

August 31, 2010

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Dear Matt:

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Salem Township/Postmaster

I submit the following "Justification of Conduct in Office" for inclusion on the ballot regarding the recall election against me.

I voted against the motions that were approved by a 4-3 majority vote of the Board. The 30 day deadline for the Notice to Quit to evict the Contract Post Office from the Rider House was totally unrealistic and was made without considering the following issues: potential interruption of mail service, impact on citizens who would be forced to travel to downtown Northville to pick up their mail, loss of the Salem zip code, and inadequate lead time for residents and businesses to change their mailing address. Additionally, there was no transition plan for working with the Contract Post Office or Northville Postmaster for a possible new location with allowances to meet Planning Commission criteria and zoning requirements. The Contract Post Office provides a valuable service for Hamlet residents, business owners, and citizens in general. Aside from the tremendous convenience afforded by its existence, its departure would have a detrimental impact on the community.

The dissolving of the Fire Administrative Board was haphazardly conceived with no transition plan developed to insure that the Board of Trustees could facilitate the policy issues that had been encountered by the FAB since the beginning of the year.


David Trent
Salem Township Clerk