

## Thomas Harrigan

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**From:** Village Trustee Kristina Sayas  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 12:28 PM  
**To:** Thomas Harrigan  
**Subject:** Fw: Letter to the Trustees Regarding SSND

Hi Tom,

I don't think you were cc to the below email but wanted to forward to you to ensure that it gets uploaded to the SSND Correspondence page.

Thank you and hope you're having a great week,  
Kristina

*Kristina Sayas*  
Village Trustee

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**From:** Michael Perrone <perronend@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 10:38 AM  
**To:** Village Trustee George Haas; Village Trustee John Domaszek; Village Trustee Katy Cornell; Village Trustee Kristina Sayas; Village President Neil Palmer; Village Trustee Patrick Kressin; Village Trustee Thomas Michalski  
**Subject:** Letter to the Trustees Regarding SSND

To start, I want to state that I have great respect and appreciation for all you do as volunteers for our village. I have and will continue to defend members of the board against personal attacks and baseless accusations of impropriety stemming from your decision to move forward with the SSND project.

I share the board's enthusiasm for the potential positives of a development at SSND, and I applauded the early work of the village to address resident concerns with the initial plan. Prior to the initial financing proposal, I was supportive of the project moving forward.

Circumstances have changed significantly since that point, and sometimes when you get stuck defending your initial position you simply ignore or do not process those changes. I was guilty of that for a period of time. I'm asking you today to please think deeply about those changes, how they will adversely affect the village, and to reconsider your position.

If I told you in the fall of 2020 that to get the SSND project across the goal-line you would have to do all of the following, would you still have supported it?

- Commit to financing that is over 3X the annual budget
- Front run and then ignore a legitimate citizen referendum in a move that was determined to be illegal and ultimately led to an injunction
- Commit to incremental financing costs up to nearly 10% of the annual budget in a rush to finalize the decision before the referendum had a chance to hit the ballots

It is this final move, the proposed increase in financing costs by \$650K with zero incremental benefit to the village that puts at risk my trust in the board to prudently manage the village finances.

The good news is that you have the power to stop all of this.

- You have the opportunity to demonstrate to residents both your fiscal prudence and respect for their legitimate referendum by at a minimum delaying a final SSND vote until after April 5<sup>th</sup>
- I'd urge you to also consider reducing the amount of financing the village is willing to commit to the project

Ultimately I believe a project that is less dense, requires less village financing, and is better suited to the village than the current project will emerge, you just need to give it a chance.

Despite all that has transpired, I have faith that our village board will still ultimately make a decision that is in the best interest of residents.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community.

Mike Perrone – 825 Grandview