Intro: Gregory Holwerda, 10978 North Shore Dr.

I've had a family matter come up, presenting a conflict for this evening's meeting, so have asked that this statement be read into the public record.

I'm here to strongly encourage the Village Leaders to begin taking steps that will lead to the development and construction of attainable housing that is practical for, and attractive to our area year round people.

The reasons are simple:

First:

We are in the midst of an acute housing crisis which is the worst I've seen in my entire adult lifetime. There is an urgent, immediate need for solutions, and the 7th St property seems perfectly suited for this since its within walking distance to parks, beaches, businesses, and more.

It has access to public utilities, and could be developed in such a way that would preserve some of the natural, environmentally sensitive areas it contains.

Secondly:

Some folks are in favor of leaving this entire parcel as is or turning it into a park.

I don't think this is necessary in a Village and County where there already is a plethora of preserved, protected, and park land, much of which is readily accessible from the 7th St parcel.