

I am reading this statement on behalf of Jim Williams, who couldn't attend this evening, and I do request that it be entered into the official Minutes.

On Friday, November 4, I received the packet of information for this meeting, and I was extremely alarmed about the salary increase for the town judge being on the agenda.

Once I peeled myself off my office ceiling, I proceeded to send a text to one of my Elected Representatives in regards to this being on the agenda. I stated the following: "What happened to the per diem for the Judge and not a forever and ever, Amen, pay raise, in case the next Judge works fewer days but still gets the same pay of \$60,000 per year?" When I sent that message, the time stamp indicated 21:20, which was 9:20 PM. I then realized that I may have wasted my time and his for sending so late on a Friday evening.

However, at 9:50 AM on Saturday 11/5 I got a reply and this person assured me that this will be answered right away as it appeared to be a "revisit of the original request," and that he would let me know. He needed to speak with the town's legal council and would get back with me.

I replied "does this mean it won't be voted on?" And again, he asked for time. Later that morning at 10:57 AM, he replied "It will be removed from the agenda and not be voted on. We have heard per diem will not be legal. I will let you know more as I find out."

That was Paul Fetter, my elected Council member at large and the current Town Council President, answering my concerns on a Saturday, and he certainly deserves praise and acknowledgement. Normally, I have a good response time from our elected representatives but never have I had such a detailed and to-the-point-reply on a Saturday morning.

I apologize for not being here to thank you personally Paul. As you know, I'm doing my part to support the illegals and others with my hard-earned taxpayer dollars. You deserve and earned this one. Thank you again.