

Four years ago village president Bob Abboud promised that, if elected, he would oppose developers who challenge the village's 5-acre zoning, increase resident participation in government and manage with fiscal responsibility.

He has kept all of these promises. The Duda company's plan to build cluster housing within the village has been stymied. President Abboud has created Equestrian, Communication, Legal and other committees, all of which have proved beneficial. Under President Abboud's leadership the village has operated for four years with a balanced budget.

Walter Smithe apparently feels that a village president who keeps campaign promises, provides leadership coupled with fiscal responsibility is an "embarrassment and a person that (sic) just needs to go." Smithe, Mallen and others within the Schueppert campaign, without any substantiation, have made ad hominem attacks on president Abboud, yet state they want to restore civility. When a campaign doesn't have a platform it resorts to personal attacks and groundless claims. Sadly, it appears that this is what we can expect from the Schueppert campaign this election.

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