

Supervisor John Hibbard continues to speak of “corruption” that he claims surfaced at a public meeting, yet he provides no facts to support these accusations. Instead, he uses his position to spread misinformation while refusing to correct the record. The truth is simple: the only corruption on display in Lake Township comes from the supervisor himself, who repeatedly makes serious allegations without evidence.

The clerk is statutorily responsible for preparing the meeting minutes. If the supervisor disagrees with them, the law already provides a remedy: he can request corrections at the next meeting. What he cannot do is falsely accuse the clerk of erasing recordings. No tape was ever erased. The incident he references involved two back-to-back hearings. When the first hearing ended, the recorder was turned off and then turned back on for the second hearing. This was verified by a separate recording device, which confirmed that nothing was missing. The claim of erased tapes is complete fiction.

The supervisor’s other allegations—deleted files, erased security footage, and the release of residents’ banking information—are just that: allegations. He throws out accusations hoping something will stick in the minds of residents.

He also claims that residents are “disrupting” meetings. Residents are exercising their right to speak and be heard. The supervisor has made no effort to listen. Instead, he dismisses criticism by claiming people just want to remove certain board members. That is not corruption, that is democracy. When elected officials refuse to listen to the people, the people have the right to recall them.

The supervisor sent out a community survey to gauge public opinion, then ignored the results entirely. He later claimed ordinance changes were made because “some neighbors requested them.” Ordinances are not changed to satisfy one person. The survey clearly showed that the majority of residents did not want fences and did not want setback changes. Those voices were disregarded.

He has also claimed that \$10 million worth of development was prevented because of road setbacks (setbacks that are already less restrictive than surrounding townships). Again, there are no facts, no documentation, and no evidence—just another statement tossed out as if repetition makes it true.

Regarding the recalls, he claims they happened because he told people to stop interrupting meetings. The reality is that he is incapable of controlling meetings without police present. Videos posted on Lake Township Watch show him yelling and losing control. Despite this, he now claims he did not call the police.

Finally, the supervisor denies responsibility for excessive attorney fees, even though he is the only person authorized to call the attorney or approve others to do so. The attorney bills are public records. Anyone can review them and see the large sums spent on matters that a competent township supervisor should already understand—or could resolve without spending thousands of taxpayer dollars.

Instead of leadership, residents are met with Facebook posts filled with accusations, name-calling, and misinformation—conduct well beneath the standard expected of a township supervisor. The repeated claim of an “erased tape” continues to be pushed online despite being provably false. For anyone who wants proof, it exists.

This pattern is clear: when faced with criticism, the supervisor deflects, invents distractions, and hopes uninformed residents will take his word for it. Lake Township deserves transparency, accountability, and leadership grounded in facts—not fear, falsehoods, and finger-pointing.