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To: Linda Romano
President- New Hartford Library Board

Dear Linda

As you know, I had previously indicated my desire to resign from the Library Board. This is to reaffirm my intent and advise that I hereby resign from the position of Library Trustee and Board Treasurer as of June 30, 2013. Although my action is partially based on family (wife) health needs, I would be remiss in not addressing another significant factor; that is, the existence of Trustee Edmund Wiatr on the Library Board.

I have spent nearly twenty years on the Library Board with many devoted and dedicated, hard working and well-meaning volunteer trustees and have assisted in the construction of a privately funded \$4,000,000 library facility and the establishment and maintenance of a highly successful community asset. Immediately following his appointment, Trustee Wiatr has persistently questioned the motives and criticized the actions of various trustees and has continued this behavior throughout his tenure (see attached examples).

As a volunteer, working for the good of the community, I do not need this! I, therefore, feel that I can no longer continue, despite my deep concern that the future success of the New Hartford Public Library is endangered.

Respectfully,



Earl R. Cunningham

- Immediately following an orientation discussion recapping the Library construction history, Trustee Wiatr disseminated information (including his "blog" to a New Jersey organization) falsely accusing Library Board members of holding "secret" meetings with the Town Board.
- Trustee Wiatr's incessant, endless and persistent demands for documentation has required countless hours of Library trustee and Library staff efforts. Such requests are obviously made by Mr. Wiatr in his effort to find faults and discrepancies in Library operations.
- Trustee Wiatr has contacted the State Comptroller's office with an assertion that inappropriate expenditures have been made by the Library.
- Library Board meetings are dominated by Trustee Wiatr remarks and objections and contentious exchanges with other Board members causing overall meetings to be confrontational and ineffective.
- After significant investigation and discussion, Board Trustees unanimously determined that the future success of the NHPL was best served by becoming a School District Library. Trustee Wiatr openly campaigned for the defeat of this proposal.
- Trustee Wiatr has "FOIL'd" numerous organizations (e. County, Town, Village, School, Community Foundation, etc.) in an obvious apparent effort to find discrepancies in the NHPL operations.