

RESOLUTION NO. 57-16

A RESOLUTION CENSURING VILLAGE PRESIDENT TOM GRAY

WHEREAS, it is a core value of the Village Board that its citizenry be treated with the utmost respect and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the elected leaders of the Village, including specifically through the leadership of the Village President, must set the example and tone for demonstrating respect and integrity; and

WHEREAS, it is the Village Board's expectation that the officials of the Village will behave in a professional manner, show deference to those who disagree and encourage public dialogue; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2016, Village President Tom Gray made an obscene gesture by giving the "middle finger" to a citizen live streaming a Village Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the obscene gesture made by Village President Gray was unprofessional, served only to further divide the community and does not reflect the values of the Village Board or the community; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution, the Village Board desires to censure Village President Gray for his actions and reinforce its commitment to civil public discourse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Village Board of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The above stated recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby publicly censures Village President Tom Gray for the obscene gesture he made to a citizen at the December 13, 2016, Village Committee meeting, and calls upon Village President Gray to publicly apologize for his actions.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval.

APPROVED by the Chatham Village Board, Sangamon County, Chatham, Illinois, December 27, 2016, by a vote of 5 to 0, 1.

YES
Mark Clayton

YES
David Kimsey

YES
Matt Mau

YES
Terry Fountain

YES
Nina Lindhorst

ABSENT
Joe Schatteman