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Sent: Sunday, December 7, 2025 9:50 AM
To: Jeffrey Buerman; Justin Bierman; Stacy Conquest; Robert Coppersmith
Cc: Clerk
Subject: Formal Notice Regarding Village DPW Activity at 1159 Mower Road
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To the Village President and Members of the Village Council,

I am writing to issue formal notice regarding repeated Village DPW activity occurring on my property at 1159 Mower Road. I reside in Putnam Township, outside the Village limits, and yet Village DPW vehicles have been routinely backing into and turning around in my private driveway. This has caused rutting and physical damage to my grounds and has repeatedly created an ice hazard at the entrance to my driveway. The most recent incident occurred the morning of December 7, 2025, and has been documented with photographs.

The Village does not provide plowing or salting services on this section of Mower Road, as it falls under Township and County jurisdiction. Despite this, DPW drivers are using my driveway as an operational turnaround point without permission. My driveway is not public infrastructure, and I have not granted consent for it to be used for municipal operations. This activity exposes the Village to liability for property damage and for hazards created at the entrance of my licensed and insured business, The Silo on Mower LLC.

If the Village intends to continue using my driveway for DPW maneuvers, the Village will need to formally assume responsibility for all resulting damage, hazard mitigation, and driveway maintenance, including salting and plowing of the affected area. Otherwise, DPW personnel must immediately cease entering my property.

This email constitutes the only notice I will provide before pursuing legal remedies to protect my property and business interests. I request written confirmation from the Council or Village Administration within ten business days.

Supporting photo evidence from December 7, 2025 and November 30, 2028 is attached.