

Beko, Michele

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:20 AM
To: City Council Mail Group
Cc: Aaron Knapp; Joel Arredondo; Patrick Riley; Garon Petty; jeanne Petty; Peter Tower; Jessie Tower; Special investigations unit State Of Ohio; David Yost AG; Lindsay Carr
Subject: Demand cuts to salaries!

External sender <rjgargasz@gmail.com>

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Who did this to the taxpayers of Lorain?

The people need to sharpen their pitch forks and protest against these corrupt politicians and damn fools!

How many even knew they were duped?

Why did this happen?

Citizens demand answers!
Budget discussions In The SUNSHINE Please!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Date: February 20, 2025 at 8:48:56 AM EST
To: CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org, Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>, David Comer <DComer@cityoflorain.org>, David O'Brien <dobrien@chroniclet.com>, Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com>, Jack Bradley <jack_bradley@cityoflorain.org>, Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, "Robert J. Gargasz" <rjgargasz@gmail.com>, Rey Carrion <rey_carrion@cityoflorain.org>, Patrick Riley <patrick_riley@cityoflorain.org>, Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>, Ted Kalo <Ted_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>, Sheriff Jack Hall <jhall@loraincountysheriff.com>, Joseph LaVeck <joseph_laveck@cityoflorain.org>
Subject: Let the good times roll.

Doing great for himself while committing crimes against Disabled Veterans! James McCann, police Chief. #3 nationwide. Wow.

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\$400,000
- **Associate Justice**
Supreme Court – \$
- **Lorain Police Chief**
- **U.S. Army General**
– \$225,698.40
- **Lorain Fire Chief -**
- **Lorain City School**

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 10:35 AM
To: Jacob Morris; City Group; Robert Gargas; Garon Petty; Brad Dicken; David O'Brien; Jack Bradley; Garon Petty; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Tony Cillo; Sheriff Jack Hall
Subject: Crime

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Last night, on video, Tia Hilton disrupted a public meeting. When asked to leave she refused multiple times.

If you charged Garon you must charge her. She made me fearful with what she said, she told someone their "days were numbered" it's on video. Will you prosecute her as you are Garon Party?

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 10:13 AM
To: City Group; Patrick Riley; Joseph LaVeck; Robert J. Gargas; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Brad Dicken
Subject: Records request

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Please provide me the investigation that you stated in the paper you were doing into my complaint on Mr. Baez. I assume you completed it. As it was reported I'd like a copy.

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 10:10 PM
To: Jeff Graham; CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org; Carissa Woytach; David O'Brien; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Tony Cillo; Brad Dicken; Sheriff Jack Hall; Ted Kalo; Robert J. Gargas; Sherry Glass
Subject: Re: (4) Division (D) of this section does not require, authorize, or permit the dissemination of any records or any information contained in any records if the dissemination of the records or information generally is prohibited by any provision of the Rev

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It means stand up for the kids and ask them to redact it. You have this powerful position use it for good. Do the right thing. This is punishment. Advocate for our kids Jeff. Tell them to redact it. I'm being very uncomplimentary because I believe you can make this happen. Hasn't this family suffered enough???

If you won't do it for this child you won't do it for any of them. What if this was one of your kids information???

And teachers names are on it.

We dont put juvenile pictures and private information online. Explain how did they get the documents???

You need to provide the law because you haven't.

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 21:25, Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

As I shared, I haven't shared any law.

The police are not our covered entity. We don't and shouldn't have any influence over them.

I don't understand the rationale for your last few sentences.

I am neither a coward nor someone who "knuckles under" (although I don't understand the reference, it doesn't sound complimentary).

Thanks Aaron,

Jeff

On Feb 14, 2025, at 7:48 PM, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Then provide me with the law you're citing please. Your attorney should be able to do that. The police are your covered entity. You can't put this online. Do t be a coward. Do the right thing instead of knuckling under.

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 18:41, Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

This and many other things are not my area of expertise. Instead, I follow the advice of the experts who give us advice. Regardless, I appreciate your comments.

I look forward to learning more with you, Aaron.

Jeff

On Feb 14, 2025, at 5:45 PM, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

A "covered entity" under FERPA refers to any educational institution or agency that

receives federal funding, meaning they are subject to the regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and must protect student privacy within their records; this includes public schools, school districts, and post-secondary institutions, essentially any entity handling student educational information that is federally funded.

Key points about covered entities and FERPA:

- **Who is covered:**
Public and private schools that receive federal funding are considered covered entities under FERPA.
- **What is protected:**
FERPA protects "education records," which are any records directly related to a student that are maintained by an educational institution.
- **What is not covered:**
Private schools that do not receive federal funding are generally exempt from FERPA

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 17:23, Aaron Knapp
<a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
wrote:

So you did not get it in writing. Pay please. I want to see it. It is illegal. I've verified it with multiply attorneys. One is consulting the Hildrith's that I recommended. So see what happens if you leave I'll documents online. Get it in writing.

I dont need encouragement. Provide me the law that states you are in compliance please. Otherwise when I elevate this after you agreed it was a FERPA violation we will have an issue. I recorded the conversation on my phone. Have fun ignoring this blatant violation of the law. So you would share my child's information like this Elton? That answers my question on if I can trust you with my kids information. I cannot. You will give it to the cops.

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On Feb 14, 2025, at 16:30, Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

I will follow the advice of our legal counsel. Since it came in the form of a conversation, I would rather not pay more for him to put it in writing. With that being said, I would never discourage you from following up with whatever means you deem appropriate.

Thanks Aaron,

Jeff

On
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Aaron
Knapp
<a4xbeeaver
man@
yahoo.

com>
wrote:

So you believe that releasing this documentation is legal? Can you provide the law on why your attorney believe this to be true? I plan to move forward with a Civil Suit if you leave it up.

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On Friday, February 14, 2025 at 02:49:22 PM EST, Jeff Graham <jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

Thanks Aaron,

As I shared when we met,

I agree that if the district posted that information, it would've been a violation of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). I also shared that I would reach out to district counsel for advice on how to proceed. It was explained to me that this was not a FERPA violation.

On a side note, I truly appreciate you helping raise our children on our Southside. I look

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when a child has been found to be a juvenile traffic offender, the court may issue an order requiring boards of education, governing bodies of chartered nonpublic schools, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, probation departments, law enforcement agencies, and prosecuting attorneys that have records related to the child in question to

provide copies of one or more specified records, or specified information in one or more specified records, that the individual or entity has with respect to the child to any of the following individuals or entities that request the records in accordance with division (D)(3)(a) of this section:

(a) The child;

(b) The attorney or guardian ad litem of the child;
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(c) A parent, guardian, or custodian of the child;

(d) A prosecuting attorney;

(e) A board of education of a public school district;

(f) A probation department of a juvenile court;

(g) A public children services agency or private child placing agency that has custody of the child, is providing services to the child or the child's family, or is preparing a social history

or performing any other function for the juvenile court;

(h) The department of youth services when the department has custody of the child or is performing any services for the child that are required by the juvenile court or by statute;

(i) The individual in control of a juvenile detention or rehabilitation facility to which the child has been committed;

(j) An employee of the

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may file a motion with the court that requests the court to issue an order as described in division (D)(1) of this section. If such a motion is filed, the court shall conduct a hearing on it. If at the hearing the movant demonstrates a need for one or more specified records, or for information in one or more specified records, related to the child in question and additionally demonstrates the

relevance of the information sought to be obtained from those records, and if the court determines that the limitation specified in division (D)(4) of this section does not preclude the provision of a specified record or specified information to the movant, then the court may issue an order to a designated individual or entity to provide the movant with copies of one or more

specified records or with specified information contained in one or more specified records .

(3)(a) Any individual or entity that is authorized by an order issued pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section to obtain copies of one or more specified records, or specified information, related to a particular child may file a written request for copies of the records or for the

information with any individual or entity required by the order to provide copies of the records or the information. The request shall be in writing, describe the type of records or the information requested, explain the need for the records or the information, and be accompanied by a copy of the order.

(b) If an individual or entity that is required by an order issued pursuant to division

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request because it is prohibited by law from doing so, or unless the requesting individual or entity does not have authority to obtain the requested records or information. If the individual or entity determines that it is unable to comply with the request, it shall file a motion with the court that issued the order requesting the court to determine the extent to which it is required to

comply with the request for records or information. Upon the filing of the motion, the court immediately shall hold a hearing on the motion, determine the extent to which the movant is required to comply with the request for records or information, and issue findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of its determination. The determination of the court shall be final. If the court

determines that the movant is required to comply with the request for records or information, it shall identify the specific records or information that must be supplied to the individual or entity that requested the records or information.

(c) If an individual or entity is required to provide copies of one or more specified records pursuant to division (D) of this section, the individual or entity

may charge a fee for the copies that does not exceed the cost of supplying them.

(4) Division (D) of this section does not require, authorize, or permit the dissemination of any records or any information contained in any records if the dissemination of the records or information generally is prohibited by any provision of the Revised Code and a specific

provision of the Revised Code does not specifically authorize or permit the dissemination of the records or information pursuant to division (D) of this section. (yet disseminate they did)

The above clearly shows that while the Police had access to the documentation from the school as well as the Juvenile court due to an Order Generated by the Grand Jury that

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The Sherriff of the County (The actual protect or of the court records) and the Lorain Police the agency that had posted them.

It feels like the Police Depart ment is upset that I added my professi onal "titles" on my complai nt. It also feels like they are possibl y not upset about my titles at all and are maybe trying to protect their carefull y constru cted narrativ e? It also

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(A) If the court orders the records of a person sealed pursuant to section 2151.356 of the Revised Code, the person who is subject of the order properly may, and the court shall, reply that no record exists with respect to the person upon any inquiry in the matter, and the court, except as provided in division (D) of this section,

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(F) No officer or employee of the state or any of its political subdivisions shall knowingly release, disseminate, or make available for any purpose involving employment, bonding, licensing, or education to any person or to any depart

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available of which is not expressly permitted by this section. Whoever violates this division is guilty of divulging confidential information, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (This is the scary one)

Just wanted to share and say in the end all they had to say in response was that I was wrong if that is what they felt. I signed everything with my credentials because I am proud

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Beko, Michele

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 10:38 AM
To: Maggie Partin; City Council Mail Group; Patrick Riley; Joel Arredondo; Rey Carrion; Don Zaleski; Jack Bradley, Aaron Knapp; Garon Petty; Joe K Auditor; Jeanne Petty
Subject: Re: 2.17 Regular Meeting Agenda

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Please present this communication to Council members.

To Lorain City Council:

The Lorain City Auditor has been quoted in the paper in today's newspaper concerning his determination of instability of city finances.

He has described a condition you all have created that has placed Lorain, Ohio on a course to crash into a rocky shoreline of reality.

You are spending more money than you have to spend!!

You knew when you were spending it that this was not sustainable. You intentionally did this reckless spending!!

WHY DID YOU DO THIS? Citizens want Truthful Answers (full transparency on this malfeasance and abuse to the public treasury).

City Council controls the purse strings: are you all drunks, drug addicted, incompetent, uneducated, unqualified, stupid, corrupted, deaf, mute, blind, and dumb??

This has been building like storm clouds on the horizon but now it has reached financial death to Lorain status!

Not that you gave a shat, (ignoring my musing on the dangers of your financial mismanagement over the past several years), but you must plan now for a financial rebuild.

You cannot keep the ship off the rocks. Like the Biden Administration you all have contributed to misrepresenting the truth and/or have lied to us.

You claimed the money was available for these massive pay raises doled out by helicopter federal funds when it was inflationary and incapable of sustainable spending.

Now you're unable to pay your bills and you (We the People of Lorain) are BROKE!

Prepare now for the unavoidable and inevitable Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy proceedings and be prepared to reject all your labor agreements.

Ask for concessions from your bloated labor agreements and management salaries.

All must suffer! You need to tell the employees to prepare for a 40% cut in their gross salaries. Payroll must be slayed and expenses reduced.

You will need to do more with less. The days of milk, honey, and corrupt spending are over.

Detroit is a useful example of where you are headed.

COUNCIL: Can we hear your Thoughts and declarations? Why did you vote to run the ship aground. Point the finger as to who is to blame.

Gargas, Robert J.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2025, at 9:15 AM, Partin, Maggie <Maggie_Partin@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

❄️ Happy Friday! ❄️

The agenda and packet for Monday, February 17th Regular Meeting has been posted.
http://destinyhosted.com/agenda_publish.cfm?id=56724

The meeting begins at **6:00pm**.

Happy Valentines Day ❤️ Have a great weekend!

Maggie Partin

Deputy Clerk of Lorain City Council
200 West Erie Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44052

440.204.2050
440.204.2521 fax

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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I agree the meeting is open to the public. But we don't have time to attend every meeting. The questions feel valid as you are voting in a large expenditure. That being said I believe the response you were looking for was:

Mr. Petty, I appreciate your concerns regarding the monetary obligations of the city regarding the damages created by City Vehicles. And while I don't have this Public Record you are requesting available at this time I am the Mayor and as such it would be my responsibility, nay, my pleasure to ensure this request gets to the right party. I would do this for any constituent as it is the law and as a the Mayor I always follow sunshine laws. I will ensure this is forwarded to the proper departments for fulfillment (as I am required to do under the Sunshine Laws). If you don't receive a response back from someone by Friday please email me back Monday Morning and I will address this matter further.

Also as you've not brought this concern up I feel it is my job, nay my solemn duty, as Mayor and an Attorney to look into this matter deeper as my ethical code would mandate.

Thank you for reaching out,

Sincerely...

Please if you could forward this request to the proper people we would appreciate it.

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>
Subject: Who was driving Cruiser 106?

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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:

02/12/2020

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. The city will issue payment for total damages minus our \$5,000.00 account 2590.S400.6400.2200, Maintenance of Facilities

Beko, Michele

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 propogandize 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

Begin forwarded message:

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>

Date: February 8, 2025 at 9:51:11 AM EST

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...

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

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To: David Yost AG; Lindsay Carr; Tony Cillo; Jack Hall; Major Steven Scharschmidt; Major Jack Hall; Aaron Knapp; Joe K Auditor; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Joel Arredondo; Jacob Morris; Rocky Radeff; Don Zaleski; Teresa Upton; jfr 74@hotmail.com; Jeff Riddel; David david@yesce.com; Moore; Garon Petty; jeanne Petty; Michael Scherach; Maggie Partin; Bowles, Scott; Carissa Woytach; Brad Dicken; David O'Brien; Ted Kalo; Lori Kokoski; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; City Council Mail Group; Darryl Tucker; Julie Wallace
Cc: Marty Gallagher; Joshua.Eck@governor.ohio.gov; ethics@ethics.oh.o.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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Beko, Michele

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!!!

Beko, Michele

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; cityofsheff.eldlake@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; DOGE@mail.house.gov
Cc: bcicomunications@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:

So I'm forwarding this chain of emails to DOGE@mail.house.gov. I be Voted for theis.

Please investigate this as it involves my entire city government and the City next to use using these funds in a manner I believe to be reckless and illegal. lieve you misused ARPA Funds and allowed an illegal vote to take place. All the ARPA funds not used by the Votes cast by MR BAEZ need to be returned. You had till 12/31/24 to spend the money. You allocated it to General funds Salary" at the last minute and Baez made the quorum complete and Voted. The Vote was illegal, the funds not allocated and now must be returned. I advised you before hand and you did nothing. Youve allowed him to "step down" with no charges and no investigation.

I am OFFICIALLY requesting DOGE investigate the illegal distribution of ARPA Funds by the DEMOCRATS in Leadership in my county.

Not ONE REPUBLICAN VOTED FOT THIS. Not one citizen was consulted.

the person who Voted has now stepped down as he was illegally holding office as a Police Officer. Please investigate this violation of the Hatch act.

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On Friday, February 7, 2025 at 08:32:37 AM EST, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

So you failed to listen to me. Now you've allowed a crime to occur. By voting on city ordinances for a year illegally Baez committed a crime, and when you allowed it (especially after I reported it) you also broke the law.

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!

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/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!

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

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Beko, Michele

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Subject: Re: Subject: Urgent: Ethical Concerns and Legal Compliance

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Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

So I'm forwarding this chain of emails to DOGE@mail.house.gov. I be Voted for theis.

Please investigate this as it involves my entire city government and the City next to use using these funds in a manner I believe to be reckless and illegal.lieve you misused ARPA Funds and allowed an illegal vote to take place. All the ARPA funds not used by the Votes cast by MR BAEZ need to be returned. You had till 12/31/24 to spend the money. You allocated it to General funds Salary" at the last minute and Baez made the quorum complete and Voted. The Vote was illegal, the funds not allocated and now must be returned. I advised you before hand and you did nothing. Youve allowed him to "step down" with no charges and no investigation.

I am OFFICIALLY requesting DOGE investigate the illegal distribution of ARPA Funds by the DEMOCRATS in Leadership in my county.

Not ONE REPUBLICAN VOTED FOT THIS. Not one citizen was consulted.

the person who Voted has now stepped down as he was illegally holding office as a Police Officer. Please investigate this violation of the Hatch act.

**Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA
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On Friday, February 7, 2025 at 08:32:37 AM EST, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

So you failed to listen to me. Now you've allowed a crime to occur. By voting on city ordinances for a year illegally Baez committed a crime, and when you allowed it (especially after I reported it) you also broke the law.

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 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

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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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