



Fwd: Support for Villager Board's decision re: Homeland Towers

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To the Clerk and Board of the Village of Nelsonville:

I support the Board's decision to settle with Homeland Towers, even though I bitterly resent Homeland bullying the Village into a position where no other choice was available.

I know that the Board members have spent countless hours trying to find a solution that would keep Homeland out, and were not able to. I know that the Village's resources have been sorely stretched, that there is no more money to spend on this issue, and that we risk losing our bond if we continue trying.

I wish it were not so.

If homeowners next to the tower site want to sue Homeland, its owners, its clients and its lawyers, and if they have the resources for a many-years-long fight against extremely wealthy corporations with unfair government support, I wish them luck. If hundreds of communities across the country want to launch and support a class action suit against cell-tower companies and telecoms, by all means join together and fight with all your strength. If they do, I will contribute the little I can afford.

Homeland is a deeply reprehensible company. Instead of trying to work *with* Nelsonville by offering to help pay for road improvements, trash collection, nature preserves or other public goods, they have bullied us into submission and nearly bankrupted us. They did this intentionally. They picked on a weak community. They chose us at least in part because they could also set a precedent to override Scenic Area protections. Homeland has deliberately and gleefully made enemies where they could at least have made good neighbors. I am disgusted with them.

To conclude, I support the Board's decision to settle and save the Village, and I thank the members individually and collectively for their hard and frustrating work on our behalf. I am sorry for the stress you have endured in this process.

This has been a horrible experience for all of us (except, of course, for Homeland and its lawyers, who undoubtedly sleep very well at night).

Thank you.

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