

September 14, 2006 Board of Supervisors Meeting
For the record, my name is Gloria E. Kemmerer, 323 East Wesner Road, Blandon

I want to address two issues, the first one very briefly. I would like to make just two comments on Personnel Rules and Regulations, Section 108B, in regard to political activity. I applaud Supervisor Beaver for trying to amend the Rules to end the unfair practice of not allowing Township employees and appointed Board members to retain their positions while running for elected political office. I fervently believe that the way the Rules are currently written is a violation of their civil rights.

Secondly I would like to address the issue of the Newsletter article written by Supervisor Timpe in the August 2006 issue. But before I give comment, I would like to ask both Bob Kopfer and Claude Beaver individually if the article, written by the Chairman of their Board, represents their own personal views on how taxes are collected in Maiden Creek Township. I would ask that the Recording Secretary please include the responses of both men as part of the public record of tonight's meeting.

“Bob, do you share Chairman Timpe's views in regard to the collection of taxes?”

“Claude, same question-do you share Chairman Timpe's views in regard to the collection of taxes?”

Bob and Claude, tonight I have chosen to ask you to speak for yourselves. I would like to remind you that each Supervisor has equal power on the Board. The Chairman, by virtue of his position, does **not** have the power or right or privilege to act on his own without the permission and/or authorization of the majority of the Board. Therefore in the future I will assume that any articles written by Roy Timpe as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors are representative of the views of the whole Board.

My husband, Ron Kemmerer, and I thought the article as a whole was an insult to the intelligence of the people of Maiden Creek Township. We felt that the remarks in regard to the collection of taxes were, in the least, highly inflammatory. Perhaps when Chairman Timpe wrote the article he thought he was engaging in some sort of witty satire. Unfortunately, we found his remarks to be neither witty nor in the least bit amusing, but instead, very offensive. I, personally, found extremely objectionable the statement that begins, “Now that we have just learned that our township “Gets The Money At Gunpoint”....”

Supervisor Timpe displays a very distorted view of how our government really operates. This article is an embarrassment and has done a great disservice to the public image of Maiden Creek Township as well as to the office of Township Supervisor. Our tax dollars were squandered for what we perceive to be a gross misuse of the Township Newsletter, devoting one full page to print and disseminate the irrational ramblings of an obviously misguided government official.

It was exactly one year ago that I stood before this Board with a similar complaint due to Chairman Timpe taking advantage of his position to use the Township Newsletter as a public forum for his own political gain. At that time I presented a prepared statement of complaint to this same Board of Supervisors. That statement is part of the public record (Reference: Maiden Creek Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2005.). As then, I would like tonight's statement to be included as part of the public record as well. Thank you for your time and for allowing me to address the Board.