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NAME (please print):

Mark Charney

ADDRESS (optional):

PHONE NO. (optional):

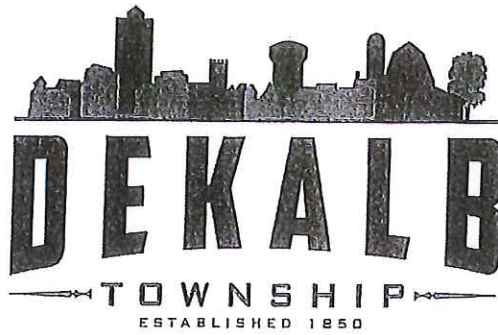
EMAIL ADDRESS (optional):

I WISH TO BE HEARD ON THE FOLLOWING:

Public Comment

I request to speak during the meeting. I understand I have the ability to address those present, but also understand that this will not be a question and answer format.

SIGNATURE OF SPEAKER: _____



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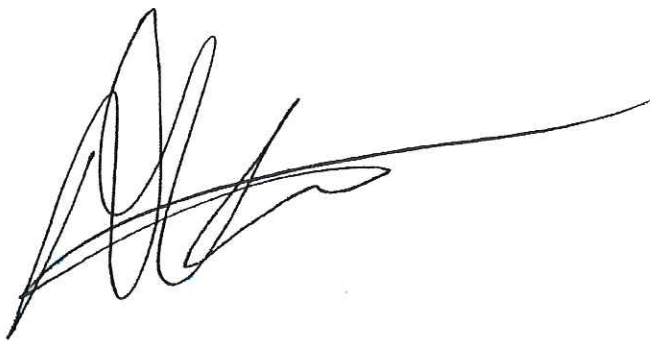
NAME (please print): David Rathke

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I WISH TO BE HEARD ON THE FOLLOWING:

Supervisor Election

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jennifer Johnson

From: Carole Minor <caroleminor233@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 5:57 PM
To: Jennifer Johnson
Subject: DeKalb Township Supervisor election

To the DeKalb Township Board:

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I would strongly oppose selection of any officer for DeKalb Township in any way not specified in the Illinois statutes.

Carole W. Minor
DeKalb Citizen and
Registered Voter for more than 38 years

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From: Carole Minor <caroleminor233@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Jennifer Johnson
Subject: DeKalb Township Supervisor Election

Carole Minor <caroleminor233@gmail.com>

Read

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From: bobbrown7 <bobbrown7@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Jennifer Johnson
Subject: DeKalb Township Special Meeting

Dear Supervisor Johnson:

I served with Mr. Jim Luebke on our DeKalb County Board and have faith in his ability to monitor, review and analyze the policies, operations and actions of local government. I also am familiar with the functions of township government. Our County Board Highway Committee worked in cooperation with the DeKalb Township Highway Department, our Economic Development Committee was a liaison to the DeKalb Township Assessor, and our Health and Human Services Committee served as a link between the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center and the admission of DeKalb Township residents.

Jim recently alerted me to tonight's special meeting of your DeKalb Township Board, with an agenda which at best gives the appearance of "bad government." I am not going to rush to judgment, but I do trust Jim has uncovered and identified some proposed actions that are improper and in violation of State of Illinois codes and laws for the conduct of local government.

As you know, our entire nation is currently extra sensitive about increasing transparency and eliminating corruption at all levels of government. I respectfully request you and your Board members make the changes necessary in tonight's meeting agenda and proposed actions, that are needed to follow the law, as well as increase your constituents' trust and confidence in their elected officials.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Bob Brown
1400 S Malta Rd
DeKalb, IL 60115-8558

Jennifer Johnson

From: Donna <rivrpepls@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Jennifer Johnson
Subject: Your Special Meeting is in violation of the law.

Dear Ms. Johnson,

I am concerned that the Special Meeting you have scheduled for 6 pm tonight is in violation of the law and request that as my elected official you comply with what is required of you. Please see the following and make the necessary corrections to your procedures.

- 1) The law on the requirements for a special meeting (60 ILCS 1/35-5)
- 2) You agenda includes items where the closed session items could not be voted on without violating the Open Meetings Act.
- 3) The salary of an elected office can not be changed midterm. Any such salary change must occur immediately before an election and the new salary can only take effect after said election. (50 ILCS 145/2)

We have only to look to Dixon, IL to observe the importance of proper oversight of our elected officials. I will assume that your intention was not to deprive the citizens of this township of competency in government, which they deserve, and that you will be eager to correct this oversight. With so many who are eager to profit at the taxpayers expense, it is a relief to know that you desire only to serve the public rather than line your pockets. I appreciate the transparency you bring to the office and your efforts to restore the people's faith in good government.

Sincerely,
Donna Brown
1400 South Malta Rd
DeKalb, IL 60115

Donna

Jennifer Johnson

From: Sue Willis <uusuzanne@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Jennifer Johnson
Cc: krettke@shawmedia.com; jsahly@shawmedia.com; mwells@shawmedia.com; WLBKnews@gmail.com; news@b95fm.com; monica@949wdkb.com; nprnews@niu.edu; news@daily-chronicle.com
Subject: August 5 Meeting of the DeKalb Township Board

Dear Ms. Johnson,

I am writing to express my concern about tonight's meeting of the DeKalb Township Board. I see that there is a closed session to discuss personnel issues regarding a specific employee or employees; this is one of the allowed justifications for going into closed session. However, the subsequent items of new business are "V.A. Discussion and Action Regarding Ordinance Authorizing the Reallocation of Certain Expenses in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, *Nunc Pro Tunc*", followed by "V. B. Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint, Define Duties, and Set Compensation of Interim Administrator, Effective August 12, 2020".

It is hard to understand exactly what is being acted on here. Is there an existing ordinance that is being referred to in item V. A. ? If so, is there a reference to it that is publicly accessible? If not, where is the text of the resolution? What is the significance of the "*nunc pro tunc*" modifier? This refers to an action being effective retroactively. What is the date to which it will retroactively be effective? In item V. B., I assume the position of Interim Administrator does not currently exist. The portion of the township's website that lists elected officials is "under construction", and there doesn't seem to be any organizational directory outside of that, so it is hard to know whether this is a new position or not. In any case, appointing, defining duties, and setting compensation of an interim administrator (whether this is a current position or not) should not be undertaken in a single meeting, particularly without any publicly available details. The text to be voted on could be discussed and finalized at this meeting; then action would be taken at a subsequent meeting.

Finally, I am concerned that there is no possibility for remote attendance at this meeting. There is a justification given for requiring in-person attendance at the annual town meeting, but this is not applicable to tonight's meeting.

Thank you for your concern and attention to these issues.

Suzanne Willis

124 E. Sunset Pl.

DeKalb, IL 60115

Jennifer Johnson

From: bessie <bessie5@frontier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Lynne Kunde; n.teboda@comcast.net; Chad McNett; kevinflavin@comcast.net; 1trustee@gmail.com; Jennifer Johnson
Subject: Concerns

Hello,

It is my understanding that the special meeting scheduled for tonight will involve some type of discussion on an administrative position that will be created to?? take care of Township business.?? If this is the case, the rumors that are coming forth indicate to me that there concerns and it is up to you to question and clear up any misunderstandings.?? I know you each care deeply about the Township and take your job as?? protectors of the public interest seriously.?? Something is not sounding right.?? Please look into this.

There seems to be some controversy about this since such a reorganization has not been a topic of discussion at previous meetings.

The quick manner in which this topic is being considered raises concerns about the level of transparency that exists within the Township.

It makes no sense to discuss this in closed session...this should be a public discussion.

Is there a consideration being given to hiring a current Township official??? If so, does this seem the proper way through which to go about hiring people?

Why has this meeting been called an by whom???

Have discussions about this administrative position taken place between Township officials?

I would strongly urge the Trustees to discuss this matter in public as a closed session seems to be the wrong approach.

Also.....the names of the elected officials are not posted on the Township website.

In addition.....I have tried to find an agenda that indicates when the Township Trustees discussed the TIF Audit at length over the past few months...have not found any indication of such an item on an agenda.?? I asked about minutes, but was told that those minutes had not yet been approved but that I could get information if I asked.?? That was a nice offer, but a draft copy of the minutes could be made available so the public can be up to date.?? Just when will the minutes be placed on an agenda?



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NAME (please print): Bessie Chronopoulos

ADDRESS (optional): 423 Bayle Ave

PHONE NO. (optional): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS (optional): _____

I WISH TO BE HEARD ON THE FOLLOWING:

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Lisa King ??? Trustee??
1trustee@gmail.com

Jennifer Johnson

From: Jim Luebke <jimbluebke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Jennifer Johnson
Cc: krettke@shawmedia.com; mwells@shawmedia.com; WLBK News; news@b95fm.com; monica@949wdkb.com; nprnews@niu.edu; news@daily-chronicle.com
Subject: Statement for 5 August Special DeKalb Township Meeting

I thank the Town Board for the opportunity to speak on a matter of such great importance. My name is Jim Luebke, in the interest of openness, I am the DK10 Democratic Precinct Committee Person, Chair of the DeKalb County Democratic Party, County Board Member for the 9th District, and past DeKalb Township Trustee (2009-2013).

But tonight I am speaking in none of those capacities. I stand here tonight as both a citizen of the city of DeKalb and an elector in DeKalb Township to speak out against the corruption of our Township government. Monday evening, I was alerted by a member of the Township government that a Special Meeting would be held on Wednesday August 5th for the purpose of changing salaries of elected officials in mid-term and for the creation of a new Township Manager/Administrator position to be occupied by soon to be former Supervisor. The main problems with the meeting tonight: 1) not following the law on the requirements for a special meeting (60 ILCS 1/35-5) , 2) an agenda where the closed session items could not be voted on without violating OMA, and 3) the salary of any elected office can not be changed midterm The only way to change the salary is before an election where the new salary takes effect only after the election (50 ILCS 145/2).

This is not how good government ought to work. I offer the perspective of the last person to run a competitive race for the Office of Township Supervisor in 2013. I ran on a platform of open, effective, and accountable government for our Township. That is the opposite of the actions on tonight's Agenda, fundamentally changing the duties of the Elected Officials with minimal public notice and creating a new appointed position unaccountable to the voters. These actions are only effective in that one individual appears to stand to benefit directly from the course on which this Board has been set.

The voters of DeKalb Township deserve better than this rushed effort to fundamentally change the structure of our Township government. In light of the proposed actions tonight, our Town Board has an obligation to the voters of our Township to stay with the law and post the open Supervisor vacancy, to be filled by the majority vote of Township electors at a Special Meeting, completely open and transparent to the voting public.

Thank you for helping restore our open, effective, and accountable township Government.

Jim Luebke

504 Sycamore Rd.

DeKalb, IL 60115

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