

I am disappointed in the way Janene chose to handle her resignation. Referring to Genoa Township as “Dysfunction Junction” in the media, naming individuals, and placing blame on others is unfortunate and unproductive. The accusations made are simply not accurate, and it is regrettable that she views the situation in this way.

Even before taking office, Janene demanded changes and was highly critical of Township operations and staff, expressing a clear lack of trust. Having six newly elected officials at one time has never happened before in Genoa Township, the manager and staff made every effort to provide information, training, and support to help all new members—including Janene.

To clarify several points:

- The Manager provided Janene with multiple Michigan Townships Association resources outlining the duties and responsibilities of a Township Clerk, and the Clerk’s department was enrolled for full access to MTA online materials and training.
- She always had access to the State QVF system, all voting records, and the Clerk’s shared files on the Township server.
- Election ballots have always been stored securely in the designated ballot room. When Janene raised concerns about that location, it was Kevin and Kelly who requested additional space from MHOG to accommodate her demands.
- It has long been a standard practice of our Assessor’s Department—not a written policy but a consistent procedure—to review records of newly elected officials. In Janene’s case, this review revealed significant unpermitted improvements to her property. The Assessor had a legal obligation to correct those records accordingly.
- Regarding the two other resignations within her department, the circumstances speak for themselves.

After serving Genoa Township for just shy of 40 years, I remain deeply proud of our Township and our dedicated staff. They continue to serve our residents with professionalism, integrity, and care. They deserve our respect and support as they continue to perform their work effectively and uphold the high standards of this Township.