Public Safety** Fake "Top Secret DoD Employee" has more to say...

This is a public question for Supervisor Felix George and the Township Trustees

Early in 2020, an employee filed harassment charges against Trustee Alyssa Benford. Specifically for picking over her work, taking account for all things, in order to get the employee fired. It came out late in the year that this Township employee had for 1 month, approximately, the employee did not support her state run for office and had to give the township to her state, county, Ashland, and the funds through a commission.

➔ FALSE

The investigation into the 11 charges came back with all charges, information, the board to take action. We were all thankful to see the Township Commission.

➔ FALSE

The trustee used FCW to perpetrate bullying and harassment.

Note she has been disciplined and has done it again, she was falsely accused that a (AKA) employee of the township, she then used FCW to perpetrate bullying and harassment following the same. This has not been given / seen from her punishment on this situation.

➔ FALSE

Upon investigating this trustee, we found it to be the same problem she has used to harass and bully other elected officials too. Just by looking into it, she did the same to me and had posted a null document with lies about me because I exposed her. That violates my constitutional rights to hold elected officials accountable. Elected officials are not legally allowed to harass nor defame residents who call them out from their illegal actions.

➔ FALSE – on both claims

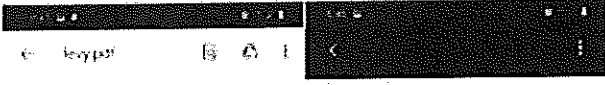
Residents want to know what can be done about a unprofessional trustee who is violating township policies, using the office and web to harass, harass, has threatened the staff to any way to destroy the reputation of the Township and is running to be the Supervisor in April. What a disgrace it that this has never happened in the Township before. She is the first elected official to behave badly, in this regard and use her position as office to bully people and to do self review.

➔ FALSE

To take and the trustees: Is the township taking action on FCW? We can see that on other party? Will another trustee be removed? What are you doing to ensure the government doesn't protect in laws over the township and protect elected officials and employees? Why does the township need to protect the remaining trustees and the money to give a 2020-2021 budget and come in by April? Complete destruction? Please advise?

➔ No. No action will be taken

Why? She was legitimately appointed to the job.



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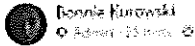
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Fake "Top-Secret DoD Employee" has more to say...



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Admin · 22 posts · 🌐

Word of the day: ironically ignorant. **Yes, You Are !**
When Trustee Aylisia Benford found out she was censured, she filed a
suit against the Township. Listed on the suit as co-plaintiffs were Kim
Allen and John Kraft from Edgar County Watchdogs. We questioned
previously Why their names were on it.

Jump to a month later in Avon township where the same situation is
happening on their board. The TCW helped them track who was
censured their Supervisor for not putting up with their Patriot ways.
The Supervisor there under fire is a Democrat, which doesn't do well in
a leader role with 1 extremist wanting him out. What's worse is the
documents to clear him have impounded by the township.

How does one sue claiming censorship is not legal, but then have
instructed another board in the same state to do the same?
Is it only legal when it benefits the Patriots? Or is it hypocritical? Or just
ironically ignorant?

Too much B.S. to list

LIAR

← FALSE

← FALSE



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Good luck on your fishing expedition. You will catch the swimming
nothing-burger -



WEEK ENDING MARCH 1, 2021

March 1, 2021



- 1. Despite ECW cries, Alyssia Benford is censured. ← **False**
- 2. Lynn Will, ECW, Benford campaign launches attack at Reporter's family, setting up fake accounts in families names. Lawsuit ready. **LIE**
- 3. Benford restraining order tossed as frivolous and stupid.
- 4. SPLC launches list of candidates with extremist ties
- 5. Election day, how to handle the emotions
- 6. CPAC attended **Prove it - I doubt**
- 7. Cricket field issue **you attended**
- 8. Fake profile started by Teresa Bhoj was a missing Alzheimer's patient. How desperate are stalkers? **Prove it**
- 9. Candidate Deborah Williams posts "Suck my dick you liberal piece of shit", 5 weeks before election.
- 10. Fat shaming reporters again by stalker Teresa Bhoj of Florida. Immaturity at the finest. Mental health assessment needed. **Prove it**
- 11. Mike Capazano shuts up residents, as campaign chair of The First Party
- 12. Alyssia Benford becoming unhinged as looming loss approaches.
- 13. Felix George is the Republican Choice for Township Supervisor.
- 14. Mary Alexander-Basta is upset people want trash reform.
- 15. Alyssia, Cornell Darden and Sheldon Watts claim educations that they cannot prove.
- 16. Kirk Allen an John Kraft violates CDC travel orders and could spread Corona. **LIE**
- 17. Trustee Benford files more reckless lawsuits against Township. **LIE**

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March 1 ·



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Lynn Will
12. Who is unhinged? Lol

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Why would anyone claim to be the "only local news site" in Bolingbrook to cover the election, while at the same time registering their LLC and NFP in FLORIDA? Kind of destroys the "local" in local, doesn't it? Asking for a friend...

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Electronic Articles of Incorporation
For

K21900002239
FILED
February 22, 2021
Sec. Of State
FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Florida corporation, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I

The name of the corporation is:
"FAUCETT B. INC."

Article II

The principal place of business address:
300 CANA MARIA AVE.
CLERMONT, FL 34501

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George Sands
well John Kraft ...

you ever BEEN to Clermont, FL??
not a lot to do there..... See More

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👤 Donna Hoogland replied · 7 Replies

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March 5 · 🌐

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Bryan Patrick take whatever side i wish. That pic of my house was taken thursday. Thats them arriving 2 my doorstep. 18 hours away. Felix is a good guy and good candidate. He was booted off the ballot by this same group at my door. Their docs are all altered. Mine are fully posted

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Citizens for a better Bolingbrook



John Kratt

March 9 · 🌐



Navigation bar for Bolingbrook Reporter page. Includes a back arrow, the page name "Bolingbrook Reporter", a search icon, and a more options icon. Below the name is a "New Activity" indicator and a "Sort" option.



Bonnie Kurowski

Admin · 1h · 🌐

Don't hold your breath... On second thought, yes, please, hold your breath...

~~Withdraw~~ of candidacy

WITHDRAWAL

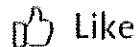
Now that we are 4 weeks to election, this is the time we see candidates remove themselves from the race. If they stay in the race they know reporters will report findings.

We believe the following should withdraw:



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Bolingbrook Reporter

Liar



Bonnie Kurowski

Admin · 3 hrs ·

LIE LIE

Wild conspiracies, arrested for assault, suing a different govt body... how Lynn Will, aka Cindy Brzana, aka Erik has been roped into ECW shennannigans and is now terrorizing Bolingbrook LIE

LIE This allegedly super crazy woman spent the other day driving past and stalking a former elected official. One she had to do community service for harming.

LIE Today she is in court with ECW attorney, stating Wesley Township did something wrong. Its not her first lawsuit. Yet her path of destruction seems awfully familiar. We have seen it before from Alyssia Benford. Ecw gets them filed up enough and gives them attorneys so they can sue.

LIE



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March 26 ·



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Bonnie is just upset that she spent months spilling her alleged heart out to Cindy, and it is all in writing. Now she is mad at Cindy and is trying to bully her by lying about her.

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There are some real gems, here is a sample:



John Kraft

March 28 · 🌐

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Classic example of when two unstable people meet:

Bonnie and Johnny (Norton), Two apparently mentally unstable people meet – the result is like septic tank poetry –

Janet Kerswell **LIAR** Bonnie Kerswell (Norton) and ...

type Well, aka Cindy was slapped with a personal injury lawsuit today.

The Big Lie

BREAKING NEWS: EDGAR COUNTY WATCHDOGS AND THEIR ATTORNEY, ROBERT HANLON, SLAPPED WITH EMERGENCY INJUNCTION GAG ORDER

Erik Phelp is Cynthia "Sybil" Brzana's new Fake FB name and profile.

How Bonnie's new "friend" talks about women

Talks about meeting Bonnie?

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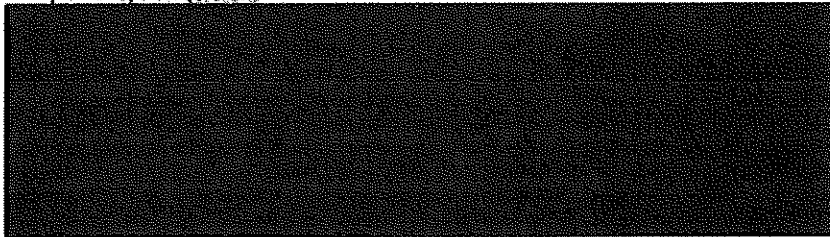
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:36 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: IL Reporter questions

----- Forwarded message -----
From: Bonnie Kurovski <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sun, Apr 4, 2021 at 6:32 PM
Subject: IL Reporter questions



Hi!

My name is Boeric and I am a Reporter for IL Reporter (aka [REDACTED]). With elections for some positions locally on Tuesday, I have been asked to contact your township prior to these elections.

Over the last 6 months, my reporting has uncovered a group of insurgents attacking IL townships as a pyramid scheme. We have never seen this before in IL, and therefore I will need your assistance. I will explain what they are doing, what to watch out for, and in return I will need to know if your township has been impacted.


False


If it has not, there is no need to do anything but keep your eye open for these signs and contact me if it arises. If you have seen this in your township, I am asking you to reply back as soon as possible with your situation. Time is of the essence.

Pyramid Scheme Insurgency *False*

1. It starts with Edgar County Watchdogs either being called in to review your information or brought in by a resident. Sometimes they come themselves and offer Watch dog training locally to kick it off. Their readers thrive on conspiracy theories and extremist agendas. *False*


False 2. They do their duty work through others, but sometimes they do it themselves, starting with excessive abusive FOIA's. They are NOT real Media. They are fake news. They use their credentials to get them more FOIA's. *False* *False* *False*

 John Kraft
April 6 at 2:31 PM · 🌐


 Bonnie Kurowski shared a Page
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So they tried to spoof this site but were reported to the States Attorney for intellectual property violations and election fraud. What people go through to win an election. Well this is the actual link. If it says citizens for a better bb, you know its the fake one.

LOL
Do it!
just talking about it

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Community · 1 · 🌐


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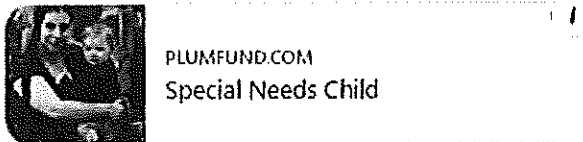
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Cynthia Brazna will be getting a surprise visit from me at her next court date! Can we say surprise witness and a countersuit coming???
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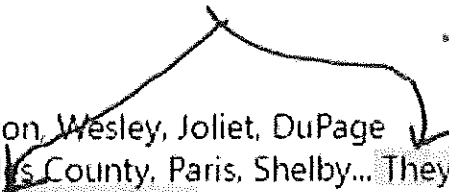


Bonnie Kurowski

Admin · 9 hrs · 🌐

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The BIG LIE



The numbers just keep adding up. Avon, Wesley, Joliet, DuPage Township, Pecotonica, Algonquin, Cook's County, Paris, Shelby... They tried Naperville and were taken to court and fined. Whose next to share stories on horrific insurgency by the ECW. How many victims will this investigation uncover?



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April 15 · 🌐

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LIAR

AKA Bonnie



IL Reporter @reporter_il · 13h

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Cindy Brzana, aka Lynn Will drops frivolous lawsuit against John Norton, former Highway Commissioner in Wesley days after he sends Attorney Rob Hanton Cindy's crazy posts on social media attacking his daughter, a woman and her disabled child. The Lie

Lie



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Becky Gene Becker

Not to mention he lies as much as Bonnie. He even throws empty threats to people who have NOTHING to do with anything. John Norton has disrupted my life as well with a frivolous lawsuit that he lost and still owes me \$\$ from judgement. Now he threaten... See More

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Becky Gene Becker

I wonder how long until they learn the real reason the suit was closed....tick tock.....tick tock.....tick tock.....

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Admin · 44 mins ·

Just remember who attended the Watchdog training. (Proof below). Then look at how she brought them to Bolingbrook 2 years ago. Are you mad or thankful?

Look how hard she fought for them to have rights to our local fb pages. Why? Why did they need the right so bad?

When it didnt happen, multiple Bolingbrook fb pages were created JUST so they could infiltrate their people in time for this election. All their scams and fake news, trolling, poor candidate slate choices, false accusations and promoting fear conspiracies was their MO to win. They were hoping they could control the news and coast through this election.

We ruined that plan. We were not going to let that happen. We started this site to offer Bolingbrook a fair election and fighting chance for good candidates to arise.

Through it all we have seen which cronies latched on, such as Cam, Steve and Deresa. The Village will never forget some of those comments from actual residents who BELIEVE extremism is the course this town needs. It will be interesting to see what happens with these residents come next week. I'm not sure they will ever live up to the responsibility they think they deserve after saying "nanana booboo" as their defending speech.

Now we hope this ill intent crew loses in a week. We wish all candidates well and have done what we feel was needed to inform the Village voters about the candidates running for office and the



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March 30 ·



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Deresa Hoogland
This is only one of many BIG LIES from BON BON!

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Lynn Will
Do you really want to gag Deresa Hoogland 🤔🤔



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January 13 · 🌐

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Can't wait till she reads about the next 3 lawsuits that are on their way;



Bonnie Kurowski

📍 Admin · 6 hrs · 🌐

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If suing the Township didn't cost taxpayers so much money, this would be laughable.

Since Alyssia Benford is suing to overturn her censure and won't win, she decided to add another lawsuit to sue for the process.

This process included her and her team bombing the zoom meeting (a federal offense might we add that is subjected to jail time) while teammates stated they could not hear. They were Patriots trying to stop her censure meeting. Just like the Patriots tried to do to the Capitol. If you do not like a result, stage a coup. This included ECW and Antonio.

Well now they set up the coup and are suing because they couldn't hear over their coup, or so they claimed. So set up the Township to stop a meeting and when the meeting proceeds, complain and sue? What a setup. They went into the meeting with intention of doing this and intention of suing... This is ill intent and takes a evil person to do this.

It's so kindergarden its funny. However, her team now has 2 lawsuits that are frivolous and cannot be won, leaning on taxpayers backs. This is the same woman running to be the Supervisor weeks from now. Good Lord.

Let's counter sue them all purposely for excessive waste of tax payer dollars and report these Patriots for the coup. Zoom keeps track of