

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting has been electronically sent to the newspapers and uploaded to Byram's website, <https://www.byramtp.org/index.php/meetings/council> not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Bonker, here; Councilwoman Franco, here; Councilman Gallagher, here; Councilman Roseff, here; Mayor Rubenstein, here. Also present was Township Manager Joe Sabatini, Township Attorney Tom Collins, and Municipal Clerk Doris Flynn

**FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Rubenstein explained to the public that there will be two opportunities to speak this evening. The Mayor will open to the public for comments only on Resolution 99-2020 and again at Public Participation for any other comments. Alex explained how to signal to speak and he also asked that the public remain orderly and respectful.

**RESOLUTION NO. 099- 2020** – Byram Township Resolution of Censure - Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilwoman Franco to adopt this resolution. Mayor Rubenstein opened up for discussion among the Council.

**Councilman Bonker's comments:**

*We have called this Special Meeting of the Byram Township Council to vote on a resolution of censure against Councilman Roseff because of his public comments equating our Township Manager with the Stasi. Such comments are deplorable and unacceptable. We are NOT here tonight to discuss athletic field use regulations. We are NOT here tonight to conduct a public review of the Township Manager's job performance. We are here solely to conduct a vote of censure against Councilman Roseff.*

*The American democratic experiment relies on the law, as determined by the people themselves through their representatives, and that law is informed by our collective values. Our democratic system protects our natural rights, but it also comes with responsibilities. Every Council member takes an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and of New Jersey. At the municipal level, we represent the legislative branch of government. Our Township Manager also took that same oath. He represents the executive branch at the municipal level, and it is his job, and his duty, to see that the laws are followed in Byram. He must implement the laws as provided to him by the municipality, the county, the state, and the nation. He MUST enforce those laws, regardless of his personal opinions about those laws.*

*On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, our Township Manager witnessed a violation of the Executive Orders of the Governor of NJ. It was Friday afternoon, he was heading home from work, and it would have been very easy to decide to look the other way. But our Manager took an oath, and he took his responsibility seriously, and he performed his duty, with respect shown to all. He educated the group of athletes and parents present on an athletic field at C.O. Johnson Park that they could not conduct such an athletic practice because it violated the Governor's Executive Orders. For the record, a sign erected by the Byram DPW stating "Field Closed" was prominently displayed in the middle of the field at that time. It does not matter what we may think about those Executive Orders. They carry the force of law and MUST be enforced. Everyone left the athletic field on civil terms and that should have been the end of it.*

*Unfortunately, Councilman Roseff then posted comments on his social media account equating the Manager's actions with the Stasi. The Stasi were one of the most hated and feared institutions of the East German communist government. They were responsible for the horrendous suppression of the East German people, a vile secret police force that employed torture and murder against innocent civilians. The Stasi were the dreaded knock on the door in the middle of the night, taking away a husband or a brother, who would never be seen again. Or, if the victim was returned, they were tortured and broken, and their torture was meant to be a warning to anyone who dared to think differently than the Communist Party mandated. Anyone who tried to escape to the freedom of the West was shot to death. They were sadistic and evil.*

*It is repugnant to equate our Township Manager with the Stasi. It is reprehensible to compare a civil servant who serves at the pleasure of this democratically elected Council to the Stasi. It is beneath human dignity to dishonor the actual victims of the Stasi with these ludicrous comparisons. It is shameful that such a comment would ever be publicly posted, and it is inexcusable that Councilman Roseff continues to refuse to apologize for*

*such a grossly unfair comment. Such insensitivity reveals a complete lack of decency, and it speaks volumes to his own lack of character. It also lies bare his failure to understand the values our community and our democracy hold so dear.*

*As I said earlier, we are a nation of laws, informed by our collective values. Our Manager upheld those laws, with respect, and he is to be COMMENDED for that, NOT to be compared to the Stasi. Our Manager successfully reflected our community values in the performance of his duty. Councilman Roseff has done neither. I have no doubt Councilman Roseff will claim he has a First Amendment right to say whatever he wants. That does NOT relieve him of his responsibilities, in particular his responsibilities as a member of the Council. Differences of opinion about field use regulations can be dealt with through the usual legislative and administrative processes, NOT by publicly attacking the Manager as a Stasi. The Council CANNOT override any Executive Order of the Governor, and it CANNOT condone public attacks against the Manager for performing his duty. The Council WILL NOT sit idly by while this pattern of public attacks continues unabated. The Manager, uniquely, serves at the pleasure of the majority of the Council. These scurrilous public attacks against the Manager by a sitting member of the Council risk the inaccurate perception by some that the Manager does not enjoy the full faith and confidence of the Council. Nothing could be further from the truth.*

*This Council will explicitly confirm, with the passing of this resolution, that the Manager does indeed enjoy the full faith and confidence of the vast majority of the Council. The Council will also make it abundantly clear that the vast majority of the Council CONDEMNS these inappropriate and unacceptable comments. Council members should hold themselves up to the highest standards of public conduct, not traffic in the lowest forms. Council members should focus on their responsibilities, rather than exercising their free speech rights merely to denigrate and sow discord. We cannot discipline Township employees for inappropriate public comments and then turn a blind eye to the inappropriate comments of one of our own Council members. Failing to call out this type of offensive behavior would be an act of collective hypocrisy. This will not stand.*

*Our Township Manager is owed a public apology. This Council and the Township of Byram are owed a public apology. The Council must censure this insulting behavior. Unfortunately, the Council does not have the power to remove Councilman Roseff from the Council. Only a citizen referendum or the election of 2021 can accomplish his removal. His comments have brought only shame upon himself, and they will not be forgotten or forgiven. Censure is not enough, but it is more than necessary in this case.*

*On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 our Township Manager, Mr. Joseph Sabatini, performed his duty with respect and professionalism to uphold the law and represent our values as a people. Manager Sabatini has my full faith and confidence in the continued performance of those duties. Thank you, Mr. Sabatini, for your excellent service to our town. You do not deserve to be so unfairly treated. I am proud to know you, and you should take pride in knowing that you handled this situation as the law and our collective values required. You had a responsibility to act, and you acted on behalf of this Council and this town, and you are to be commended for that. Thank you very much.*

#### **Councilwomen Franco's comments:**

*It is a sad day when we must convene a special council meeting to vote on a Resolution of Censure of one of our fellow council members. Unfortunately, today is one of those days. On Friday, **June 19, 2020**, on his way home from work, our Township Manager observed a group of girls – (20+, not 5) holding a “Captain’s Practice” on the soccer field of CO Johnson Park. He addressed the girls and pointed out that the fields are still closed to organized activities and pointed to the sign that had been erected in the field announcing same.*

*According to the Governor’s Executive Order 149, #13, “The provision in Paragraph 1(e) of Executive Order No. 148 (2020) prohibiting organized or contact sports is rescinded effective **June 22, 2020**, insofar as it applies to sporting activities in outdoor settings that do not involve person-to-person contact or routinely entail individuals interacting within 6 feet of one another.”*

*According to the same Executive Order, Paragraph #14, “High school activities under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (“NJSIAA”) may result in accordance with reopening protocols issued by NJSIAA, which shall consider DOH guidance in issuing these protocols. However, these high school sporting activities cannot resume any earlier than **June 30, 2020**.”*

*This interaction should have ended with a brief discussion and the team leaving the field, to return when the fields open later this month. Unfortunately, that is not the case.*

*Councilman Roseff commented on his private Facebook page in a derogatory fashion, that our Byram Council says the Parks are Open, and referring to our Township Manager as a STASI who “won’t let a ball be kicked around”.*

*Throughout the epidemic, it was decided by our Township Council that the Township Parks, including CO Johnson Park, remain open for passive exercise as long as protocol was being followed (6 feet apart, no organized play). As the county fields/paths were closed to all in Mid-March, I personally felt that at least people can go for a jog or a walk in our Township parks during this epidemic as a “release” of pent-up energy while being told to stay home by the Governor.*

*I understand that people are getting restless now that three months have passed, but we still need to observe the Executive Orders as they are presented by our Governor. Our Township Manager was within his authority to speak to the people in our parks that the rules are not being followed. By the way, the soccer team was not the only people to be spoken to that day, but it was the group that Councilman Roseff was commenting on.*

*I specifically object to Councilman Roseff’s use of the term STASI to describe our Township Manager. In this day of sensitivity regarding derogatory terms, why would Councilman Roseff think it is appropriate to comment in such a fashion about a member of our Township Government? Was this a lapse in judgment? A moment of weakness? Apparently not, as he has decided against making a public apology and has refused to take the post down!*

*I understand that we all have a 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right to free speech, and that a person can post whatever they want to their personal Facebook page, but such a post is unbecoming of a Township Councilmember in my opinion. Had I been the one to speak to the people on the fields, would I have been addressed in a disparaging fashion by one of our Councilmembers on Facebook? I would hope not! I would like to think that one of our Councilmembers would pick up the phone and ask me why I took such an action.*

*I hope this Township Council will be able to turn a page and resume amicable discussion and debate to govern our Township without unnecessary, childish name-calling and criticism. I stand behind Joseph Sabatini and recognize that he goes above and beyond in his duties as our Township Manager. I am often amazed that I would receive an e-mail from him regarding Township business late into the evening, or in the early morning hours. This level of commitment by a Township official is to be commended, not to be discouraged, or ridiculed! Thank you, Joe, for your level of commitment to the business of managing the Township of Byram.*

*In conclusion, I wish to strongly express my condemnation of Councilman Roseff’s public comments and feel that the correct action to be taken tonight is to recommend CENSURE of Councilman Roseff for his inappropriate and unacceptable remarks regarding our Township Manager. Thank you.*

**Councilman Gallagher’s Comments:**

Jack stated that at the last Council meeting a statement was read and agreed upon that we were going to be intolerant of any form of racism or prejudice. Joe reported on the status of the fields that evening in his Manager’s report and listed out each of the sporting groups that would be allowed on the field on June 22. Jack realizes that these are trying times right now for everyone, but it doesn’t make any sense for anyone to go out and make a statement like this. It should not be tolerated, and it is not acceptable. Joe did something to make sure that things were done correctly to make sure everyone was safe. Jack doesn’t think that was a bad thing at all.

**Mayor Alex Rubenstein’s Comments:**

Alex echoed a lot of what everyone has said. The Mayor agrees that Harvey Roseff does have the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment right to speak and say what he wants. But as a Councilman or a public servant it may have consequences when comments such as these are made. He feels that the Council has the right to call Harvey out on it for acting inappropriately. Alex is saddened by the fact that we had to have this meeting. Alex did not receive a call from Harvey on Friday night or Saturday morning. Communication is a key element of the success of any group, and Harvey did not take advantage of that. This is not a question of sporting groups playing, but it is matter of law, which is the executive order. We may not agree with it, but it is the policy that is set forth. The EO’s say that everyone has a duty to follow the orders. Alex said we can even interpret that it means that Council people have a right to see that the EO’s are being followed. Our Township Manager saw something that was wrong and did the right thing and then got lambasted by one Council person. Alex felt that the way that Harvey Roseff called Joe out with a post on Facebook was terrible.

**Councilman Roseff’s comments:**

Harvey Roseff stated that he did not by any means direct any comments at the performance of our Town Manager. The statement was about that the parks were open, but a ball could not be kicked around. This led to four fellow Council persons that claim that Harvey attacked Joseph Sabatini and he would like to dispute that with his prepared statement.

*Hello Elected Officials and Members of the Public:*

*This costly non-emergency virtual meeting was called because I posted on Facebook a comment regarding Byram Township’s park use. My policy comment came about because Byram kicked off the field 18 girls who were socially distanced and kicking their soccer balls. A circus atmosphere has now been created that includes personal attacks and ridicules from the Mayor against me. The over emotional reaction is to now claim that an elected Councilman must be censured for the exercise of free speech. I have not returned the personal attacks - I started with a policy discussion and I have remained so.*

*My Facebook posting stated crisply:*

*Byram Council Says the Parks Are Open. But Byram's STASI Won't Let A Ball Be Kicked Around.*

*For those who are not familiar with the term STASI, the term is today so innocuous that the Mayor and Town Manager are forced to inflame the definition and make it appear worse than it was. The STASI were the enforcement arm of an autocratic government, who never went to war, but the overbearing weight of STASI oversight and control doomed the government of East Germany. I've travelled much to W. Germany, E. Germany and Germany. I can think of no better reference for those expelling a group of young girls kicking a ball on a ballfield.*

*I'm entitled to voice an opinion; you are all entitled to counter it. This censure meeting is an inappropriate over reaction. If there is disagreement with what I have said, it is debated - not censured. An elected official's free speech is protected – and to ignore this disenfranchises the public that has elected me.*

*Many know that I have travelled about New Jersey and rallied for New Jersey to lift its lockdown. The virus to be most concerned about today is a government run through executive order and unilateral authoritarian impulses.*

*We are ever more so creating a government that destroys individual liberty and private initiative to the point where here in Byram (18) teenagers who came to kick a ball are being taught not to rely upon their common sense and science, but to ungrounded Governor diktats. For example, Governor Murphy's privately owned soccer team has been allowed to kick a ball around since May. What was allowed for the Governor has been denied Byram residents. It is to this executive order hypocrisy I made my FB posting highlighting the hypocrisy here in Byram. Again - no personal attack was made by me, only a policy critique. Yet since my June 19 posting I've been called a "madman", "an idiot", "divisive", etc. What I am is an elected official who remains true to what I campaigned for, beneficial change. Change does not come to a bureaucracy without some disagreement and mindset changes. My hope is that what is occurring now will yield more empathy for our residents rather than our bureaucrats.*

*Over my past 2.5 years as a Councilman, we've had some beneficial changes in Byram that I have strongly led and/or been integral to. I will share some examples:*

- 1. Before becoming a Councilperson, I led two Faulkner Referendum efforts to reduce the cost and scope of the initially proposed \$11million municipal complex. Today, I believe we still are high at \$5.5million, for which we will see if the architect will sharpen his pencil. Additionally, this month I announced my support to deliver to the public what it has asked for but denied twice before: a referendum vote on the building complex. The public should ask the Mayor and the rest of the Council if they will finally allow such a unifying vote.*
- 2. In October 2018, I discovered that our last bank was ripping us off on the interest rate on bank balances. It took 9 months, but we switched banks. Last year, Byram earned >\$100,000 more in interest.*
- 3. Unfortunately, this year when I warned that achieving the budgeted interest revenue was not likely, as interest rates were under pressure since September 2019, it fell on deaf ears. This year (and next), we will unnecessarily fall well short of the interest revenue budget line item.*
- 4. Also in 2018, I discovered that the home insurance industry ISO rating system was unnecessarily increasing Byram homeowner insurance rates. The cause was an ISO review process that went wrong here 5 years ago. Your insurance rates might be 15% higher today. It is like a substantial and unnecessary tax increase! We're working on fixing that.*
- 5. Road maintenance has been a priority of mine. Byram now has the ability to make cost efficient, long lasting paved hot asphalt repairs as we bought equipment that enables the DPW to better serve the public's needs.*
- 6. Because of the COVID lockdown, last month I introduced the concept to relieve commercial properties from zoning restrictions for outdoor sales location. This included merchandise sales and dining. Knowing that business recovery from the COVID lockdown impact will require years, I also fought for a 3-year relief but lost that battle. It is currently set to expire in a short 6 months.*

*The above are just some highlights. If this is madness as the Mayor has raved, it is madness that better serves the Byram resident. I present to you that we need more who will push towards successfully representing the public's interests, not the bureaucracies. If you want change, if you want a better Byram, you don't want censorship of elected officials who illuminate how the bureaucracy can do a better job for you. Most importantly, you want a government that respects you: for example - recognize and respect socially responsible behavior in teenagers who want to kick a ball around.*

*This meeting today is about ankle biting politics and a bureaucracy intent on protecting itself at the public's expense. There is no reason to censure a proper exercise of free speech. There is no reason to censor it. There were no personal attacks by me, just a policy comment. It's time to let elected officials do their work free from bureaucratic interference. Thank you.*

Harvey proposed a change be to the Resolution because he totally opposes the reference that he attacked the Township Manager. He adamantly states that he did not attack him, and there is no reference to Joe Sabatini in the post. If this goes forward, Harvey sees it as defaming him which is totally inappropriate if the resolution is not changed.

Mayor Rubenstein asked if Councilman Bonker would change his motion. Councilman Bonker stated that he would not amend the motion. No further comments by the Council were made. Alex stated that no one is questioning Harvey's contributions to the Council and has very little to do with what is going on tonight. Alex said that he doesn't know how Harvey's statement could be interpreted any other way than be directed at the Township Manager. Cris said that one of things that would have avoided this meeting was a public apology and the removal of the post, but Harvey refused.

The Mayor opened to the public.

Alex read aloud an email sent by Eskil Danielson, 18 Hunter Lane. Skip's commented that he has been a part or an active observer of Byram government for almost 50 years. Even though he has seen and heard antics far more egregious in the past, no one has ever been censured and he doesn't think it's the time to start. He suggested that elected/appointed officials should shake hands as was done in the past.

Barbara Holstein, resident of Montague, listened to the majority of the meeting. She has been following this story. She feels that elected officials should be able to make social media comments under their 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights. The comment was against policy, not a specific person. She also stated that Byram is enforcing policy selectively.

Harvey commented that the Council stated that we announced that the fields were open for passive recreation. He feels non-league gatherings is passive. He didn't think there was anything wrong with what the girls on the field were doing. Harvey felt having an emergency meeting for this reason is completely off the wall.

Joe Farendino, Sterling, NJ, stated that Harvey is a social justice warrior. He knows Mr. Roseff very well and he feels he is in the right. He stated it is an injustice.

David Gray, 2 Fieldstone Trail, stated that he personally knows and had the honor of working with Joe Sabatini, and Joe truly cares for the residents and the employees. David said that as far as he knows there has never been a formal censure at the Council level. He has seen a lot being part of the Council, consisting of swear words, fowl gestures, inappropriate comments, et. David thought it was a slippery slope to censure a Council person. He thought the Council could have resolved this in a different way. If the Council goes forward with this censure, future Council will need to uphold this and censure people in the future if it happens again.

Kirby Smith, resident of New York and former resident of Byram, stated that it is a sad day when Township has to waste time and money on something like this. He expressed his disappointment with what the Council is doing tonight. He hopes the council reconsiders this censure.

Wayne Lavante, Newton, NJ, spoke on behalf of Harvey Roseff. He stated that what the Council was doing was wrong and informed him that he should file notice of claim against the Council members. They are misrepresenting your post on the record.

Eric Schuffenhauer, 271 Lackawanna Drive, stated that he feels Harvey Roseff has a right to speak. He said Byram government is going down a slippery slope.

June, Whitty, Towaco, NJ, asked if Ray Bonker has as much passion for the opening up the businesses. It seems that a lot of energy and wasted time has been put into something that is trivial.

Jeff Breuninger, 5 Bridget Way, stated that he supports Harvey Roseff. He stated that we are all living under unprecedented times and under stress, and we may not agree with the comments that were made or the action that was taken but Harvey Roseff has a 1<sup>st</sup> amendment right. He feels the censure is an embarrassment on Byram and its Council. He recommends the censure be withdrawn.

Harvey stated that the Stasi's were not Nazi's and they were not a part of World War II. There isn't any connotation of anything that happened during WW II. Jeff stated that Harvey's reference was a metaphor and that is exactly what it was.

Dan, from Towaco, NJ, close friend of Harvey Roseff's and he told Harvey to consider contacting the NJ Div. of Consumer Affairs Local Finance Board and file an ethics complaint. He said that he has been unfairly attacked by his fellow Council members.

Joann Smith, 57 lake Drive, stated that she hopes that the Council takes into consideration the definition of censorship. She hopes that the Council is listening to everything the public is saying. She asked why this couldn't have been done at the next meeting instead of wasting additional taxpayer money by having a special meeting. Alex stated that the same amount of money would have been spent because the 2-hour conversation would have been added on to July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Scott Yappen, 5 Catherine Terrace, stated that he echoed the comments made by Skip and David Gray. He does not feel censure is warranted. He said maybe the stress of COVID19 is getting everyone. He said let this be a catalyst to work more closely together as a Council, and he would like to see the Council keep working together like they did for the budget.

Jack Moran, 7 E. Waterloo Road, said that he echoed comments made by Skip, David Gray and Scott Yappen. He stated that he did not interpret the statement that was on Facebook the way that the Council did. Harvey has always been against government control. Jack stated that we should not make a precedence of doing a censure.

Barbara Holstein, of Montague, stated that the Mayor is representing that this wasn't costing the taxpayer's money, and she stated that it was. She said that we are attracting many callers outside of our township which shows how many people are following this story. She hopes that we at least table this censure so that more thought can go into this. When the Council members votes tonight, she hopes they think before they vote.

Scott Olson, 194 Glenside Trail, stated that he doesn't feel waiting until the next meeting would make any difference. Scott did send a letter to the 3 new Council members when his term was almost over, regarding behavior of a Council person. Scott felt what Harvey wrote was wrong, and he does feel that the Council needs to take a stand against behavior like that. He trusts that the Council will made the right decision.

Harvey Roseff stated that Scott Olson made some accusations that were untrue. Harvey has seen and heard derogatory comments and gestures from Scott but has supported his 1<sup>st</sup> amendment right publicly. Harvey will not tolerate Scott's accusations.

Merwyn Lee, 45 Winding Way, stated that he has been a part of this town for a very long time. He has heard many comments over the years that have been inappropriate. He wishes everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Jeannie Moran, 7 E. Waterloo Rd., stated that she has known Harvey a very long time, and he is very passionate. She doesn't feel Harvey meant to attack Joe. She is looking for fairness and stated that this could have been handled in a better way. She agreed with David Gray and Skip Danielson that it is a slippery slope, and it is a shame it had to come to this.

Steffanie Sharif, Monroe Township, stated that she is a friend of Harvey's. She said that she hoped that the Councilmembers are listening to all the comments made tonight. Some of the executive orders are ridiculous. We have been shut down for 4 months. A vote for censorship is a vote for an authoritarian government. We should remember our first amendment rights of not only Harvey's but all other people also.

Roxanne Sabatini, 13 Sandys Road, stated that she is appalled about the people calling in. She said this is not about the law or the Governor. She stated that Harvey abused his power and made a post that targeted her husband. Subsequent posts made it very clear that he was specifically talking about her husband. The Council asked Harvey to take it down and apologize which he would not do. Roxanne stated that her husband was doing his job.

Joe Farendino, Sterling, NJ, stated that Mr. Roseff has a first amendment right to speak, regardless if people's feelings get hurt.

Russ Raffay, 2 Lake Drive, stated that the gentleman from Sterling doesn't know our politics and shouldn't comment. Russ was the Board of Education president for several years and has dealt with Harvey Roseff and has been verbally attacked by him. Russ stated that Joe Sabatini is a paid employee and not an elected public official. Russ is a high school soccer coach and is in full support of what Joe did. He hopes that Joe works here for the rest of his life because he loves what he does for our town.

Close to the public.

Alex stated that several members in the public seem to think that the post wasn't directed to Joe. Alex stated that he feels it is very clear that the post was absolutely about Joe. Harvey has had a long time to correct this situation and has chosen not to.

Harvey stated that he is being attacked. Harvey said that Joe did not contact Harvey directly. As far as understanding what Joe felt, Joe did not discuss this with Harvey. Harvey said it became a political battle.

Raymond Bonker listened to all the conversation for the last 2 hours. There has been many attempts to detract from the resolution. No one's rights are being violated. He said we are not going to be distracted. Four Council members spoke stating that do not support the comment made by Harvey Roseff.

The Mayor asked the clerk to call the vote.

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2 <sup>nd</sup>		x			
Yes	x	x	x		x
No				x	
Abstain					
Absent					

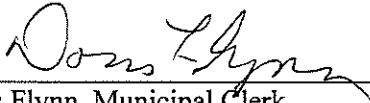
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Barbara Holstein, Montague, stated that it is a sad and disappointing outcome with the vote. She stated that the Council members didn't listen to prior Council members. Harvey Roseff didn't do anything wrong. She stated that our resolution is wrong. Some people stated they didn't agree what Harvey said but that he had a right to speak. She stated that the Council members came into this meeting already knowing how they are going to vote.

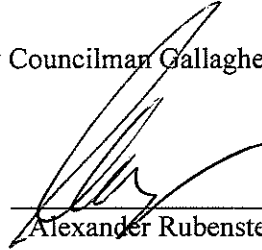
Joe Farendino, Sterling, thanked everyone for their vote and he will rally to have everyone removed from office at the next election.

Jeff, said that most people who called in were in favor of free speech and they felt that Harvey has a first amendment right.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilman Gallagher to adjourn the Council meeting at 9:20 pm. All members in favor. Motion carried.



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Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk



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Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor