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Scott Hockenbery, Mayor
Village of West Jefferson
28 East Main Street
West Jefferson, Oh 43162

Mr. Mayor,

As a business owner, and long-time resident of West Jefferson, I am alarmed at the recent “upheaval” within our community. It appears some allegations have been made against your office, specifically relating to my company. I want to set the record straight...

Rampart Hosting, LLC is an information technology services company based in West Jefferson, Ohio. We also maintain a West Jefferson mailing address, and make it a priority to serve Madison County whenever possible. While we currently do maintain business offices in the City of Columbus, our roots are in Madison County. As our company has grown, it’s become necessary to have more “centralized” offices for our Clients/Employee needs - Thus, the move to Columbus a couple of years ago.

Rampart Hosting was contacted to bid on IT work for the Village of West Jefferson, just the same as any other company. As our competitive bid was graciously accepted, we have been providing efficient and economical services for nearly 2 years. In that timeframe, there have been a total of 4 representatives from our company (myself included) providing onsite services to the Village. I understand that there has been some concern voiced of “nepotism” related to your third cousin, who is a long-time employee of Rampart Hosting. I find this concern disturbing and unfounded. In fact, I think many of the residents/taxpayers in the Village would appreciate the fact that we are able to periodically provide a short notice, local, knowledgeable technician who knows the Village employees, systems, and what is most needed to “keep the wheel turning”. In the end, this saves the Village even more money.

I hope the information provided above sets the record straight, please feel free to use it in any way you see fit. Moreover, I sincerely hope that the recent events in Village politics can be put to rest soon. The future of West Jefferson is much too bright.

Regards,

Leo L. Daugherty III, CEO/Owner

Rampart Hosting, LLC

