

Letter from the Mayor of Saguache,

I received the resignations of four Town Trustees on the afternoon of Friday, July 21st. Each one of these Trustees has been a valued and committed member of the Town Board. Their work and dedication has benefitted the welfare of our town. Trustees Hansen, Wilson, and Torrez brought to the Board a vast experience from Federal and County government, and private sector management. Being life-long residents of Saguache, their unique insight will be missed on the board. Trustee Engquist deserves special praise. She has spent considerable time, energy, and expense representing and working for the Town of Saguache. Her devotion to the best interests of the citizens of this town will be felt for many years, her mark on the town, for generations. I sincerely thank them for that service and the privilege of serving with them. I hope that citizens will reach out and thank them all for their service.

I have waited until now to make a statement about the resignations that occurred on the 21st, in hopes that I might have a more clear understanding. At present, I have no more insight or clarity, than I did on the 21st. Three of the former Trustees stated the resignations were due to "an unforeseen chain of events". Having no forewarning and having no further information or explanation, I am left puzzled, confused, and dazed. Former Trustee Engquist referred in her resignation to "actions taken today concerning the the Deputy-Clerk". The Deputy-Clerk resigned earlier on the 21st. I can only speculate that the Deputy-Clerk's choice to resign was the action referred to by Trustee Engquist. I have not spoken with former Trustee Engquist since, so I remain puzzled. I know I certainly did not desire for the Deputy-Clerk to resign. I did in fact, express to the Deputy-Clerk, my earnest desire for her not to make that choice, prior to her insistence that she resign.

I am disappointed in all the resignations. I sincerely wish that the former Trustees had remained at their post. The Board's responsibility is to set policy and solve problems. The Board currently lacks a quorum, so until that is resolved, neither can happen. Their four votes on the Board could be making a difference. That is the true disappointment I now feel.

My hope now, is that citizens will come forward to serve on the Town Board, with the intent of the best interest of the Town. The Town's business does not stop. The Town is still faced with problems to be solved, and a future to envision and work toward, and to function as a town.

Again, I ask citizens to come join the remaining Board to take action and put forth the effort needed to solve our problems and keep the Town providing services and structures that benefit everyone's well-being.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Terrell  
Mayor, Town of Saguache