

To the Member's of Hideaway Valley

Resignation Letter

I, Jim Taufer, currently hold the office of President of Hideaway Valley Property Owner's Association. This letter is to inform you of my resignation and the reasons for my decision.

In June 2008, I was elected to the Board of Trustees, by proxy votes held by Shelly Marshall and the Concerned Property Owners. It was obvious the day of the election the voting was fixed because everyone nominated and elected had been hand picked in a meeting at Bryan Cook's house the night before by Shelly and the Concerned Property Owners. I had been a member of the Association for a few years, however I hadn't been involved with the problems until Shelly contacted me in a letter stating the concerns of their group. I had only attended two meetings before the election but immediately after the meeting I did not feel good about the vote.

After only a few Board meetings it was apparent that we were expected to make our decisions based on the opinions of the Concerned Property Owners. When that didn't happen minutes of the meetings started to be changed and posted on the website without approval of all Board Members. Kristen Hatch and Clifford Johnson both members of the board, would send minutes to the webmaster, Shellie Marshall. Some of the minutes had been changed from the original minutes and/or notes of the meeting. Several of these minutes had not been approved by the Board. Shortly after discovering the incorrect minutes on the web the rest of the Board decided Kristen and Clifford would not be responsible for taking and posting the minutes. This action ultimately resulted in Cliff's Notes being sent out to select Members of the Association along with the Member Watch letter this is another name for the above mentioned group. Both stated the unfair treatment of Clifford Johnson. These groups have made accusations of private meetings by Board Members yet they have had their meetings to draft letters that were sent to select members. A definition of a meeting is where a vote is taken on an association matter. No such secret meetings were held.

The books are almost completely straightened out from the Carpenter mess and a significant effort has been made on road repairs and we now have a program in place to collect past due fees. Countless hours have been spent getting to this point and I would like to thank you all for your patience and cooperation with the trials we had during this time. All in all there has been a lot of progress made.

I will not go on about differences between the two groups. My main objective when I became a Board Member was to try to bring the two groups together so we could work together as a community however it is evident I can't do this. Enough money has been spent trying to make sure we don't encounter another huge expense in attorney fees, but I feel every decision I make has to be run by an attorney because of threats of lawsuits made by certain groups of the Association. Why are we being threatened by lawsuits when we really only have 4 main objectives to the community 1) Roads, 2) Garbage, 3) Snow removal and 4) Collection of fees? It seems so simple, yet it has been so difficult.

I want to thank all the Members that came to the meetings and gave constructive criticism and support. Even though you may not have agreed with decisions of the Board, you didn't threaten with lawsuits. I want to give a special thanks to Dustin McKinney, Debbie Gubler, Roy Walker and Rick Widdop for all the time and your efforts in trying to make this a better community. You're honesty and integrity has not gone unnoticed.

Sincerely,

Jim Taufer

For more information you can contact me anytime.