

Council Members,

Thank you for your patience over the past week.

I have reviewed your emails and considered the circumstances which prompted them. With regard to the allegations of unethical conduct, I do not believe I have breached any part of the ethics code. If you believe otherwise, please provide specific examples with the corresponding ethics law violation language and any communication with the Ethics Commission.

Economic development is not only a legitimate role for local government but an important one for the vitality of our village, which is why organizations such as OMEGA and OhioSE work closely with the local governments of their regions to facilitate connection to sources of funding for development projects. Going forward, I propose that, if possible, we schedule information sessions with OMEGA and with the Ohio Ethics Commission in the hope that all council members who wish and staff can receive the same information directly and ask questions.

The citizens of our village deserve a mayor and council who can deliberate, disagree, and still collaborate on their behalf. They rightly expect us to work together to advance the community. I was twice elected mayor by a healthy majority of New Concord's voters to serve this community and I remain committed to fulfilling that responsibility. I respectfully decline to resign my office and hope we can overcome our differences to focus on working together to help New Concord thrive.

Sincerely,

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