

Beko, Michele

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 11:03 AM
To: LPDRecordsRequest@cityoflorain.org; LPDRecordsRequest@cityoflorain.org; City Group; Brad Dicken; Robert J. Gargas; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Patrick Riley; Tony Cillo; Rey Carrion; Joseph LaVeck; Jackie Conrad; Ted Kalo
Subject: Fwd: Who was driving Cruiser 106?

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Thank you for reaching out,

Sincerely...

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Make it a wonderful day. And Drive Safely, those Streets are dangerous! I have to go get another tire repairs soon myself.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Date: February 12, 2025 at 11:00:49 EST
To: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Cc: Robert J Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>, Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>
Subject: Re: Who was driving Cruiser 106?

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On Feb 12, 2025, at 10:43, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bradley, Jack" <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>
Subject: Re: Who was driving Cruiser 106?
Date: February 12, 2025 at 10:39:20 AM EST
To: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>, Rey Carrion <reycarrion@icloud.com>, "Kalo, Ted" <Ted_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>, "Riley, Patrick" <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>, City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>, "McCann, James - Chief" <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>, "Gelenius, Kyle" <Kyle_Gelenius@cityoflorain.org>
Cc: Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, Darryl Tucker <dtucker@morningjournal.com>, Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>, Clevescene <news@clevescene.com>, Fox 8 <tips@fox8.com>, "lcp@lcprosecutor.org" <lcp@lcprosecutor.org>, Lindsay Carr <Lindsay.Carr@OhioAGO.gov>

This matter is before the Board of Control this morning at 11:15 A.M. The meeting is open to the public. I am not in possession of any of the items you reference in your email. Jack

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 10:29 AM
To: Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Rey Carrion <reycarrion@icloud.com>; Kalo, Ted <Ted_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; McCann, James - Chief <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>; Gelenius, Kyle <Kyle_Gelenius@cityoflorain.org>
Cc: Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>; Darryl Tucker <dtucker@morningjournal.com>; Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>; Clevescene <news@clevescene.com>; Fox 8 <tips@fox8.com>; lcp@lcprosecutor.org <lcp@lcprosecutor.org>; Lindsay Carr <Lindsay.Carr@OhioAGO.gov>
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Good morning Mayor and Safety Service Director and Lorain officials,

Cruiser 106 of Lorain Police department backed into a fence and did over \$9,800.00 damage to the cruiser and fence. How did that cruiser do it?

Was any human driving 106 disciplined? Was anyone charged in Lorain Municipal Court? Is the driver going to reimburse the Lorain Taxpayers? Who was the driver of cruiser 106? When did the crash occur? Was the cruiser/driver ticketed? What was the court determination of the crash? Why wasn't the Citizens of Lorain told about the crash? What was the court case number if any? Where is the cruiser being repaired?

Did the fence company (Rolen Bros) make the only bid to repair the fence along with other companies?

A copy of the police report for over \$9,800.00 per 149.43 ORC please.

Thank you,
Garon Petty

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Board of Control

Meeting Date:

02/12/20

Subject:

A request from the Department of Public Property, on behalf of 1501 Black River Blvd by Rolen Bros. Fence Co., Inc. for cruiser 106 backed into the fence, causing damage to both the cruiser and fence. We will issue payment for total damages minus our \$5,000.00 from account 2590.S400.6400.2200, Maintenance of Facilities.

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From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 10:30 AM
To: City Council Mail Group; Patrick Riley; Jack Bradley; Rey Carrion; Joel Arredondo; Don Zaleski; Jacob Morris; Joe K Auditor; Rocky Radeff; Tony Cillo; Jack M. Hall; Teresa Upton; jfr_74@hotmail.com Jeff Riddel; David david@yesce.com Moore; Garon Petty; Aaron Knapp; jeanne Petty; Michael Scherach; David Yost AG; Major Steven Scharschmidt; JD Tomlinson; Mark Campolo; Maggie Partin; Bowles, Scott; Aaron Knapp; Lori Kokoski; Darryl Tucker; Ted Kalo; Carissa Woytach; Brad Dicken; Lindsay Carr Attorney General; David O'Brien; Julie Wallace; Joseph LaVeck; Joseph Pritchard; Jon Morrow; Don Killinger; Kirsten Hill; William. Bill Poplar; Tom Niewulis; Kyle Gelenius; Jackie Conrad; Congressman Jordan; Ohio Up!; Breanna Dull; Brian Sarvas
Cc: Kyle Gelenius; Chief McCann; Jacob Morris; David Moore; Tom Niewulis; rodeoh2 Beres Tom; William. Bill Poplar
Subject: Explaining to do!

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The failure to speak up, investigate and take corrective action to noted violations of ethics laws has brought a storm of illegality to descend upon Lorain County , S/L, and Ohio.

The lack of respect for the citizens rights, First Amendment, transparency, democrat cabal abuse and secrecy had HURT the public trust in government.

CRIMINAL behavior has been intentionally allowed by local corrupt officials and politicians. Your lawyers have played politics and bent the rules for their friends and have violated civil rights of their enemies!

They have engaged in or sanctioned illegality knowingly fully of the illegality they were approving of. Both federal and state funds have been involved in this criminality.

The local papers are run by weak and incompetent journalists who for their leftist progressive management will propagandize their product to cover up their corruption!

The federal MAGA Trump America First Justice Department working with our new Lorain County Prosecutor and Sheriff is our only hope to rid these corrupt politicians and their leadership from power and authority over public business.

Investigate these matters ASAP and change the culture of corruption permeating Lorain's politics and continuous breach of the public's interest.

Maybe indictments are in order? All involved in the corruption have breached their oaths of office.

To the attorneys involved in these matters, a legitimate question exists, HOW IS IT THAT YOU COULD ALLOW ALL OF THIS TO HAVE OCCURRED?

As Ricky Ricardo would say to Lucy, "You got a lot of explaining to do".

Gargas, Robert J.

Sent from my iPhone

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To: cityofsheffieldlake@gmail.com, CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org, "Robert J. Gargas" <rjgargas@gmail.com>, Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>, David O'Brien <dobrien@chroniclet.com>, Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com>, Tony Cillo <antcillo.cill@gmail.com>, Jack Bradley <jack_bradley@cityoflorain.org>, Patrick Riley <patrick_riley@cityoflorain.org>, Rey Carrion <rey_carrion@cityoflorain.org>, Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>, Joseph LaVeck <joseph_laveck@cityoflorain.org>, Ted Kalo <Ted_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>, Sheriff Jack Hall <jhall@loraincountysheriff.com>, Heather Chapin <hchapin@morningjournal.com>, David Yost AG <AGOCARES@ohioago.gov>, Jon Morrow <greaterlorainareacaucus@gmail.com>
Cc: cityofsheffieldlake@sheffieldlake.net, rradeff@sheffieldlake.net, Lawdepartment@sheffieldlake.net, Congresswoman Kaptur <oh09mk.outreach@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Baez Broke the Law

Sheffield Lake Civil Service commission failed. Please correct your failure.

From 2/13/2024 Until his resignation in 02/06/2025 Officer Baez acted as a Partisan Politician in the role of a Partisan (Democrat) City Counsel Person for the City of Lorain, while also serving in the dual role of being a Full Time Sheffield Lake Police Officer, Codified into the classified service.

Under Sheffield Lakes Own Civil Service Rules It States:

Rule XIII - DISCHARGES, SUSPENSIONS, AND DEMOTIONS,

Section 2. CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION states that any employee in the classified service may be discharged, suspended, or demoted for any one (1) or more of the following causes:

Willful violation of any of the provisions of law governing the civil service or rules or regulations of the Commission...

The use or attempt to use political influence or authority upon any person in the service, or engaging in any political activities such as are prohibited by civil service laws or the Rules of the Commission...

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Cc: Marty Gallagher; Joshua.Eck@governor.ohio.gov; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Jacob Morris; Jon Morrow; Jon Morrow; Kirsten Hill; William. Bill Poplar; Garon Petty; jeanne Petty; Andrew Geronimo JD; Jean Anderson; Michael Witte; Jim Dowdell; Rick Gronsky; Jeff Baxter
Subject: Hatch act violated and need for investigation / need for recusal of compromised and tainted law department / illegal voting on public funds / S/L and Lorain need protection from political corruption!

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From: Loraine Ritchey <lritch7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Michele Beko
Subject: just a heads up not need to reply
Attachments: Knapp funds.jpg

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I just thought Law might need to know in case you hadn't been made aware already "Aaron Knapp turned the city into DOGE regarding Baez 's votes being illegal and AARPA funds being used for raises based on a vote that is considered illegal!!!

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:42 AM
To: citycouncilmailgroup@cityoflorain.org; Tony Cillo; Robert J. Gargas; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Brad Dicken; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Ted Kalo; Sheriff Jack Hall; akory@sheffieldlake.net; cityofsheffieldlake@gmail.com; rradef@sheffieldlake.net; lawdepartment@sheffieldlake.net; citycouncil@sheffieldlake.net; rrosso@sheffieldlake.net; lstark@sheffieldlake.net; cpetrucci@sheffieldlake.net; wwwtulich@sheffieldlake.net; rdebottis@sheffieldlake.net; cizl@sheffieldlake.net; DOGE@mail.house.gov
Cc: bcicommunications@ohioago.gov; David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; sarah.ackman@governor.ohio.gov; jennifer.brown@governor.ohio.gov; lecorrectionsrequests@ohioago.gov; electronic_dispositions@ohioago.gov; cch_corrections@ohioago.gov; president@whitehouse.gov; watchdog@oig.ohio.gov; skovach@sheffieldlake.net; rgee@sheffieldlake.net
Subject: Re: Subject: Urgent: Ethical Concerns and Legal Compliance

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Let the Games Begin:

Thank you for contacting the House DOGE Caucus. The Bipartisan House DOGE Caucus works in partnership with Congress and President Trump's United States DOGE Service to streamline government operations and save taxpayer money. The nation expects sweeping common-sense reform, and the House DOGE Caucus will work to ensure that every dollar spent in Washington delivers a direct benefit to the people it serves while prioritizing transparency, accountability, and efficiency.

We value your input and ideas on ways to help DOGE do its job. No amount of waste, fraud, abuse, duplication, or administrative bloat is too small or too large to fix. Please continue to submit your ideas at any time. We appreciate hearing from you.

**Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA
NASW Member ID: 886836612**

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On Friday, February 7, 2025 at 09:16:59 AM EST, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote.

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Sheffield Lake and Lorain have codified court contracts. So having the Mayor of SL be prosecutor in Lorain is a conflict.

Baez voting on a pay raise for his Boss Rocky Radeff is illegal.

I'm still waiting for you to send me the new contract showing the pay raises given to Radeff by his employee Baez.

Tick tock, you can all keep ignoring me but you're going to dislike it when you all catch charges on the government for failure to act.

You're all involved now. How do you explain away the fact that Baez illegally voted in everything for a full year??? And even after being informed you continued to allow him to vote. That is a problem.

The news can ignore me.
You can try and ignore me.
But I'm not going away.
I'm watching you and learning.

Report yourselves to the ethics commission and redo all votes Baez was involved in as they ARE ALL now culpable and in an actionable position.

Dave OBrien ignored me, the cities ignored me, I reported this to all of you and you DID NOTHING.

Nothing.
Nothing.
Nothing.

You have broken the law allowing this to continue. Shame on you all. And Baez can't just "step down" he has to be removed/impeached now and all his votes are invalidated.

I'm requesting an outside investigation conducted by the State of Fed's into this as ALL local officials would be compromised.

Thank you and make it a wonderful day!

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On Feb 4, 2025, at 09:53, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Government Officials and To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally address several ongoing concerns that I have raised previously, which, despite my efforts, have not been adequately resolved. The issues at hand include the following:

- Baez - Hatch Act Violations
- Dimacchai - Conflict of Interest/Dual Roles (Lorain city Council/Communications Director Lorain City Schools)
- Baez/Radef - Voting Integrity
- Lori K - Nepotism and Dereliction of Duty (McCanns SSI and Middlebrooks file)
- Police Chief James McCann - Retaliation and Abuse of Power
- Carrion - Conflict of Interest/Dual Roles (councilperson vs safety director/investigator)
- Petticord - Revolving Door/Dual Roles (APA/Whatever he is doing now with an agency he was the lawyer for)

These issues remain unaddressed, and the pattern of neglect is increasingly concerning.

In particular, I want to highlight a critical issue with Councilperson Baez. The Ohio Attorney General has issued compatibility reports stating that it is incompatible for a full-time police officer to serve as a partisan candidate. Despite this clear guidance, the City of Lorain, Lorain City Council, Lorain City Law, and Sheffield Lake's Mayor and Police Chief have continued to allow Baez to hold dual roles without any investigation. This is troubling, particularly since he continues to vote on laws and policies while in violation of the Attorney General's report and the HATCH ACT. He has voted to give his Boss Radeff a Raise with Federal ARPPA funds even after being advised of the ethical position it would put him in.

If you are on the City Council of Lorain or Sheffield Lake, or work for either, you are now ethically mandated to report these allegations.

As I have not received a satisfactory response, I have escalated these matters to the Ethics Commission and will be meeting with an investigator today. After that, I will continue to escalate the issue to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), if necessary.

As mandated reporters, I expect that all of you will report the concerns outlined in my prior communications.

To Councilperson Baez: As my elected representative, you have an obligation to respond to me as a constituent. Regardless of personal feelings, I live in your ward, and you are required to address whether you are in compliance with the law. Please provide a clear response regarding your adherence to legal and ethical standards, particularly in relation to your position as a law enforcement officer.

I anticipate your prompt response and appropriate action.

Sincerely,
Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

Phone: 216-659-9899
4220 Talbot Ln
Lorain, Ohio 44055

I can provide all reports, emails and proof of myself addressing these issues through the appropriate channels with 0 response.

As a Disabled Veteran who is Service Connected I expected better from my Government Representatives. Some of you are newly added to this so if the shoes doubt fit, please don't wear them, I'd like it if someone could take this seriously for once.

Thank you for your time and make it a wonderful day!

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Cc: bcicommunications@ohioago.gov; David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; sarah.ackman@governor.ohio.gov; jennifer.brown@governor.ohio.gov; lecorrectionsrequests@ohioago.gov; electronic_dispositions@ohioago.gov; cch_corrections@ohioago.gov; president@whitehouse.gov; watchdog@oig.ohio.gov; skovach@sheffieldlake.net; rgee@sheffieldlake.net
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Baez voting on a pay raise for his Boss Rocky Radeff is illegal.

I'm still waiting for you to send me the new contract showing the pay raises given to Radeff by his employee Baez.

Tick tock, you can all keep ignoring me but you're going to dislike it when you all catch charges on the government for failure to act.

You're all involved now. How do you explain away the fact that Baez illegally voted in everything for a full year??? And even after being informed you continued to allow him to vote. That is a problem.

The news can ignore me.
You can try and ignore me.
But I'm not going away.
I'm watching you and learning.

Report yourselves to the ethics commission and redo all votes Baez was involved in as they ARE ALL now culpable and in an actionable position.

Dave OBrien ignored me, the cities ignored me, I reported this to all of you and you DID NOTHING.

Nothing.
Nothing.
Nothing.

You have broken the law allowing this to continue. Shame on you all. And Baez can't just "step down" he has to be removed/impeached now and all his votes are invalidated.

I'm requesting an outside investigation conducted by the State of Ohio into this as ALL local officials would be compromised.

Thank you and make it a wonderful day!

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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On Feb 4, 2025, at 09:53, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Government Officials and To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally address several ongoing concerns that I have raised previously, which, despite my efforts, have not been adequately resolved. The issues at hand include the following:

- Baez - Hatch Act Violations
- Dimacchai - Conflict of Interest/Dual Roles (Lorain city Council/Communications Director Lorain City Schools)
- Baez/Radeff - Voting Integrity
- Lori K - Nepotism and Dereliction of Duty (McCanns SSI and Middlebrooks file)
- Police Chief James McCann - Retaliation and Abuse of Power
- Carrion - Conflict of Interest/Dual Roles (councilperson vs safety director/investigator)
- Petticord - Revolving Door/Dual Roles (APA/Whatever he is doing now with an agency he was the lawyer for)

These issues remain unaddressed, and the pattern of neglect is increasingly concerning.

In particular, I want to highlight a critical issue with Councilperson Baez. The Ohio Attorney General has issued compatibility reports stating that it is incompatible for a full-time police officer to serve as a partisan candidate. Despite this clear guidance, the City of Lorain, Lorain City Council, Lorain City Law, and Sheffield Lake's Mayor and Police Chief have continued to allow Baez to hold dual roles without any investigation. This is troubling, particularly since he continues to vote on laws and policies while in violation of the Attorney General's report and the HATCH ACT. He has voted to give his Boss Radeff a Raise with Federal ARPPA funds even after being advised of the ethical position it would put him in.

If you are on the City Council of Lorain or Sheffield Lake, or work for either, you are now ethically mandated to report these allegations.

As I have not received a satisfactory response, I have escalated these matters to the Ethics Commission and will be meeting with an investigator today. After that, I will continue to escalate the issue to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), if necessary.

As mandated reporters, I expect that all of you will report the concerns outlined in my prior communications.

To Councilperson Baez: As my elected representative, you have an obligation to respond to me as a constituent. Regardless of personal feelings, I live in your ward, and you are required to address whether you are in compliance with the law. Please

provide a clear response regarding your adherence to legal and ethical standards, particularly in relation to your position as a law enforcement officer.

I anticipate your prompt response and appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

Phone: 216-659-9899

4220 Talbot Ln

Lorain, Ohio 44055

I can provide all reports, emails and proof of myself addressing these issues through the appropriate channels with 0 response.

As a Disabled Veteran who is Service Connected I expected better from my Government Representatives. Some of you are newly added to this so if the shoes doubt fit, please don't wear them, I'd like it if someone could take this seriously for once.

Thank you for your time and make it a wonderful day!

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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Beko, Michele

From: Beko, Michele <Michele_Beko@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 3:28 PM
To: Aaron Knapp
Subject: RE: I am requesting the warrant request by Lorain Police Chief James McCann to Mercy health hospital in Lorain, Ohio

Mr. Knapp, the Lorain Law Dept. is not the keeper/custodian nor does it have possession of documents responsive to your request for "... the warrant request by Lorain Police Chief James McCann to Mercy Hospital in Lorain ..."
You might direct your records request to the Lorain County Prosecutor.

Law Director Riley

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 12:48 PM
To: Kate Lenz <klenz@loraincounty.us>; Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Cc: Sheriff Jack Hall <jhall@loraincountysheriff.com>; Tony Cillo <antcillo.cill@gmail.com>; McCann, James - Chief <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Robert J Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>; Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>; lcp@lcprosecutor.org
Subject: Re: I am requesting the warrant request by Lorain Police Chief James McCann to Mercy health hospital in Lorain, Ohio

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All warrants go through the clerk The Warrant and case are closed. Therefore the court would be ONE OF the records keepers of this document

Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA
NASW Member ID: 886836612

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On Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 08:29:11 AM EST, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:

Good morning, If your office has any information on the subject then yes the Lorain County Clerk of Courts is included
Thank you,
Garon Petty

> On Jan 21, 2025, at 8:23 AM, Kate Lenz <klenz@loraincounty.us> wrote:
>

> Good morning, Mr. Petty Are you directing this request to the Clerk's office?
>
> Thanks,
> Kate Lenz, Dir. of Operations
> Tom Orlando, Lorain Co. Clerk of Court
> PH: 440.329.5297
> E-mail: klenz@loraincounty.us
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
> Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2025 10:12 AM
> To: Sheriff Jack Hall <jhall@loraincountysheriff.com>; Tony Cillo <antcillo.cill@gmail.com>; Jim_McCann
> <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack
> <jack_bradley@cityoflorain.org>; ClerkofCourts <clerkofcourts@loraincounty.us>
> Cc: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>; Robert J Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>; Michael Scherach
> <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>
> Subject: I am requesting the warrant request by Lorain Police Chief James McCann to Mercy health hospital in Lorain,
Ohio
>
> The Full and complete warrant request served to Mercy Hospital during the month of August 2024 per 149.43 ORC.
>
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>
> Garon Petty
>

Beko, Michele

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 8:51 AM
To: Koziura, Joseph
Cc: Robert J. Gargasz; Kokoski, Lori; Carrion, Rey; Bradley, Jack; Riley, Patrick; Zaleski, Don; Arredondo, Joel; City Council Mail Group; Radeff, Rocky; Morris, Jacob; McCann, James - Chief; Harper, Anita; Andrew Geronimo JD; Tom Niewulis; Mike Mason; Brad Dicken; Brian Ames; Carissa Woytach; VEK6173@aol.com; Natalio Rodriquez; Jackie Conrad; Kathryn Kennedy; Kirsten Hill; Monica D. Pluta; Craig Snodgrass; David J Moore; jriddell@loraincounty.us; mgallagher@loraincounty.us; Michael Scherach; Mike Doran; Mike.Brosky@fflorain.bank; Dennis Flores; Linda Rivera; Denise Wilms; Jim Renacci; Jeanne Petty; sandemeilander@yahoo.com; David Yost AG
Subject: Re: Records Requests for contracts.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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So Radeff has unlawful interest in the contract as it provides his work. See how that works.

To understand this area of the law, it's important to understand what a public contract is. Essentially, a public contract is any time a public agency or public entity spends public money, regardless of the amount. Public contracts include both goods and services, such as office supplies, equipment, vehicles, consulting services, or construction work.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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On Feb 6, 2025, at 08:34, Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Sheffield Lake is part of the Lorain Municipal Court System by the Ohio Revised Code.

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 1:05 PM
To: Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org>

Cc: Robert J. Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>; Kokoski, Lori <Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org>; Carrion, Rey <Rey_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Zaleski, Don <Don_Zaleski@cityoflorain.org>; Arredondo, Joel <joel_arredondo@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Radeff, Rocky <Rocky_Radeff@cityoflorain.org>; Morris, Jacob <Jacob_Morris@cityoflorain.org>; McCann, James - Chief <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>; Harper, Anita <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>; Andrew Geronimo JD <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>; Tom Niewulis <tniewulis@ncdcs.com>; Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>; Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>; Brian Ames <bmames00@gmail.com>; Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>; VEK6173@aol.com; Natalio Rodriquez <natalio@centurytel.net>; Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>; Kathryn Kennedy <kathrynkennedy627@gmail.com>; Kirsten Hill <kirsten@kirstenhill.com>; Monica D. Pluta <Monica.Pluta@lprosecutor.org>; Craig Snodgrass <auditor@loraincounty.com>; David J Moore <dmoore@loraincounty.us>; jriddell@loraincounty.us; mgallagher@loraincounty.us; Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>; Mike Doran <mikedoran@mikedoran.com>; Mike.Brosky@fflorain.bank; Dennis Flores <dennisforlorain@gmail.com>; Linda Rivera <nrivera25594@gmail.com>; Denise Wilms <denisewilms@aol.com>; Jim Renacci <jrenacci@gmail.com>; jeanne Petty <jeanne_81D@yahoo.com>; sandemeilander@yahoo.com; David Yost AG <AGOCARES@ohioago.gov>
Subject: Re: Records Requests for contracts.

External sender <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>

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What about contracts with the municipal court? In recent budget talk's Sheffield Lake received or made payments to the city of Lorain for something? What's that? Do you have an agreement for the municipal court and Sheffield lake, or do they have their own? How does that work?

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Jan 31, 2025, at 10:14, Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

To all concerned,

The following items are the only contracts that this office is aware of, at this time, concerning the cities of Lorain and Sheffield Lake.

Mutual Aide for Safety Forces

Water Pollution Control (Sewage Services)

Regards,

Joe

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 4:25 PM

To: Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org>; Kokoski, Lori <Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org>; Carrion, Rey <Rey_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Zaleski, Don <Don_Zaleski@cityoflorain.org>; Arredondo, Joel <joel_arredondo@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Radeff, Rocky <Rocky_Radeff@cityoflorain.org>; Morris, Jacob <Jacob_Morris@cityoflorain.org>; McCann, James - Chief <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>

Cc: Harper, Anita <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>; Andrew Geronimo JD <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>; Robert J Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>; Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>; Tom Niewulis <tniewulis@ncdcs.com>; Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>; Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>; Brian Ames <bmames00@gmail.com>; Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>; VEK6173@aol.com; Natalio Rodriguez <natalio@centurytel.net>; Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>; Kathryn Kennedy <kathrynkennedy627@gmail.com>; Kirsten Hill <kirsten@kirstenhill.com>; Monica D. Pluta <Monica.Pluta@lcprosecutor.org>; Craig Snodgrass <auditor@loraincounty.com>; David J Moore <DMoore@loraincounty.us>; jriddell@loraincounty.us; mgallagher@loraincounty.us; Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>; Mike Doran <mikedoran@mikedoran.com>; Mike.Brosky@fflorain.bank; Dennis Flores <dennisforlorain@gmail.com>; Linda Rivera <nrivera25594@gmail.com>; Denise Wilms <denisewilms@aol.com>; Jim Renacci <jrenacci@gmail.com>; Jeanne Petty <jeanne_810@yahoo.com>; sandemeilander@yahoo.com; David Yost AG <AGOCARES@ohioago.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Records Requests for contracts.

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ALL

Garon had requested city contracts Lorain has with Sheffield Lake, Ohio, service and monetary contracts lists.

Per 149.43 or any ORC that requires the public records to be made public when asked for.

As you are or may be a custodian of such records please provide them as requested by Mr. Petty.

The response provided by the Law Department is not adequate as it should have been referred to the appropriate custodian of the appropriate records.

The service director and auditor should each be a repository of such public records, correct?

Please respond to Mr. Petty.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Date: January 28, 2025 at 3:38:00 PM EST
To: Lindsay Carr <Lindsay.Carr@ohioago.gov>, lcp@lcprosecutor.org, NortheastRegion@ohioauditor.gov
Cc: "Harper, Anita" <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>, "Andrew Geronimo, JD" <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>, Robert J Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>, Tom Niewulis <tniewulis@ncdcs.com>, Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>, Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, Brian Ames <bmames00@gmail.com>, Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>, VEK6173@aol.com, Natalio Rodriguez <natalio@centurytel.net>, Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>, Kathryn Kennedy <kathrynkennedy627@gmail.com>, Kirsten Hill <kirsten@kirstenhill.com>, "Monica D. Pluta" <Monica.Pluta@lcprosecutor.org>, Craig Snodgrass <auditor@loraincounty.com>, David J Moore <DMoore@loraincounty.us>, jriddell@loraincounty.us, mgallagher@loraincounty.us, Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>, Mike Doran <mikedoran@mikedoran.com>, Mike.Brosky@fflorain.bank, Dennis Flores <dennisforlorain@gmail.com>, Linda Rivera <nrivera25594@gmail.com>, Denise Wilms <denisewilms@aol.com>, Jim Renacci <jrenacci@gmail.com>, Jeanne Petty <jeanne_810@yahoo.com>, sandemeilander@yahoo.com, David Yost AG <AGOCARES@ohioago.gov>
Subject: Records Requests for contracts.

Hello Ms Carr, Lorain County Prosecutor and Northeast Region of Ohio Auditor,

I am now asking for an investigation why I cant get my records request fulfilled from the City of Lorain, Ohio?

Hello, please send me a list of all contracts the city of Lorain, Ohio has with the city of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, service and monetary contracts lists.

Per 149.43 or any ORC that requires the public records to be made public when asked for.

Thank You

Garon Petty January 17, 2025

"Mr. Petty,

Please be informed that this office is not the keeper of any documents which constitute "a list of all contracts the City of Lorain has with the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and monetary contracts lists." You may wish to contact the Utilities Dept.

Law Director Riley" January 27, 2025

Help us in Lorain, Ohio please,
Garon Petty

Beko, Michele

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 8:50 AM
To: Lori Kokoski; Joe K Auditor; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Joel Arredondo; Patrick Riley; Jacob Morris; Don Zaleski; Rocky Radeff; Tony Cillo; Aaron Knapp; Garon Petty
Cc: Jack Hall; Major Steven Scharschmidt; City Council Mail Group
Subject: Fwd: Rule 123:1-46-02 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws

Warning: Unusual link

This message contains an unusual link, which may lead to a malicious site. Confirm the message is safe before clicking any links.

The contracts being looked for are in relation to a violation of this rule. Sent herewith.

While the law you cite is accurate. A duty arises from this law and you are obligated to require lawful contracting and not just rubber stamp matters to process them.

You are required to exercise judgment and discretion involving the application of state laws to contracts and ethics. It appears you are attempting to side step your obligations in responding to those requests of a public citizen. Having been notified of the issue, your audit is now more than a mere records search. I have noticed the police captain and expect you to call him to discuss any illegal contracts you have participated in concerning these issues. Please note that covering up illegal behavior can be viewed as Obstruction of Justice. You are a steward of the taxpayers citizens treasury. Please take your obligation to follow the law seriously.

Your response to Mr. Petty and Mr. Knapp's records request should be reconsidered.

Gargasz, Robert J.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Robert J. Gargasz" <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Date: February 5, 2025 at 10:52:22 PM EST
To: Office Robert J Gargasz Co LPA <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Subject: Rule 123:1-46-02 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-123:1-46-02>

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Beko, Michele

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 8:49 AM
To: Kokoski, Lori
Cc: Garon Petty; Robert J Gargas; Tony Cillo; Lindsay Carr; City Council Mail Group; LaVeck, Joseph; Riley, Patrick; Brad Dicken; Bradley, Jack; David Yost AG
Subject: Re: Names of all police Officers who have left Lorain PD

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So installed of compiling I want each individual record.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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On Feb 6, 2025, at 08:30, Kokoski, Lori <Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Here is the legal authority:

"A public office has no duty under R.C. 149.43 to create new records by searching for and compiling information from existing records."

Reinel v. Butler City. Auditor, 2018-Ohio-2914, 2018 Ohio Misc. LEXIS 63

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 5:55 PM
To: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Cc: Kokoski, Lori <Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org>; Robert J Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>; Tony Cillo <antcillo.cill@gmail.com>; Lindsay Carr <lindsay.carr@ohioago.gov>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; LaVeck, Joseph <Joseph_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>; Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; David Yost AG <AGOCARES@ohioago.gov>
Subject: Re: Names of all police Officers who have left Lorain PD

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So you are refusing to give us the names of these officers, correct?

I assume you have a "law" to reference?

Can't just say no. You guys like to play games. Let's just go back to the court of claims again. Stop stone walling.

Provide the law on which you are denying this request.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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On Feb 3, 2025, at 13:12, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:

Thank you.

Garon Petty

On Feb 3, 2025, at 11:44 AM, Kokoski, Lori
<Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Mr. Petty,

Please see the response from the Law Department.

Thanks,

Lori

Lori,

Ohio law does not require you to produce a record in order to respond to a public records request.

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq
Chief Asst. Law Director & Police Legal Advisor
200 W. Erie Avenue, 3rd Floor
Lorain, Ohio 44052

-----Original Message-----

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2025 9:25 AM

To: Kokoski, Lori <Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org>

Cc: Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; McCann, James - Chief <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>; Comer, David <DComer@CityofLorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Harper, Anita <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>; Zaleski, Don <Don_Zaleski@cityoflorain.org>; LaVeck, Joseph <Joseph_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Carrion, Rey <Rey_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>

Subject: Names of all police Officers who have left Lorain PD

External sender <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>

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Hello Lori, Please send me the names of all police officers who have resigned, retired, been disciplined for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025 per ORC 149.43.

Thank you,

Garon Petty

Beko, Michele

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 11:21 AM
To: Garon Petty; Joseph LaVeck; Patrick Riley; CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org; Robert J. Gargas; Brad Dicken; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Tony Cilfo; Jack Bradley; Jackie Conrad; Ted Kalo; Rey Carrion; Breanna Dull
Subject: Re: Public Records Request to Law Director Riley

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You stated on the record:

Please find this correspondence to serve as Law Director Riley's response to your public records request. As you know from prior responses Law Director Riley, you are entitled to text messages which involve City business. You can be assured that any texting made by Law Director Riley during a public meetings, as evidenced by apparently a smiling face, did not involve City business. As such, there are no records responsive to your request.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq
Assistant Law Director & Police Legal Advisor
200 W. Erie Avenue, 3rd Floor

This is untrue. Learn the law. Any texts sent during a public meeting automatically becomes a public record. That's why phones are to be shut off. If you text, type, or whisper anything to you change the "openness" of the meeting.

I found this online: (there is laws and case law to back this up but frankly I'm tired of doing free work)

So what this means is FORK OVER the TEXTS sent during public meetings as required by law and requested by a citizen. Period.

How do lawyers not understand the law? Unless you intended to decisive this citizen in his quest for public records?

Yes, even "private" text messages sent during open meetings by public officials can be considered public record, depending on the content and the state's public records laws; if the texts pertain to public business discussed during the meeting, they are likely subject to disclosure under a public records request, even if sent on a personal device.

Key points to remember:

- **Public business discussion:**

The key factor is whether the text messages relate to public business being discussed during the meeting, not necessarily if the texts are sent on a personal device.

- **State laws vary:**

Specific rules regarding public records and text messages can differ by state, so it's important to consult your local laws.

- **Potential for legal issues:**

Deleting texts that relate to public business can be considered a violation of public records laws and could lead to legal repercussion

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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On Feb 5, 2025, at 10:51, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:

LaVeck answered that email.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Subject: Fwd: Public Records Request to Law Director Riley
Date: February 1, 2023 at 2:50:43 PM EST
To: Robert J Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>

Begin forwarded message:

From: "LaVeck, Joseph"
<Joseph.LaVeck@cityoflorain.org>
Subject: Public Records Request to Law Director Riley
Date: February 1, 2023 at 2:48:13 PM EST
To: "garonpetty@roadrunner.com"
<garonpetty@roadrunner.com>

Mr. Petty:

Please find this correspondence to serve as Law Director Riley's response to your public records request. As you know from prior responses Law Director Riley, you are entitled to text messages which involve City business. You can be assured that any texting made by Law Director Riley during a public meetings, as evidenced by apparently a smiling face, did not involve City business. As such, there are no records responsive to your request.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Joseph T. LaVeck, Esq
Assistant Law Director & Police Legal Advisor
200 W. Erie Avenue, 3rd Floor
Lorain, Ohio 44053
joseph_laveck@cityoflorain.org

Beko, Michele

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 9:51 AM
To: CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org; Patrick Riley; Jack Bradley; Robert J. Gargasz; Carissa Woytach; Brad Dicken; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Tony Cillo; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Ted Kalo; Sheriff Jack Hall; Jeff Graham; Rey Carrion
Cc: David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; JD Andrew Geronimo; BCICommunications@ohioago.gov; cgottschling@lorainschools.org
Subject: Update

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Verified yesterday with Superintendent Graham this is FERPA protected. So LPD has been violating this students rights the entire time. This is criminal.

Yes, violating the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) can result in criminal charges. The severity of the penalty depends on the nature of the violation, the amount of harm caused, and whether it was intentional.

FERPA | Protecting Student Privacy



Riley told the schools cops are not covered by FERPA. This guy is always wrong. You are a "covered entity" and when you released it you broke the law.

Welcome to another lawsuit.

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<https://www.lorainpolice.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/126-W-27TH-ST-MEDIA-RELEASE-ADMINISTRATIVE-INVESTIGATION.pdf>

So you used this knowledge to fire me from the courts because I said it was protected. You attacked my license and employment over this. And here we are almost 3 years later and it's still up. You have released this students data illegally and I have informed the parents.

You should have listened. All the emails I have of each of claiming you were in compliance with the law.

Mayor Bradley, James McCann, and Patrick Riley all stated on the record they had a legal right to post this info on line.

So what now??? Jesus if you folks would just check your this and assume someone might know something you don't.

And I was right about Baez. Jesus. You people never cease to amaze me.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 8:30 PM
To: CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org; Tony Cillo; Robert J. Gargas; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Brad Dicken; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Ted Kalo; Sheriff Jack Hall; akory@sheffieldlake.net; cityofsheffieldlake@gmail.com; rradeff@sheffieldlake.net; Lawdepartment@sheffieldlake.net; citycouncil@sheffieldlake.net; rosso@sheffieldlake.net; lstark@sheffieldlake.net; cpetrucci@sheffieldlake.net; wwtulich@sheffieldlake.net; rdebottis@sheffieldlake.net; cizl@sheffieldlake.net
Cc: BCCommunications@ohioago.gov; David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Sarah.Ackman@governor.ohio.gov; Jennifer.Brown@governor.ohio.gov; LECorrectionsRequests@ohioago.gov; Electronic_Dispositions@ohioago.gov; CCH_Corrections@ohioago.gov; president@whitehouse.gov; watchdog@oig.ohio.gov; skovach@sheffieldlake.net; rgee@sheffieldlake.net
Subject: Re: Subject: Urgent: Ethical Concerns and Legal Compliance
Attachments: Video.mov; attachment.html

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 9:54 AM
To: CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org; Tony Cillo; Robert J. Gargas; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Brad Dicken; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Ted Kalo; Sheriff Jack Hall; akory@sheffieldlake.net; cityofsheffieldlake@gmail.com; rradeff@sheffieldlake.net; Lawdepartment@sheffieldlake.net; citycouncil@sheffieldlake.net; rrosso@sheffieldlake.net; lstark@sheffieldlake.net; cpetrucci@sheffieldlake.net; wwwtulich@sheffieldlake.net; rdebottis@sheffieldlake.net; cizl@sheffieldlake.net
Cc: BCICommunications@OhioAGO.gov; David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Sarah.Ackman@governor.ohio.gov; Jennifer.Brown@governor.ohio.gov; LECorrectionsRequests@OhioAGO.gov; Electronic_Dispositions@OhioAGO.gov; CCH_Corrections@OhioAGO.gov; president@whitehouse.gov; watchdog@oig.ohio.gov; skovach@sheffieldlake.net; rgee@sheffieldlake.net
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Dear Government Officials and To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally address several ongoing concerns that I have raised previously, which, despite my efforts, have not been adequately resolved. The issues at hand include the following:

- Baez - Hatch Act Violations
- Dimacchai - Conflict of Interest/Dual Roles (Lorain city Council/Communications Director Lorain City Schools)
- Baez/Radefeff - Voting Integrity
- Lori K - Nepotism and Dereliction of Duty (McCanns SSI and Middlebrooks file)
- Police Chief James McCann - Retaliation and Abuse of Power
- Carrion - Conflict of Interest/Dual Roles (councilperson vs safety director/investigator)
- Petticord - Revolving Door/Dual Roles (APA/Whatever he is doing now with an agency he was the lawyer for)

These issues remain unaddressed, and the pattern of neglect is increasingly concerning.

In particular, I want to highlight a critical issue with Councilperson Baez. The Ohio Attorney General has issued compatibility reports stating that it is incompatible for a full-time police officer to serve as a partisan candidate. Despite this clear guidance, the City of Lorain, Lorain City Council, Lorain City Law, and Sheffield Lake's Mayor and Police Chief have continued to allow Baez to hold dual roles without any investigation. This is

troubling, particularly since he continues to vote on laws and policies while in violation of the Attorney General's report and the HATCH ACT. He has voted to give his Boss Radeff a Raise with Federal ARPPA funds even after being advised of the ethical position it would put him in.

If you are on the City Council of Lorain or Sheffield Lake, or work for either, you are now ethically mandated to report these allegations.

As I have not received a satisfactory response, I have escalated these matters to the Ethics Commission and will be meeting with an investigator today. After that, I will continue to escalate the issue to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), if necessary.

As mandated reporters, I expect that all of you will report the concerns outlined in my prior communications.

To Councilperson Baez: As my elected representative, you have an obligation to respond to me as a constituent. Regardless of personal feelings, I live in your ward, and you are required to address whether you are in compliance with the law. Please provide a clear response regarding your adherence to legal and ethical standards, particularly in relation to your position as a law enforcement officer.

I anticipate your prompt response and appropriate action.

Sincerely,
Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

Phone: 216-659-9899
4220 Talbot Ln
Lorain, Ohio 44055

I can provide all reports, emails and proof of myself addressing these issues through the appropriate channels with 0 response.

As a Disabled Veteran who is Service Connected I expected better from my Government Representatives. Some of you are newly added to this so if the shoes doubt fit, please don't wear them, I'd like it if someone could take this seriously for once.

Thank you for your time and make it a wonderful day!

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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Beko, Michele

From: Baez, Antonio <Antonio_Baez@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 2:16 PM
To: Aaron Knapp
Cc: City Council Mail Group; Brad Dicken; Bradley, Jack; Robert J. Gargas; Riley, Patrick; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Tony Cillo; Carrion, Rey; Sheriff Jack Hall; David Yost AG; Garon Petty; Jackie Conrad
Subject: Re: Antonio Baez

I was unaware that I was under any sort of investigation, and I'm confused by your assertion that I am, and that I'm not responding to one.

Are you aware of any ongoing investigation involving me that I have not been informed of? If so, I would appreciate it if you could clarify which entity or individual is conducting it so I can address it properly.

While I understand your concerns, I've learned that you are running for a position on this council, which leads me to question whether this could be politically motivated slander. You should understand that making a claim that I am under investigation, or that I am failing to respond in an official capacity, is bordering on defamation. I have responded to the emails I've received from you, and in cases where the information was unclear or needed to be directed elsewhere, I made sure to forward it to the appropriate parties.

Lastly, I don't always get your emails, but the ones I have received have been responded to and/or forwarded to the right person if they were clear and I might add not from your other social media personalities.

Antonio Baez
City of Lorain, 6th Ward Councilman
Please excuse any typos this message is being sent from a mobile device.

On Feb 3, 2025, at 11:35 AM, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

I've asked multiple times and for over a month you have refused to answer me. You claimed you were doing an "investigation" but you have failed to provide information on said investigation and how Mr. Baezs votes may have been improper as he was unable to be an elected Official and a Classified Employee. I've attached an article below showing how this should have worked. You have failed to act, failed to report, and continued to allow a person to be in a position he is legally unable to hold based on the below opinion and every other opinion I have read. Since you have failed to respond I am asking the Sheriff to officially step in and investigate this failure and determine if criminal charges are appropriate. You've turned an administrative matter into a criminal one in my opinion. And again once you know all of you are obliged to report this to the Ethics commission and whomever else (AG) because you swore an oath.

Beko, Michele

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 11:36 AM
To: City Group; Brad Dicken; Jack Bradley; Robert J. Gargas; Patrick Riley; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Tony Cillo; Rey Carrion; Sheriff Jack Hall; David Yost AG
Cc: Garon Petty; Jackie Conrad
Subject: Antonio Baez

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Elyria City Councilman Andrew Lipian, 1-1st Ward, announced on Tuesday that he would be leaving his job with the Lorain County Community Development Department effective immediately.

The announcement came in the form of a joint letter signed by both Lipian and County Administrator Jeff Armbruster.

"County Administrator Jeff Armbruster today announces the voluntary departure of Andrew Lipian as Economic Development Coordinator for Lorain County," the letter read.

According to the letter, Armbruster informed Lipian in "spring 2024" that his position was a classified position, meaning he could not hold it while also serving as an elected official.

[Elyria City Councilman Andrew Lipian resigns from county job](#)



Elyria City Councilman Andrew Lipian resigns from county job

Elyria City Councilman Andrew Lipian, I-First Ward, announced on Tuesday that he would be leaving his job with L...

Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA
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Beko, Michele

From: Radeff, Rocky <Rocky_Radeff@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 7:51 AM
To: Robert J. Gargas
Subject: RE: Records Requests for contracts.

This email is strictly to be used for my capacity for my employment with Lorain. If you have request for Sheffield Lake you need to contact the City of Sheffield Lake. I will not respond to emails dealing with Sheffield Lake at this email

From: Robert J. Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2025 4:19 AM
To: Radeff, Rocky <Rocky_Radeff@cityoflorain.org>
Cc: Jon Morrow <jonpaulmorrow@gmail.com>; Jon Morrow <greaterlorainareacaucus@gmail.com>; Aaron Knapp <aaronknappfor6thwardloraincity@gmail.com>; Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org>; Carrion, Rey <Rey_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Arredondo, Joel <joel_arredondo@cityoflorain.org>; Partin, Maggie <Maggie_Partin@cityoflorain.org>; Beko, Michele <Michele_Beko@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>
Subject: Fwd: Records Requests for contracts.

External sender <rjgargas@gmail.com>

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Can you respond to Mr. Knapp and Mr. Petty's request for contract information existing between Lorain, Ohio and Sheffield Lake?

This public records request is made to you as Mayor of Sheffield Lake.

Please forward the request on to All records custodians for this political subdivision.

Have all of Sheffield Lake's contracts with Lorain been approved by Ordinance by Sheffield Lake's City Council?

Have all of Lorain's contracts with Sheffield Lake been approved by Ordinance by Lorain's City Council?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Date: February 1, 2025 at 11:15:12 PM EST
To: "Koziura, Joseph" <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org>
Cc: "Robert J. Gargas" <rjgargas@gmail.com>, "Kokoski, Lori" <Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org>, "Carrion, Rey" <Rey_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>, "Bradley,

Jack" <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>, "Riley, Patrick" <patrick_riley@cityoflorain.org>, "Zaleski, Don" <don_zaleski@cityoflorain.org>, "Arredondo, Joel" <Joel_Arredondo@cityoflorain.org>, City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>, "Radeff, Rocky" <Rocky_Radeff@cityoflorain.org>, "Morris, Jacob" <Jacob_Morris@cityoflorain.org>, "McCann, James - Chief" <jim_mccann@cityoflorain.org>, "Harper, Anita" <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>, Andrew Geronimo JD <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>, Tom Niewulis <tniewulis@ncdcs.com>, Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>, Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, Brian Ames <bmames00@gmail.com>, Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>, VEK6173@aol.com, Natalio Rodriquez <natalio@centurytel.net>, Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>, Kathryn Kennedy <kathrynkennedy627@gmail.com>, Kirsten Hill <kirsten@kirstenhill.com>, "Monica D. Pluta" <Monica.Pluta@lcprosecutor.org>, Craig Snodgrass <auditor@loraincounty.com>, David J Moore <DMoore@loraincounty.us>, jriddell@loraincounty.us, mgallagher@loraincounty.us, Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>, Mike Doran <mikedoran@mikedoran.com>, Mike.Brosky@fflorain.bank, Dennis Flores <dennisforlorain@gmail.com>, Linda Rivera <nrivera25594@gmail.com>, Denise Wilms <denisewilms@aol.com>, Jim Renacci <jrenacci@gmail.com>, jeanne Petty <jeanne_810@yahoo.com>, sandemeilander@yahoo.com, David Yost AG <AGOCARES@ohioago.gov>

Subject: Re: Records Requests for contracts.

To understand this area of the law, it's important to understand what a public contract is. Essentially, a public contract is any time a public agency or public entity spends public money, regardless of the amount. Public contracts include both goods and services, such as office supplies, equipment, vehicles, consulting services, or construction work.

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On Friday, January 31, 2025 at 01:05:00 PM EST, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

What about contracts with the municipal court? In recent budget talk's Sheffield Lake received or made payments to the city of Lorain for something? What's that? Do you have an agreement for the municipal court and Sheffield lake, or do they have their own? How does that work?

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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On Jan 31, 2025, at 10:14, Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

To all concerned,

The following items are the only contracts that this office is aware of, at this time, concerning the cities of Lorain and Sheffield Lake.

Mutual Aide for Safety Forces

Water Pollution Control (Sewage Services)

Regards,

Joe

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 4:25 PM
To: Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org>; Kokoski, Lori <Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org>; Carrion, Rey <Rey_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Zaleski, Don <Don_Zaleski@cityoflorain.org>; Arredondo, Joel <joel_arredondo@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Radeff, Rocky <Rocky_Radeff@cityoflorain.org>; Morris, Jacob <Jacob_Morris@cityoflorain.org>; McCann, James - Chief <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>
Cc: Harper, Anita <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>; Andrew Geronimo JD <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>; Robert J Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>; Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>; Tom Niewulis <tniewulis@ncdcs.com>; Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>; Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>; Brian Ames <bmames00@gmail.com>; Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>; VEK6173@aol.com; Natalio Rodriquez <natalio@centurytel.net>; Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>; Kathryn Kennedy <kathrynkennedy627@gmail.com>; Kirsten Hill <kirsten@kirstenhill.com>; Monica D. Pluta <Monica.Pluta@lcprosecutor.org>; Craig Snodgrass <auditor@loraincounty.com>; David J Moore <DMoore@loraincounty.us>; jriddell@loraincounty.us; mgallagher@loraincounty.us; Michael Scherach

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Subject: Fwd: Records Requests for contracts.

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Garon had requested city contracts Lorain has with Sheffield Lake, Ohio, service and monetary contracts lists.

Per 149.43 or any ORC that requires the public records to be made public when asked for.

As you are or may be a custodian of such records please provide them as requested by Mr. Petty

The response provided by the Law Department is not adequate as it should have been referred to the appropriate custodian of the appropriate records.

The service director and auditor should each be a repository of such public records, correct?

Please respond to Mr. Petty.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Date: January 28, 2025 at 3:38:00 PM EST
To: Lindsay Carr <Lindsay.Carr@ohioago.gov>, lcp@lcprosecutor.org,
NortheastRegion@ohioauditor.gov
Cc: "Harper, Anita" <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>, "Andrew Geronimo, JD" <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>, Robert J Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>, Tom Niewulis <tniewulis@ncdcs.com>, Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>, Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, Brian Ames <bmames00@gmail.com>, Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>.

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Subject: Records Requests for contracts.

Hello Ms Carr, Lorain County Prosecutor and Northeast Region of Ohio Auditor,

I am now asking for an investigation why I cant get my records request fulfilled from the City of Lorain, Ohio?

Hello, please send me a list of all contracts the city of Lorain, Ohio has with the city of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, service and monetary contracts lists.

Per 149.43 or any ORC that requires the public records to be made public when asked for.

Thank You

Garon Petty January 17, 2025

"Mr. Petty,

Please be informed that this office is not the keeper of any documents which constitute "a list of all contracts the City of Lorain has with the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and monetary contracts lists." You may wish to contact the Utilities Dept.

Law Director Riley" January 27, 2025

Help us in Lorain, Ohio please,
Garon Petty

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Subject: Ask Mary Springowski to name the member of council who aided and abetted in the attack on council clerk July 1, 2024

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Good morning,

I am instructing my council representative, (by the Ohio Constitution Article 1 Section 3), Mary Spellacy, to have Mary Springowski through the chair, during miscellaneous concerns of council, tonight Feb. 3, 2025, to name which member of council aided and abetted in his (me) attack on Breanna Dull?

She has by electronic communication communicated that in a July 2, 2024 email sent to council, Mayor Bradley, Rey Carrion, Chief McCann, Patrick Riley. Please have Mrs Springowski answer and give the name of the member of council.

I have previously provided Mrs Springowski's email dated July 2, 2024 at 9:57 AM.

Also have Mrs Springowski turn her phone video (page 80 lines 7,8,9 of her police interview transcript) over to my attorney Robert Gargas.

Thank you,
Garon Petty

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