Andy Pohl Speech
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I come as a member of the fire department, a member of the communiy, somebody was contacted, an applicant who was denied membership, and one of the things that the person who was denied membership. He received a letter that really didn't explain anything, it didn't have any rationale, it didn't have any justification and, the family and he are kind of questioning why. It's kind of a complicated thing that started back in October, this whole memberhsip interest and the timelines been extended, there's been miscommuniation, unanswered phone calls. It's been an extremely long process for this person, and again when you receive a letter that doesn't explain anything, he's left to fill in the blanks, or the family is left to fill in the blanks. So I guess I am here to talk to- I'm not here to question your rationale, I'm sure you have great answers, or a great reason, but I guess I am asking you to reach out, or answer, or have a meeting with this person. To answer their questions. He reached out to me today and wanted to attend, and I said- let me, let me play some grass basketball here and give them an opportunity to be prepared, because I don't think this is the situation or a predicament were in that we would want to handle shooting from the hip, so I guess I am encouraging you guys to reach out clarify with this individual so we can answer some of his questions, because otherwise he's left to fill in the blanks. And I guess that's why I'm here, because I know for 78 years, I say this all time and I said this earlier for 78 years we've been the examplary, we've been the standard, for what to do, and people have looked at us to say hey, how is East Glenville answering this or how are they fixing this situation or what are they doing, and I don't think we are at the standard on this one. I think we could do better, and I am asking you guys to reach out and attempt to communicate that rationale with this individual, because he, as you know, has people in the comminuty that are ansering some of the questions for him, and he doesn't have the answers to give them, and he is confused and upset, he was really looking forward for memberhsip here, to help his community, the community where he grew up, and without that answer on why he's confused. So I am asking you guys as a person whohas had a relationship with the Board before to please reach out and answer some of his questions. I think we owe it to him, on that part of it, this started in October, we had a couple different emails that went out, he was kind of in the gray area throughout this whole membership process, so I am just here as a messager I guess so please try and fix this because it's not going to end well for us. I was always taught when I was dealing with the Board, headlines, and this one could be really bad. I just ask you guys, please, if we can make an attempt to try and fix it.

Commissioner Beth Larson: As far as the letter goes, I thought that we took that from the book, did we not. Andy, you and I we had a conversation, I called you, and talked and I expressed some of my concerns.

Andy- I'm not here to talk about rationale, I'm not here to talk about any of that stuff, that's why he has questions.

Past Commissioner Dave Costello: We will delve deeper.

Andy Pohl- That is all I'm asking, we are in the problem-solving business, we need to fix this problem.

Past Commissioner Dave Costello: We will do what we can