



MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer	Janel Heideman	
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City, state, and zip	Albert Lea MN 56007	Telephone (Daytime) 507-383-5338

Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about	Jean Epland, Pat Neilon, Sandy Sletten, City of Twin Lakes	
Address	101 Main St	
City, state, zip	Twin Lakes MN 56089	
Title of respondent (If applicable)	candidate	
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)	city council	

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Signature of person filing complaint

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board
190 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us via the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may be reached by email at cf.board@state.mn.us.

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Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

211B.04

You will find links to the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at cfb.mn.gov.

Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach extra sheet(s) of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, photographs, or other evidence needed to support your allegations. Electronic files may be provided to the Board by email or via a file transfer service.

Minnesota Statutes 211B.04..All three candidates, Incumbent Jean Epland (city Council,) and candidate Sandy Sletten (city council), and Candidate Pat Neilon (for mayor) sent out a marketing piece with no disclaimer, no address, no point of contact, no campaign identification.

Of additional concern is that the 1 page neon green paper is the exact same paper as mailed out to residents by City Hall the same week for their newsletter. This gives residents/taxpayers/voters the impression that the City very possibly paid for the paper, and the copying with our brand new copier.

In the heading, it reads on the top line, "City of Twin Lakes" with the second line reading "Election 2024". Using the same color and stock of paper, and having the heading of "City of Twin Lakes" gives the impression that this is not only paid for by the city, but an endorsement from the City.

It seems even more egregious that one of the members, Jean Epland has a key to city hall and is an incumbent, having easy access to have the city clerk do this, or for Elpand to do it on her own, using city resources.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4525 describe the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website. Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed. The Board chair or their designee has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the Board has 60 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board may start an investigation. In some cases the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. In other cases the Board will instead enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent. The Board's final decision will be posted on the Board's website.

City of Twin Lakes

Election 2024

Your Vote Will Make a Difference

Pat Neilon for Mayor

My wife Cheryl and I have been residents of Twin Lakes for 47 years.

33 years of service on the Twin Lakes Fire Dept (served as Fire Chief and Relief Assoc Pres).

Multiple terms on the Twin Lakes City Council.

Worked 12 years at Ventura Foods and then Elected as Business Agent for the Local 6 United Food & Commercial Workers Union served for 26 ½ years and the last 6 years as President of the Local 6.

Having experience in Budgeting and Financial responsibility.

Sandy Sletten for City Council

My husband Larry and I have been residents of Twin Lakes for 46 plus years.

I have served as a past City Council Member for 38 years.

I worked 30 years as the Building Maintenance and Budgeting for a large business in Albert Lea.

Very knowledgeable in the operation of the Water and Wastewater systems for the City of Twin Lakes.

Jean Epland for Re-Elect City Council

My husband Duane and I have been living in the City of Twin Lake for 28 years.

I have been on the City Council for 26 years and with that I believe that having these years of experience will help lead this town into the future.

Having over 25 years of Banking experience and another 20 years of experience in Customer Service.

Vote in the upcoming election.

We will serve with transparency, integrity and honesty.

We will always look out for the best interest for all the Citizens of Twin Lakes.

Over these years we have been trying to do what is best for the Community and believe that with your vote we can continue to do so.



Q3 2024 The City of Twin Lakes 09/30/2024

Next council meetings:

Monday, October 7th, 2024, @ 7 p.m.

Monday, November 4th, 2024, @ 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2024, @ 7 p.m.

Election Year: There will be 3 openings on the November ballot.

Mayor Kathy Benschoter 2-year term expires 12/31/2024.

Council member Jean Epland 4-year term expires 12/31/2024.

Council member Lynda Vis special 2-year term expires 12/31/2024*.

***November ballot will show both open council vacancies as new 4-year terms.**

Twin Lakes City Council consists of an elected mayor and 4 elected council members. The 4 elected council members serve 4-year terms with 2 becoming vacant in 2-year rotations. When we have a special 2-year term council member that means that a previous 4-year term council member was not able to complete their 4-year term.

The following individuals are running for Mayor of Twin Lakes:

1) Pat Neilon

2) David Prestholt

And for the 2 positions as 4-year term Council member:

1) Jean Epland

2) Jeff Posthumus

3) Sandy Sletten

4) Lynda Vis

Other Council Meeting business

-Mail in Balloting Resolution (Annual): continue mail in balloting

-Water/Sewer quarterly Fee:

ANNUAL INCREASE of \$2.50 per quarter each for both water and sewer goes into effect January 01 which is billed after the quarter ends which is March 31st.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Fire Prevention Week
Sunday, October 6th thru Saturday, October 12th, 2024**



“Operation Edith” is on Wednesday, October 9th at 7 pm. Turn on your porch lights that evening, the Fire Department will be driving around counting lights.

For Fire Prevention Week, the Twin Lakes Fire Department will be having an Open House on Thursday, October 10th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The Fire Department will be doing some demonstrations, and they will have food.

The Twin Lakes Fire Department encourages all residents to actively support the 2024 Fire Prevention Week Theme, “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!” A working smoke alarm can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, giving people the time to get out safely.

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4	26	43	59	70	
9	30	41	55	68	
7	23	CALC 32 SPECIAL	50	63	
8	20	31	60	75	
13	18	34	52	69	

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!

If you haven't heard, the Twin Lakes Fire Relief Association has BINGO every Sunday from 1-3pm at City Hall. What are you waiting for? Join us for an afternoon of fun and to socialize with your friends and neighbors!

DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF GARAGE DOORS AT CITY HALL.

Vehicles left unattended in front of the garage doors at city hall prevent emergency vehicles and city vehicles from performing their jobs properly.

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Facebook page: Twin Lakes MN Fire Rescue is NOT authorized, endorsed, or managed by the City of Twin Lakes, nor by the Twin Lakes Fire Department. After extensive inquiry, the City is unable to determine who the creator/administrators of the page are. If you followed the page based on our previous recommendation, our updated recommendation is to Unfollow, and/or Block the page. If you were following and viewed any posts that you personally thought were not accurate, remember that you have an option within Facebook to "Report Profile."
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PLEASE STOP flushing wipes and tampons down the toilet!

**** Wipes that are labeled flushable CANNOT be flushed in our system***

The wastewater/sanitary system does not dissolve these items. **DO NOT** flush tampons, wipes, tissues, paper towels, or anything other than toilet paper. And **DO NOT** pour grease down the sink. These items clog the pumps and decrease the flow. Pumps then require more service: must be shut down, taken apart, and the wipes and feminine products ***removed by hand from the pumps,*** causing the city expenses to increase.. Your cooperation matters and affects city expense. Thank you.
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SELLING YOUR HOME IN TWIN LAKES?

If you are selling your home in Twin Lakes, the City does have an ordinance that requires you as the homeowner to have the sewer line scoped before you close on the home. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 507-852-2155.

GARBAGE PICKUP

The City of Twin Lakes has a contract with Waste Management for garbage pickup. If you are a new resident, you can call them and tell them you are a resident of Twin Lakes to start service. Their phone number is 888-827-9234.