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Lawsuit would not [be] in town's best interest

Taxpayers may finance another lawsuit? Sounds like sour grapes to me. With regards to Mr. Freis' innuendo and distortion of the truth, yes, he and his friends lost the Holland elections. So now they can continue their quest to bring this cozy little community to its knees and show us who is really in command.

The story about those guard rails Mr. Frei referred to in his last assault on our town officials was slightly distorted. Mr. Frei forgot to mention that what started this tug of war was that Brian Johnson was replacing the guard rails that had been removed without getting permission from the town. Seems that a certain group of our neighbors are much wiser and more privileged than the rest of us and do not need to seek permission or guidance from the town when they want to do something or change the landscape.

Another lawsuit? The thing about lawsuits is that anybody can sue anybody for anything any day of the week. It always comes down to who has the deepest pockets and the time to waste doing it. Our town can not afford lawsuits of any kind, let alone frivolous ones.

The claim that the taxpayers will bear the brunt is a distortion of the truth also; it's our school children that will pay for another lawsuit. Most people I know want to do good things for our community, I'm pretty sure suing our town is not in our best interest.

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