

Kalamazoo County Republican Party:

Resolution of Censure and Call for Resignation Against Comstock Township Trustee Kristie Cherry

Whereas, the Kalamazoo County Republican Party holds its elected officials to the highest standards of professionalism, civility, and respect in public service; and

Whereas, on July 21, 2025, during a duly convened meeting of the Comstock Charter Township Board of Trustees, Trustee **Kristie Cherry** engaged in conduct unbecoming of a Republican elected official; and

Whereas, during that meeting, **Deputy Treasurer Knight** was seated at the board table in the lawful capacity of Acting Treasurer pursuant to MCL 41.77(5), due to Treasurer Bloomfield's absence on family medical leave, and had been recognized by the Board Chair to provide input on matters concerning attorney fees and the township budget; and

Whereas, Trustee Cherry interrupted Acting Treasurer Knight and publicly stated:

"Deputy Knight, you shouldn't even be sitting up here or having an opinion",

thereby:

- 1. Misrepresenting the legal authority of a Deputy Treasurer under Michigan law;
- 2. **Disrespecting** a sworn officer fulfilling lawful duties;
- 3. Disrupting the meeting and defying the Chair's authority by continuing to argue after being gaveled out of order; and

Whereas, such conduct violated the Comstock Township Board Bylaws and reflected poorly upon the Republican Party by failing to model the respectful, principled behavior that voters expect from those entrusted with public office;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the **Kalamazoo County Republican Party** hereby formally censures Trustee Kristie Cherry for her actions during the July 21, 2025, Comstock Township Board meeting; and

Be it further resolved, that the KGOP calls upon Trustee Cherry to issue a public apology to Acting Treasurer Knight, the Comstock Township Board Chair, and the residents of Comstock Township; and

Be it further resolved, that the KGOP further calls upon Trustee Cherry to **immediately resign her position** as Comstock Township Trustee in recognition of the seriousness of her misconduct; and

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be entered into the official records of the Kalamazoo County Republican Party and communicated to the Michigan Republican Party as a statement that such conduct is unacceptable and inconsistent with Republican values.

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