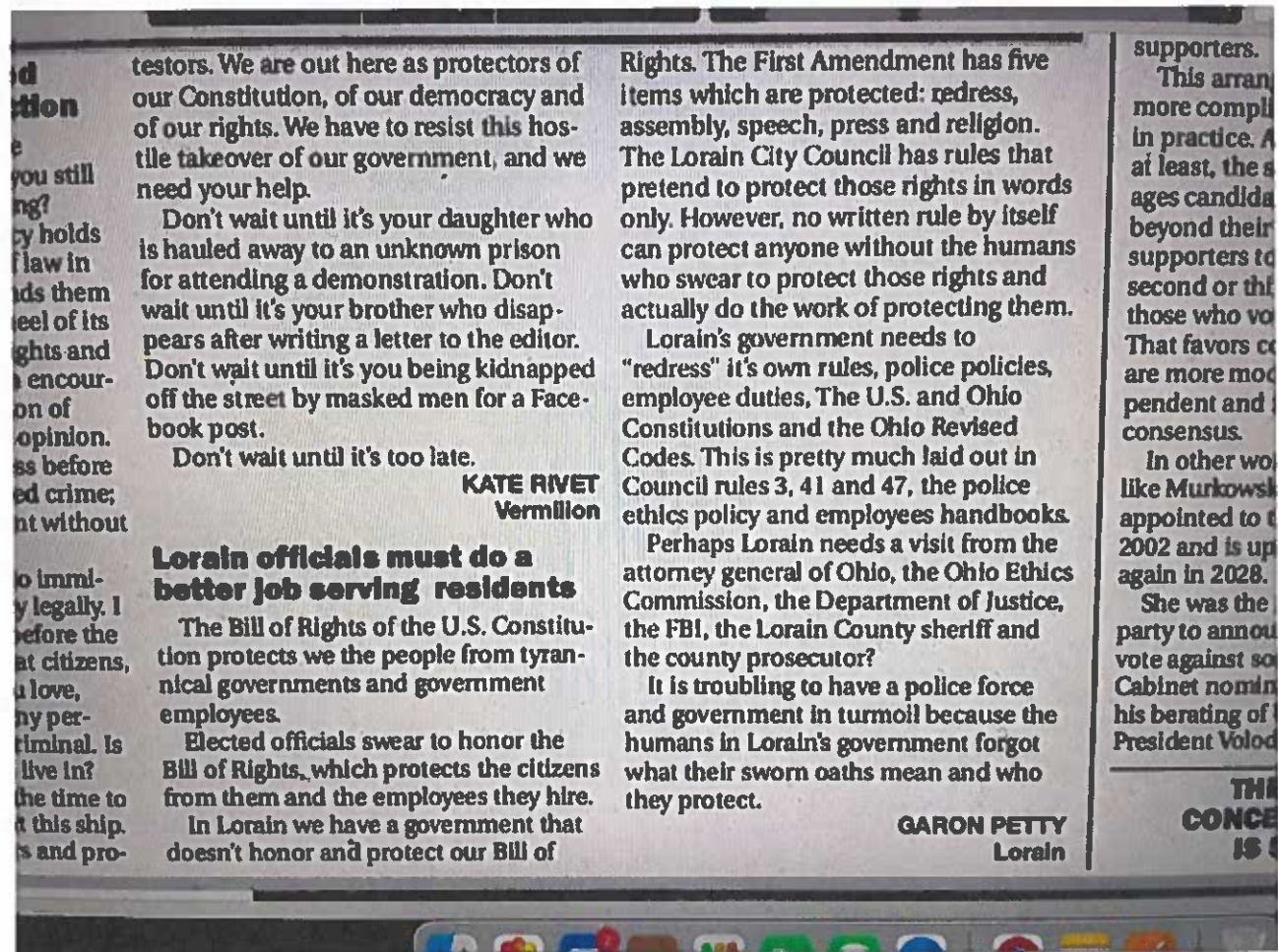


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I. A Gathering in the Shadows

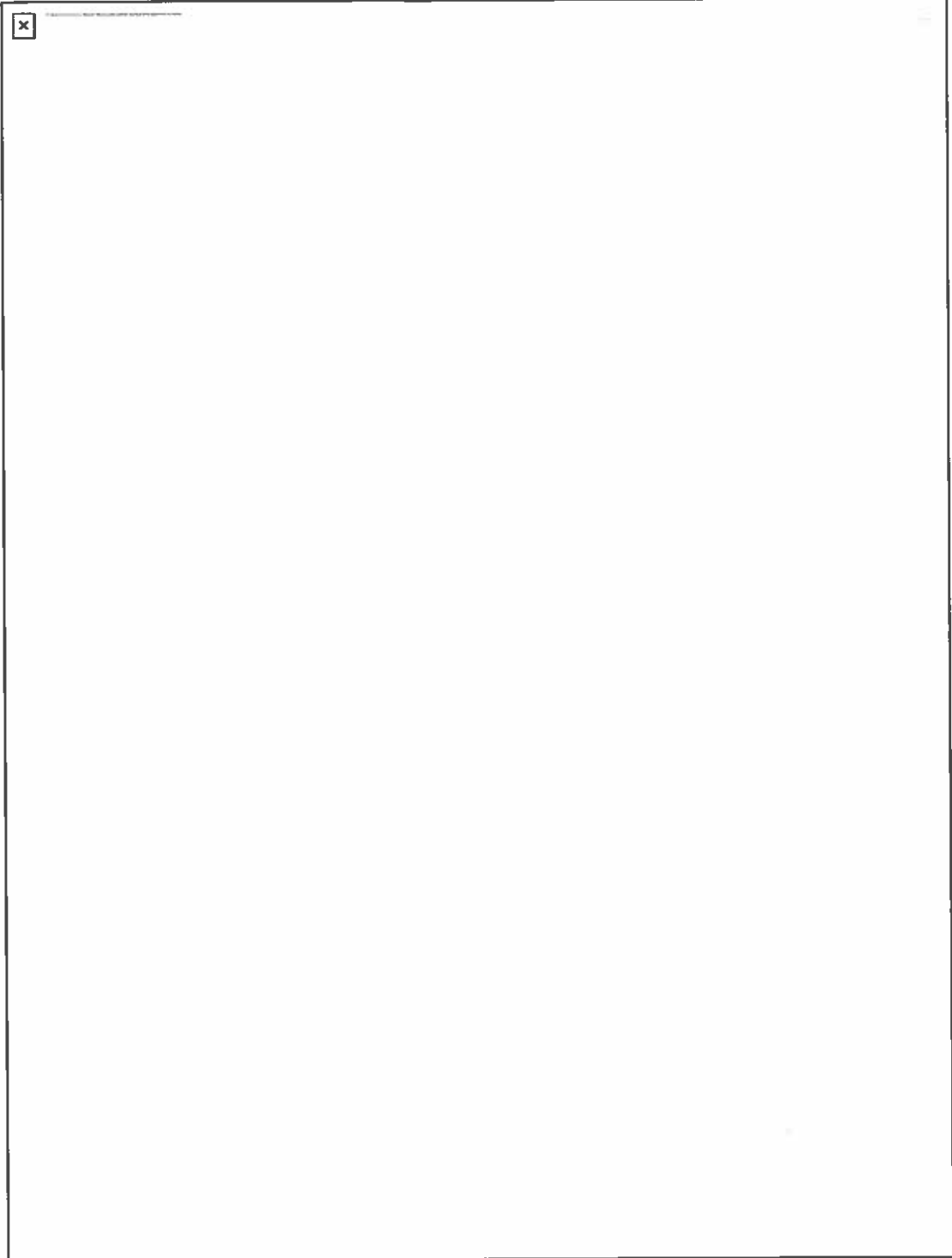
On a quiet evening in Lorain, an event billed as a "town hall" unfolded at the Morningside HOA clubhouse. At first glance, it seemed like a community dialogue: a place where concerned citizens and elected officials could engage in public discussion. Instead, it quickly became a moment of confrontation—a litmus test for the health of transparency in local government.

Garon Petty, a well-known local journalist and government watchdog, attended the event with his wife. They were personally invited by their city council representative. They arrived in good faith, expecting an open forum.

What happened next exposed deeper issues about the way public business is conducted in Lorain—and who gets to witness it.

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"I was invited by our councilperson," Petty later said. "Nobody told us it was only for Morningside residents. And when I looked around, there were people

there who definitely weren't Morningside residents. There was a judge candidate, a few council people, and others I didn't recognize."

Councilwoman Springowski and an unidentified individual began speaking loudly across the room toward Petty and his wife, singling them out without ever directly approaching. The comments escalated into what Petty later described as a "tongue-lashing"—a verbal reprimand that culminated in the assertion that the event was a "private meeting." Only after this verbal exchange were Petty and his wife explicitly told they needed to leave. The message was unmistakable: they were not welcome to stay and observe. The tone and volume of the remarks clearly signaled that he and his wife were expected to leave. This did not come from a uniformed officer or security detail, but rather from someone affiliated with the HOA, seemingly prompted by a whispered exchange with one of the council members present.

In a video recording of the incident, Councilwoman Mary Springowski sounded audibly agitated. She remarked, "I can tell that obviously you're recording me, and now I'm going to be broadcast." Her tone underscored a clear discomfort with being filmed, despite the public setting and her role as an elected official. "I can tell that obviously you're recording me," she said. "And now I'm going to be broadcast." Her tone made it clear she was uncomfortable with being captured on video, despite the public nature of the event and her status as an elected official.

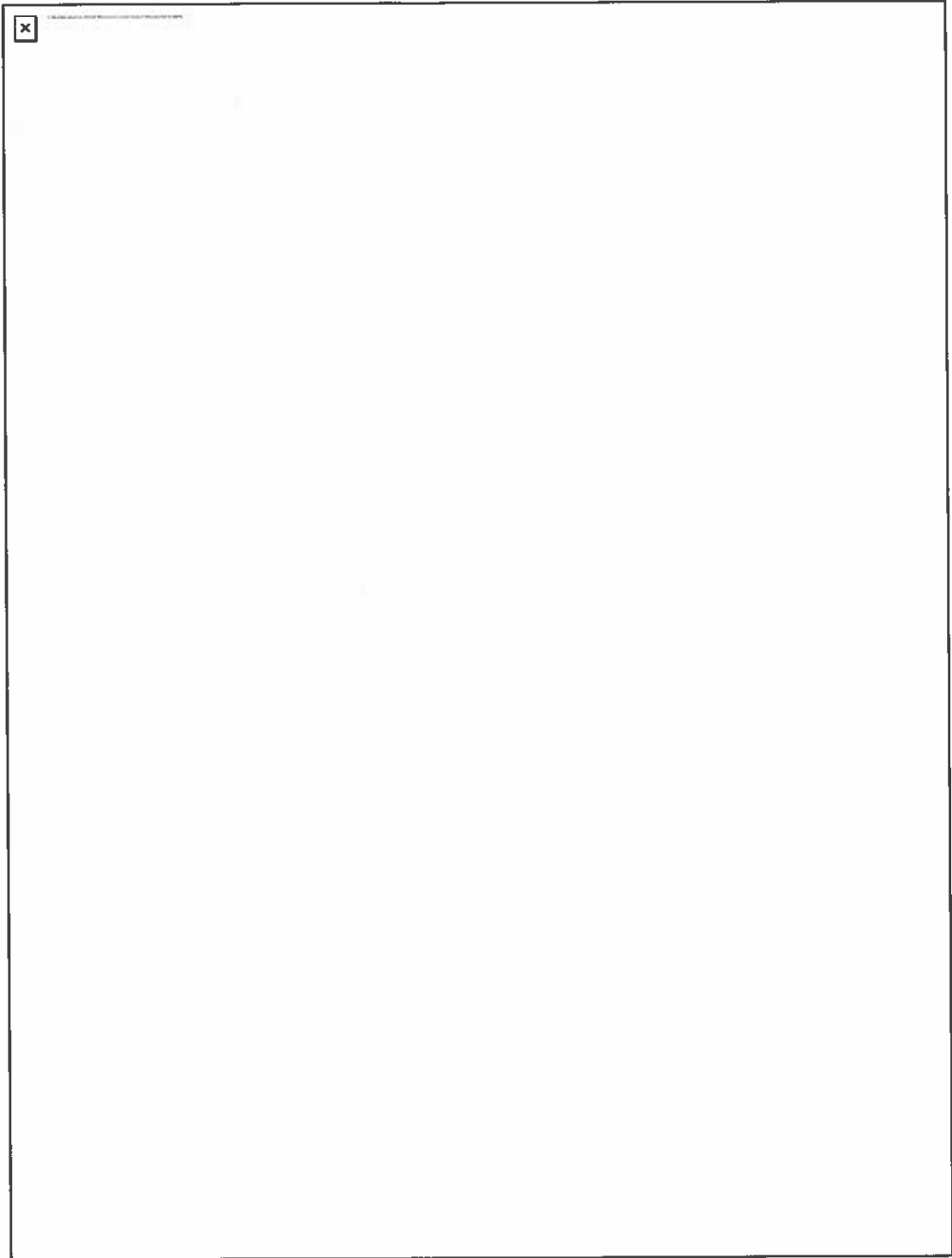
Petty calmly responded, "Are we in public?" The question hung in the air.

"I live in the 7th Ward," Petty clarified. An unidentified voice—possibly an HOA representative—interjected: "I hear you, sir, but this is private property."

Petty pushed back again: "Is this a private meeting?" The same voice replied, "It is a private meeting."

Looking around the room, Petty pointed out the hypocrisy: "The prosecutor, the mayor... and you're going to have a private

meeting without the rest of us?" When no answer came, he concluded, "Yeah, I'm leaving."



Mayor Bradley (left) SHERiff Hall (Right) Video still Credit Garon Petty

Later, Petty stated publicly that he followed up with the Lorain County Sheriff, who was present at the event in uniform. According to Petty, the sheriff consulted with the county prosecutor and confirmed that, based on the number of public officials present and the sheriff's own participation in an official capacity, the gathering indeed qualified as a "public meeting" under Ohio's Open Meetings Act.

The exchange, brief as it was, revealed the deeper question at play: can public officials hold public business meetings behind closed doors, on private property, and eject citizens who come to observe? According to Ohio law, the answer is no.

II. The Law: Ohio's Open Meetings Act

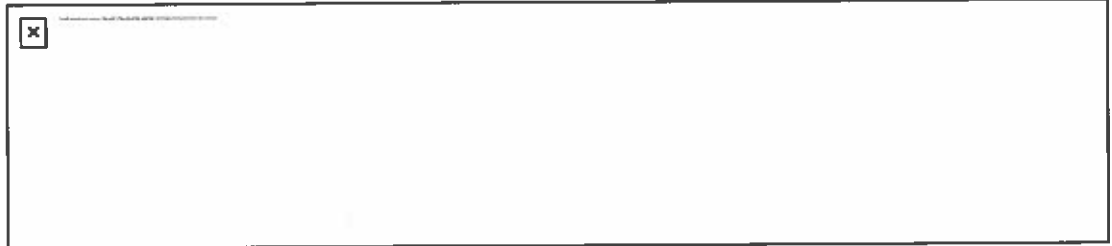
Ohio's Open Meetings Act, codified in **ORC 121.22**, is clear: any prearranged discussion of public business by a majority of a public body must be open to the public. This includes informal gatherings—especially when elected officials discuss city business. If a majority of council members are present, or if the mayor and sheriff are attending in their official capacities to address public concerns, the meeting cannot be hidden behind a veil of "private property."

Transparency is not optional. It's the law.

At this particular meeting, three city council members, the mayor, and the county sheriff were present. According to legal definitions, that constitutes a public meeting. Yet no public notice was issued. No minutes were taken. And when Garon Petty showed up with a camera, they asked him to leave.

Ohio courts have made it clear that the setting of a meeting—be it city hall or a private clubhouse—does not exempt a public body from the requirements of the OMA. If business is discussed and decisions are contemplated, the public has a right to be there.

Councilwoman Springowski's own words on social media only reinforce this: she publicly posted "Morningside HOA townhall meeting..."—using the very terminology of public accessibility.



Facebook Post Mary Springowski FOr Lorain Page

Yet, when a citizen arrived to document it, he was turned away.

"There were no signs saying residents only," Petty added. "We were invited. But once they saw who we were, suddenly it was 'private.'"

That last-minute classification of the event as private, made after citizens showed up to observe, is highly suspect—and potentially unlawful.

And when only select individuals are removed—particularly those critical of or independent from city officials—it doesn't just raise legal questions. It raises ethical ones.

III. The Moment of Exclusion: A Transcript of Power

The following interaction was captured on camera and serves as a pivotal moment in the debate over the meeting's legality:

Mary Springowski (Councilwoman At-Large): "I can tell that obviously you're recording me, and now I'm going to be broadcast."

Garon Petty: "Are we in public?"

Springowski: *[No response]*

Petty: "I live in the 7th Ward."

Unknown Voice (Possibly HOA Representative): "I hear you, sir, but this is private property."

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Petty: "The prosecutor, the mayor... and you're going to have a private meeting without the rest of us? ... Yeah, I'm leaving."

This exchange reveals a telling contradiction: public officials claim the authority to conduct business that affects an entire city, yet invoke privacy to control who gets to observe.

Springowski's comment—focused not on the content of Petty's questions but on the fact she was being recorded—speaks volumes. Transparency, it appears, was an inconvenience.

Petty, to his credit, did not escalate the situation. "I didn't want to cause a scene," he said afterward. "I wanted to document what was happening, but I wasn't going to fight to stay where I wasn't welcome—even if the law said I had every right to be there."

He left. But the damage to the public's trust had already been done.

IV. Penalties and Ramifications for Violating Ohio's Open Meetings Act

Violations of Ohio's Open Meetings Act (OMA) carry significant legal and political consequences. The law is not merely a guideline—it has teeth.

Under **ORC 121.22(I)**, any person may bring a lawsuit in the local Court of Common Pleas to enforce compliance. If a court finds that a public body violated the OMA, it can impose a **civil forfeiture of \$500 per violation**. Additionally, the court must award **reasonable attorney's fees and court costs** to the prevailing plaintiff. These provisions are designed not only to compensate citizens for being unlawfully excluded but also to deter public bodies from operating in secrecy.

More importantly, **any actions taken during an unlawful meeting can be invalidated**. That means if decisions or commitments were made during the "private" Morningside town hall, a court could rule them null and void.

Willful violations of an OMA injunction can even result in **removal from public office**. Though rare, this penalty exists for officials who repeatedly or knowingly violate court orders related to the Act.

Beyond legal ramifications, the political consequences can be just as damaging. Exposing a local official's disregard for transparency can erode public trust and raise serious questions about their fitness to serve. When officials show contempt for the very laws that keep government accountable, they forfeit the moral authority to govern.

Councilwoman Springowski and others in attendance may soon find themselves answering difficult questions—not just from constituents, but potentially from a judge.

The incident at Morningside was not just a misstep. It was a line crossed. And in a state that prizes open government, there are consequences for closing the door.

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Pursuant to the **Ohio Public Records Act, R.C. 149.43**, I respectfully request copies of the following public records related to the event referred to as the "Morningside HOA Townhall" meeting, held in April 2025, which included the attendance of multiple City Council members, the Mayor, and the Sheriff:

1. **All official city documentation** regarding the scheduling, planning, notice, or participation in the "Morningside HOA Townhall" meeting; including but not limited to calendars, announcements, notices, agendas, or meeting planning materials.
2. **All communications (including emails, text messages, and internal messages)** between or among City Council members, the Mayor, city administrative staff, or other city officials **regarding:**
 - The Morningside HOA Townhall event;
 - Garon Petty;
 - The decision or discussion surrounding the nature or status of the event (public vs. private);
 - Any instructions or discussions about asking individuals to leave the event.
3. **Any records identifying who officially invited City officials** (Mayor, Council members, Sheriff) to attend the Morningside HOA Townhall meeting, including invitations, requests, or correspondences with HOA leadership or residents.
4. **Any records, documentation, or communications that discuss or establish the event as "private,"** including any emails, messages, directives, signage instructions, or verbal guidance provided before or during the event to that effect.

If any portion of this request is denied, please provide the legal authority for the denial as required by **R.C. 149.43(B)(3)** and release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

I am requesting these records in electronic format where possible. If there are any costs associated with the fulfillment of this request, please notify me in advance.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your response within a reasonable period as defined by Ohio law.

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Subject: Re: More Harassment

I have been slandered and libeled. At no time did I publicly speak and certainly not to Mr. Petty. The comments he is falsely attributing to me were made by other people who ARE bona fide residents of Morningside. When someone referred to him as Aaron, I did quietly correct them in a private aside. I can feel reasonably certain it wasn't overheard. Of course, I have proof of all of this. Someone might want to inform Sheriff Hall and Mayor Bradley that the Open Meetings Act was NOT violated as none of the council members present represented a quorum of any committees and certainly didn't represent a majority of the members of Council. But those type of erroneous assumptions occur when people are allowed to go on unchecked and proffer opinions and their interpretations of law despite the fact they are not, with the exception of Mr. Gargas, attorneys. The misogyny I have experienced at the hands of these people is beyond comprehension. For a society that abhors domestic violence and other violence against women, we turn a blind eye to the abuse of women in the public eye. Is this like victim shaming? I do not hold any hope that anyone who could do something will actually do something because it doesn't affect them personally and we all know that is the only time anything is ever done. These people are getting bolder and it will more than likely take them committing a physical act of violence before anything is done. As a rule, I have not responded to any of their nonsense but now they're trying to co-opt private HOA meetings for their own purposes and it is my contention that this is all politically motivated. So, Loraine, I appreciate your efforts but given who this has been sent to they might as well publicize open season on Mary Springowski.

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Subject: Go get Nelson

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My wife and I were told to leave a TownHall meeting at Morningside HOA because I didnt live there. But 5 elected officials and the Lorain Prosecutor who initially charged me with crimes Mallory-Holmes Santiago was allowed to stay even though they DONT live there.

None on the city/county officials spoke up for our Rights.

Please understand what happened to us.

"First day of class, the law teacher walked in." The first thing he did was ask for the name of a student sitting in the front row:

- What's your name?
- My name is Nelson.
- Get out of my class and never come back! he ordered him.

Nelson was confused. The teacher was heading towards him, he got up quickly, packed up his stuff and left the classroom.

Everyone was scared and outraged but no one was talking.

- Very Good! Let's get it started. What are laws for? asked the teacher.

The students were still scared, but slowly they started answering the question.

- To have order in our society.
- No!
- So that people pay for their actions.
- No! Does anyone know the answer to this question?
- For justice to be done, spoke shy a young girl.
- Finally! Justice! But what is justice?

Everyone was starting to get mad at the teachers attitude. However, they kept answering.

- To protect the rights of the people.
- Okay. But still?

- To differentiate good from bad, to reward those who do good.
- Okay, so answer this question: Did I act correctly when I kicked Nelson out of class?

Everyone was silent, no one responded.

- I want an unanimous answer!
- NO! They answered with one voice.
- Could we say I committed an injustice?
- Yes!

- And why has nobody done anything about it? Why do we want laws and rules if we don't have the will to practice them? Each of you is obliged to speak up when you witness an injustice. All of you. Don't ever stay quiet again!

Go and get Nelson. After all, he is the teacher, I'm from another period.

You know, when we don't stand up for our rights, dignity is lost, and dignity can't be negotiated. "

- Doris Carrier

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Subject: The rest of the story and the accusations unfounded

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Re the erroneous reporting of Knapp Petty and Gargas on Substack and elsewhere mentioned yesterday . I have spent the morning talking to residents of the Morningside Development and their HOA. Here is the post I have written on City of Lorain Politics, should you wish to talk to the people I interviews you are more that welcome to contact me . Again the political maneuverings and the fact Petty, Knapp and Gargasz feed off one another and target Mrs. Springowski is apparent. What is being done... anything.. any complaints that Spellacy in all this was at fault.. di she or the other invited by her council people by Spellacy Kempton , Duvall, even Jack Hall and Jack Bradley put the record straight since this happened ..you have to ask why? Well at least I do !
Town Hall or HOA that is the question whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of the people who flood the internet with their opinion pieces without foundation or all the facts Or to take arms against political platforms and a sea of troubling angst.

I have spent the morning talking to Morningside participants.

The back story Last year the Morning side residents had issues with traffic issues and safety concerns within their development (55 and Older) .

7th Ward MARY SPELLACY reached out to the then President of the HOA of Morningside OFFERING TO COME AND TALK TO THE MEMBERSHIP. Spellacy 7th Ward. Sylvia Duvall (Council at Large) and Mary Donovan Springowski (Council at Large were invited by the Association.

Once again MARY SPELLACY REACHED OUT TO THE ASSOCIATION WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF LAST YEAR AND ASKED IT THEY WOULD LIKE HER , MAYOR BRADLEY AND VERONICA NEWSOME TO ATTEND A MEETING AND EXPLAIN THE ON GOING SITUATION WITH SAFETY AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS

The HOA owns the building where the meeting was held . the members pay a monthly fee for usage of the building pools events etc. It is private however members can (following the protocol of the HOA regulations book in a guest . They have to be registered and wear an authorized wrist band which is common practice and be with their host.

The HOA newsletter sent to members only announced that MARY SPELLACY, MAYOR BRADLEY AND VERONICA NEWSOME would be in attendance !

However , MARY SPELLACY INVITED ON HER OWN BAT... VICTORIA KEMPTON(2nd ward council person) , GARON PETTY AND HIS WIFE (not a member of the HOA) SYLVIA DUVAL (Council at Large) AND MALLORY SANTIAGO (running for Municipal Court Judge and Lorain Law Dept.) and Jack Hall - Sheriff..

The HOA members I spoke to **this morning** had no knowledge of the these persons being invited. Mary Donovan [Mary Donovan Springowski](#) was asked by a resident , since she was on the panel last year if she

was coming. Mary Springowski wasn't aware of the meeting and hadn't been asked to attend. Therefore; the resident who reached out to her asked her to come as her personal guest.

All HOA protocol was followed Mrs .Springowski sat with the resident , did not speak , had the wrist band . I spoke to the resident who had Mary as her guest and they said " As God as my witness Marty Springowski did not speak at the meeting a all.

Aaron Knapp transcribed the dialogue of the PETTY incident and attributed it to Mary Springowski... THIS WAS BLATANTLY FALSE the person who spoke out re Garon Petty attending was the RESIDENT OF MORNING SIDE and therefore one of the owner of the owners of the PRIVATE Building .

When Petty started talking and then pointing the camera phone at the people it was explained *Sir, this is a private meeting and we want to talk (follow up from last year) (eg they were asking Mayor Bradley why when they hire private contractors the jobs done are far superior than when the City of Lorain does the work) ?*

And there you have Blathering and Balderdash at the HOA> and due to irresponsible reporting by those that don't check this has caused one again angst and confusion and retaliation toward Mary Donovan Springowski because they are obsessed with destroying Mary Donovan Springowski name and turning the vote against her (I HAVE NUMEROSU DOCUMENTION AS TO HOW THIS HAS ESCALATED) and Petty and Knapp Lawyer Gargasz using the incident which was blatantly false to discredit one oF the chief witnesses of a case he is involved with .

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> Per 149.43,

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> Please provide my attorney Robert Gargas and me with the written transcripts of Lt Morris audio
testimony in front of Judge Elwell in case number 2024CRB02378.

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> Thank you,

> Garon Petty

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From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 3:44 PM
To: Jack Bradley; Rey Carrion; Patrick Riley; Joel Arredondo; City Council Mail Group; Joe K Auditor; Don Zaleski; Rocky Radeff; Jacob Morris; Aaron Knapp; Jeanne Petty; Garon Petty; Patrick Ward
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6/21, 2023	Board of Control	Minutes	
6/15, 2023	Demolition Board of Appeals		Meeting on Demand
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6/14, 2023	Fair Housing Board		Meeting Livestream
6/13, 2023	Design Review Board		Meeting on Demand
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I want to request the report and all documentation on a Hit Skip involving Officer Gervace of the SRO section from 06/24/2024 at 1600 hrs. I want to know why policy wasn't followed in reporting the accident, any disciplinary actions taken, and what the city is doing to find the real culprit/victim in this matter now that a Jury found Elliut NOT GUILTY of this. That means for almost a year you've been chasing the wrong suspect?????

Also why was Radeff offering conditional Plea deals to a person who had proven they were innocent?

the Guilty Party is still out there. Lets arrest them.

5:10

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COUNT DESCRIPTION

- 1 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OR SIGNAL OF A POLICE OFFICER (303.01a)
- 2 RECKLESS OPERATION (333.09)
- 3 FAILURE TO STOP AFTER AN ACCIDENT (335.12)
- 4 MARKED LANES (331.08a)

EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	JUDGE
5/13/2025 8:30 AM	JURY TRIAL	MIHOK, MARI
4/22/2025 1:00 PM	FINAL PRE-TRIAL	MIHOK, MARI
4/2/2025 1:00 PM	MOTION HEARING	MIHOK, MARI

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