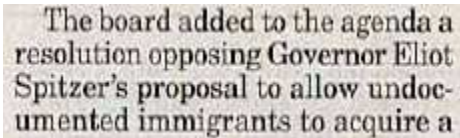


Open letter to Jerry and Joel (in a friendly manner).

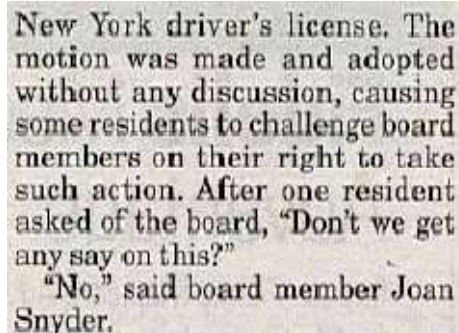
You ran and won as reformers. The principal goal of your campaign was to open the process of governance in Germantown; to bring 'fairness' to town board meetings so residents would feel a part of the town and not its subjects.

At the January 7, 2008 reorganization meeting, two changes were made: the meetings will now start at 7:00 PM, not 7:30 PM, and the police department will now have three commissioners, not one.

Citizens of Germantown want to be involved. For example, last October the board passed a resolution condemning Governor Spitzer's proposal to give drivers' licenses to illegal aliens. The item was not on the agenda made available on the town web site. Here is an account of what took place at the board meeting, from the Independent of October 30, 2007



The board added to the agenda a resolution opposing Governor Eliot Spitzer's proposal to allow undocumented immigrants to acquire a



New York driver's license. The motion was made and adopted without any discussion, causing some residents to challenge board members on their right to take such action. After one resident asked of the board, "Don't we get any say on this?" "No," said board member Joan Snyder.

Is this what we have to look forward to in 2008?

As candidates, you were committed to workshops, to greater use of the Internet to post important documents such as budgets, so all the residents could weigh in with their views. Most importantly, to the opportunity to speak before important matters are decided.

If we continue to be treated only as spectators in forums where our interests, our money and our values are in play, it will not bode well.

Your friend,

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