

Letter From Chairman

Read on 11/24/2025 at Board Meeting

There are many half-truths, mistruths and some people call them flat out lies that have been occurring for some time in this township. There are individuals who have been targeted more recently which is obvious in the Board Meeting on Monday November 17th and the Public Hearing on November 18th. Disagreements and differences of opinion will happen, but misrepresentation and falsehoods need to stop.

I will share a few of the most recent events of this behavior:

1. A picture was shown of a sign at the Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 18th. It has nothing to do with keeping Paul Lane open or discontinuing Paul Lane. The Board agreed and unanimously passed a motion on the ground rules which were clearly stated in which one of them was "Explain why you want to keep the roads or why you want to discontinue the roads only. This is why we are here tonight." Comments made regarding the picture, insinuating that I or perhaps the landowner, had something to do with the sign that was posted on Martindale Road. This insinuation is absurd.

This is what occurred. Board Member Annie Huiras sent an email regarding the sign. Board Member Pam Bonczyk had responded to Annie by the time I viewed the email. I did nothing as it was being addressed. I received a call from Ken Suzan after the sign was removed. He was apologetic and concerned that people thought he had posted the sign when the person bear hunting actually posted it without Ken's permission. Ken told the person he was not to hunt on this land or any of Ken's land. Why was this attempt to associate my name, and perhaps Mr. Suzan's name, brought up at the meeting as it had nothing to do with the road being open or discontinued. In my opinion this was an attempt to get the public angered and stirred up.

2. It was also stated at the Public Hearing on Tuesday the 18th that I said I was going to close Paul Lane at the April 15th Board Meeting. The context of what I stated was a question regarding closing Paul Lane and selling it back to the farmer. The response from a board member was we can't sell the land back to the farmer it is given back to the farmer. When I got home I looked at the state statute and that is correct that the land is given back. Also, we receive gas tax money for the road. My question was taken out of context, and as far as I was concerned this was a dead issue. Allegedly there is a recording that I said I wanted to close the road. If the recording does not contain the entire conversation, it was edited or the person making the allegation was telling only half the truth.

At the next monthly meeting following the April 15th meeting, during public comments, an individual stated not to close Paul lane because people use it for walking. Paul Lane was not on the agenda, so the Board was not able to respond. Again, I consider it a dead issue.

A few months later Ken Suzan requested Paul Lane and Martindale Road to be closed and Bob Lorkowski requested Lorkowski Lane to be closed. The roads were placed on the agenda.

This was the first time the Board has gone through the process on discontinuing roads which can be confusing. One assumes in the past to add or discontinue a road the board just did it neglecting the process or law. We are following the law. Town elected officials have a responsibility to the people to assist them in this process whether the Board agrees or disagrees with the outcome. Gai Lorenzen assisted Caroline, and by doing so assisted the township, Bob Lorkowski and Ken Suzan to assure that the statutory process was followed. She is now being criticized on You Tube video and during the public hearing which is ridiculous. I wish the previous Town Chairman would have been more helpful as far as the process when the citizens of North Stefczak Lane proposed North Stefczak Lane becoming a public road.

At the October 1st Board Meeting I asked Ken Suzan a question regarding the road which he is allowed to answer. A town resident interrupted the meeting stating if he can talk so can he. This was inappropriate as it was not public comments. The individual kept talking and finally stopped talking when warned. Then his wife began to talk and make false acquisitions regarding the road and remarks were directed at Ken Suzan threatening a lawsuit. We do not want to have people removed from meetings but when they disrupt a meeting, action must be taken to maintain order. Both individuals left the meeting. These half-truths and misrepresentations have caused individuals to become upset, and to repeat hearsay and misinformation.

I was provided a copy of an article in the Ladysmith News. It stated Suzan and Kochendorfer want to close Paul Lane. This is a speculative statement regarding myself. This individual does not know how I am going to vote and it takes two board members to pass a vote.

The Board has never stated to close or keep Paul Lane open except my question in the very first Board Meeting on April 15th was just that – a question. Repeating this untrue statement has stirred the pot and has angered and riled up a few individuals. I am also curious if this women actually wrote the article or if someone else did and she signed it.

A letter to the editor also stated that Bruce Lorenzen is going around the lake collecting signatures for a petition to close Paul Lane, and in a previously referenced You Tube

video it was stated he was going door to door. He asked one household to sign an application to get this matter before the Board for consideration. Bruce and his wife signed the statutorily required application as the last two freeholder residents of the needed 6 signatures. Bruce said he does not know the four other signers as those signatures were already on the application. Why is this even an issue to some people, but the other four signatures on the application and signatures on Bob Lorkowski's application are not an issue?

3. There were 18 people who spoke at Tuesday Public Hearing. 15 were from Amacoy Lake with Tom Cudo reading a response from Orv and Pam Bristol, and several others whose names appear to be family of the Bristol's.

The main topic of concern with many who spoke against closing Paul Lane was potential contaminating ground water by placing 2 high pressure wells on the property. It was stated the town could possibly be sued for the contamination. Anyone can file a lawsuit for basically any reason but you must have evidence to sustain it.

The fact is Ken Suzan could place the wells on the property regardless of the road being discontinued or remaining open to the public. He would need to obtain approval from the DNR and possibly other agencies. The decision regarding the road has no bearing on the ground water.

John Richter said in a video Ken was going to place 2 high capacity wells on the land. According to Ken this is false. In fact Ken Suzan stated he does not run any irrigation on any of his property which he owns and has no plan to do so. Other statements made in the You Tube video are incorrect or false. In my opinion, the only reason for doing so would be to disparage people and rile up the public.

Heather Olesiak also spoke in the You Tube video and at the Board Meeting on November 10th. It was agreed that we would dismiss the restraining order petition case against her in exchange for her agreeing to the following "Ms. Olesiak will not engage in any behavior that is threatening or derogatory and will not attack the personal character of Petitioners or any other Town of Stubbs Board Members." This agreement appears to have been violated by her at the November 10th Board Meeting and in the You Tube video.

4. There are approximately 400 – 500 electors in this town and three board members represent all of them. I stress the words ALL of THEM. They all have a voice not just the select few who show up at every meeting, represent less than 5% of the electors, and have been disruptive.

A motion requires a minimum of two individuals to pass and I am only one vote. I will not be bullied, intimidated, threatened or any other means in the decision making process. I will do what I believe is right for the betterment of this town.

This insanity has to stop now with all the half-truths, no truths and lies.

None of those disrupting meetings or engaging in spreading half-truths, misrepresentation, or lies have contacted me regarding your concerns or these half-truths, mistruths or lies. I sincerely ask you to contact me if you are hearing information from these or other sources to discuss and obtain the entire story.

Thank you