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COMPLAINT FORM

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Before the Elections Commission
The Complaint of Beth A. Trudell
, Complainant(s) against
of Little Svamico Clerk Lisa Glinski, Respondent, whose 1632 County ROAD S. Little Svamico, w 1 64141-906 address is Town Hell Oddress 5964-A County ROADS, SOBEST, W15417
This complaint is under <u>Chapter So Ob</u> (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)
I, Beth A-Trudell, allege that:
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individuals who may have information related to the complaint. Use as many separate pages as needed and attach copies of any supporting documentation.)

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(Set forth in detail the facts that establish probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. Be as specific as possible as it relates to dates, times, and individuals involved. Also provide the names of

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July 31, 2024

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Formal Complaint against the Town of Little Suamico, Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Glinski.

On January 30, 2024, a special town meeting of the electors was commenced to vote on the purchase of a bank to be used as a Library, Oconto County Sheriff Substation, Oconto County VA and Health and Human Service office, as well as a Community Center.

I am bringing this to your attention for the possible violation of Chapter 5.06 Elections - General Provisions, Ballots, and Voting, specifically voting qualifications, including residence, and numbering of ballots to correspond with the outcome of the electors meeting vote.

5.06 Compliance review; appeal. (1) Whenever any elector of a jurisdiction or district served by an election official believes that a decision or action of the official or the failure of the official to act with respect to any matter concerning nominations, qualifications of candidates, voting qualifications, including residence, ward division and numbering, recall, ballot preparation, election administration or conduct of elections is contrary to law, or the official has abused the discretion vested in him or her by law with respect to any such matter, the elector may file a written sworn complaint with the commission requesting that the official be required to conform his or her conduct to the law, be restrained from taking any action inconsistent with the law or be required to correct any action or decision inconsistent with the law or any abuse of the discretion vested in him or her by law. The complaint shall set forth such facts as are within the knowledge of the complainant to show probable cause to believe that a violation of law or abuse of discretion has occurred or will occur. The complaint may be accompanied by relevant supporting documents. The commission may conduct a hearing on the matter in the manner prescribed for treatment of contested cases under ch. 227 if it believes such action to be appropriate.

During the Elector's meeting of January 30, 2024, our chairman said the elector's sign-in sheets were going to be reviewed on the following day after the meeting. Interesting of note, the resolution vote was posted on the town's web site the next morning on January 31, 2024, a little over 12 hours after the meeting. As I thought the elector sheets were going to be reviewed and thus the short turn around time after the end of the meeting I requested the elector sign in sheets to review. I did an open records request on March 3, 2024.

As I started to review the sign-in sheets I noticed obvious errors, citizens signing in twice, one on regular sign-in sheet and No ID sheet, etc. The vote tally did not add up to valid signatures and sign-in. Because the elector's meeting was very chaotic by (pictures from the meeting obtained by Oconto Times-Herald who was there reporting and article done on the meeting I have included these pictures for your review). There were no numbers on any of the ballots to verify is the outcome of the vote was correct.

Elector's meeting sign-in Sheets. I numbered the sheets myself to easily refer to a questionable page number.

First, the meeting was not well organized. I included a copy of the article that was in the Oconto Times-Herald to include pictures of the sign-in process. There was clearly no organization as clipboards were thrown on the table with no clear instruction where to sign in. Some IDs were checked and some were not. Come to find out there were both Regular sign-in clipboards and NO ID clipboards. No numbers were given so no way to clearly make sure the vote count was accurate. Elector meetings should have poll workers (two) checking IDs and giving you a clipboard to sign in. Without numbers given there would be no way to verify the accuracy of the election.

I talked to many people after the meeting and they observed the same chaos. I talked to one person who I thought was at the meeting, but didn't see his name signed in. He told me he was there, but never was asked to see his ID or asked to sign in, but received a ballot. A couple that was there told me they were not asked for an ID at all and I noticed her husband signed in on the NO ID sheet and his wife signed in on the regular sign in sheet, but both received a ballot. This seems to be very similar for many as others told me the same.

I have attached what I found out after reviewing every name against our Land Records in Oconto County for Little Suamico. Because I do not have access to voting rolls this is the closest I could get to verifying. Besides my notes on reviewing, these are the ones that clearly stand out. If there is a question mark (?) or a - by the name I could not verify at all as they were not on the land record (Oconto County Portal) or listed as an owner at the said address.

- 1. Helen Malueg was signed in twice and unknown if she received two ballots or not.
- 2. Jeff Tappen Signed in twice.
- 3. Jordan Mohr signed in twice. Regular sign-in as Jordan
- R. Mohr and then signed in under NO ID as Jordan Mohr.
- 4. Robin Peters, did not have an address or signature.
- 5. Doreen Mohr, signed in twice, one on regular sheet and again on the NO ID sheet.
- 6. Town Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Glinski, signed in on NO ID sheet.
- 7. Jo Anne Schuettpelz, signed in on NO ID, but per post on NextDoor, she said she voted.
- 8. Kim Szela, did not check if she was a resident or not.
- 9. Andy Tilleman, signed in under an Eagle Drive address, but does not live here and lives in Green Bay (1120 Stuart Street) and voted.

The above are included with my general observation of the elector's sheets. The total of votes casts and valid signatures do not add up to the total of elector's votes on the evening of January 30, 2024. Besides this and the violation of improper/invalid posting the meeting (which will be filed with the Oconto County DA) and the signing in process appears very questionable or invalid that you will invalidate the elector's meeting as we need to have free and fair elections in Oconto County. It doesn't put a lot of faith in any election that this is happening in Little Suamico. This is unacceptable and must be brought to the attention of the Town Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Glinski and this reflects on Oconto County as a whole in regards to how our elections are done.

Attachments:
Formal Complaint.
Attachment to formal complaint.
Sign-in Sheets (2 sets)
Article in Oconto Times Herald on Elector's meeting.
Article in Oconto Times Herald - No more library.

This cannot happen and should not have happened and was completely preventable with a simple proper procedure. If citizens of Little Suamico and Oconto County as a whole are to feel confident about all elections we must feel confident that the processes were following correctly under the Election Statutes and Chapters as provided for in Wisconsin.

Date: 8-1-234 Complainant's Signature
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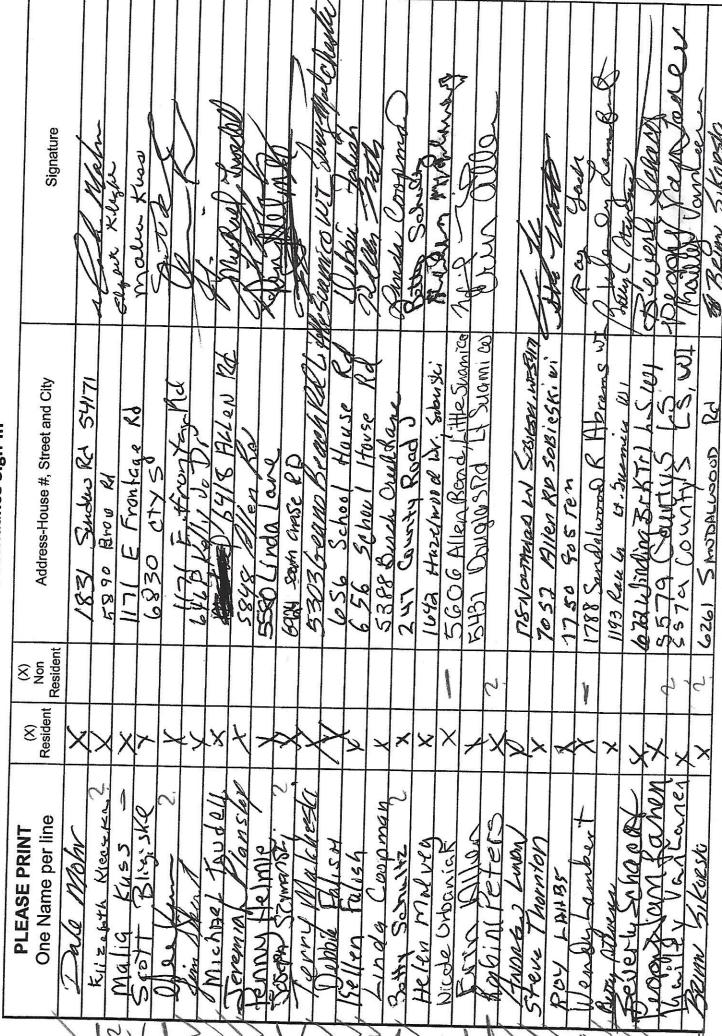
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Fire station packed for Jan. 30 town electors meeting



The line of Little Suamico town residents waiting to sign into a Jan. 30 electors meeting wrapped around the fire station and delayed the start of the session by more than 20 minutes. Warren Bluhm | NEW Media











By: Warren Bluhm News Editor

Residents of the Town of Little Suamico have said, "no, thanks" to having their own library.

Close to 350 people turned out for a special town meeting at the Little Suamico Fire Station on Jan. 30 to soundly reject a proposal to buy an abandoned bank building for use as a town library and county offices covering the populous southern corner of Oconto County.

The unofficial tally was 192-148 against authorizing the town board to purchase the former BMO Harris Bank at 1288 East Frontage Road.

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Establishment of a southern library was seen as one way to rid local property taxpayers of the annual six-figure invoice from Brown County, charging Oconto County for the use of its libraries — mainly in Howard and Pulaski.

Some opponents argued that the idea had already been decided at a Nov. 7 town meeting in which the resolution was defeated 37-31. The Little Suamico Town Board scheduled the second meeting in hopes of getting a better representation of opinion from the town, which has the largest population of any municipality in Oconto County at more than 5,500.

As residents filed into the fire station garage, and the line of people waiting to get in wrapped around the building and toward County Road S, Town Chairman Dale Mohr was cheered by the turnout.

"This is democracy in action. Have you ever seen anything like this?" Mohr said, as the standing-room-only crowd filled the room. "This is America at its finest. Only towns do this, electoral meetings — villages and cities don't."

The start of the meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m., was delayed more than 20 minutes as residents continued to file into the building and sign in.

Once it began, the meeting quickly got down to the business at hand. Former Town Supervisor David Pribyl and frequent critic Frank Nowak challenged the proceedings, arguing that the matter had been decided in November and challenging the official notice of the meeting, which did not mention that the resolution on the table was a reconsideration of the Nov. 7 issue.

Having anticipated the challenge, the board obtained an opinion from its town attorney, read by Supervisor Elizabeth Paape, which stated that "all statutory requirements have been met, and the meeting can proceed as scheduled."

Pribyl read from a statute that stated the official notice must include that the meeting is about reconsideration of a previous decision, but Mohr said that statute specifically pertained to citizen challenges of a town electors' vote, while the Jan. 30 meeting was initiated by the town board.

Shortly after that exchange, a motion was made to end discussion and move to the vote, which was done by paper ballot.

About 100 people stayed to witness the count by Town Clerk Lisa Glinski and Deputy Clerk Sharon VanDenHeuvel. Several people in the office kept a tally as the two women called out "yes" or "no," and said the vote was 149 yeses to 192 nos, but the audience asked that the ballots — now separated into two piles — be counted anyway. That count reduced the yes tally by one.

Glinski said the sign-in sheets would be reviewed to ensure that only town residents voted, but that would not make a difference in the tally because the ballots could not be tied to any names.

In response to a question, Mohr said the board would not be holding a third town meeting about the bank purchase.

"We're done. We're not going to bring this up again," Mohr said. "Thank you, though. This turnout is amazing. The people have spoken."

The rejected plan would have authorized the town board to negotiate the purchase of the building, which has been closed for a decade, for almost \$500,000, and remodel the structure for \$370,000 for use as a public library, with offices leased to Oconto County for a sheriff's substation and other county offices.

A combination of federal and county dollars and private donations would have funded most of the project, with the town responsible for \$15,673 of the purchase cost and up to \$159,630 of the remodeling.

A special Oconto County committee will continue its work on a library services plan for the years 2025-29. Town of Little Suamico residents pay an estimated \$183,000 in property taxes for library services annually, which is distributed to the six local libraries in the county and to Brown County. Supporters had argued that establishing a library in Little Suamico would keep those dollars in the town.



The proposal was similar to a project now underway in the Town of Riverview, where the county is partially funding construction of a new community center. One wing of the structure will have a northern sheriff's substation and county offices.

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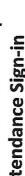
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Private solution may be under consideration





By: Warren Bluhm News Editor

The Little Suamico town chairman said Feb. 29 that the town board has no further plans to take any action or pursue an electors vote regarding the purchase of a former bank building for use as a library.

"I said at the Jan. 30 electors meeting, 'The people have spoken, we're not pursuing another vote,' and that is still the case," said Town Chairman Dale Mohr.



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Mohr was responding to a query about social media comments to the effect that the board was working with library supporters to bring the issue to a vote at the annual town meeting on April 16.

"Don't get me wrong, it would be great to have as many people as possible to come to the annual meeting — it's the democratic process at its best, and we usually have only 13-25 people show up," Mohr said. "I just don't want people to come for the wrong reason, because they're afraid something is being snuck through."

Close to 350 people turned out for the special town meeting on Jan. 30 and voted 192-148 to reject a proposal for the town to buy the former BMO Harris Bank at 1288 E. Frontage Road for use as a town library and county offices.

The 56.4% no vote was by a greater percentage than the 37-31 vote at an earlier town meeting held Nov. 7. The town board worked harder to generate a turnout for the January meeting.

Mohr did say he is aware of conversations to have private enterprise handle the project.

"When Oconto County allocated its dollars, they were for use by any 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency or municipality," Mohr said. "If a nonprofit were to come in to take over that building, a library fits our land-use plan for that area and the town would not stand in its way."

The rejected proposal was for the town to buy the vacant building for an estimated \$499,900 and remodel it for about \$370,000, for a total cost of \$869,900. Oconto County would contribute \$494,597 toward the project, including \$154,431 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Oconto County would lease a portion of the building for offices to serve the populous southern corner of the county, including a sheriff's substation and health and human services offices.

Grants and donations — including a \$100,000 grant pledged by the Leon H. And Clymene M. Bond Foundation — would have reduced the town's share to \$15,673 for the building purchase and about \$159,630 for the remodeling. Any interested nonprofit presumably would have to raise the funds that the town voters chose not to pay.

As set by state statutes, the annual town meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 16 at the Little Suamico Town Hall, 5964-A County Road S. Mohr said any town resident can make a motion on any issue, but he repeated that the town board does not plan to introduce any motions and would have to publish a 15-day notice if it did.

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