

November 11, 2021

Tom Stephenson, President
ERDL Board of Trustees
Elk Rapids District Library
Elk Rapids, MI 49648

Dear Tom and ERDL Board of Trustees,

Attached is a letter to the Milton Twp. Board informing them of my resignation effective November 15, 2021.

It saddens me to resign. My reasons are expressed in the attached letter. I wish you the best as you move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barb Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barb Johnson

November 11, 2021

Lon Bargy, Supervisor
Milton Township Board
Box 309
Kewadin, MI 49648

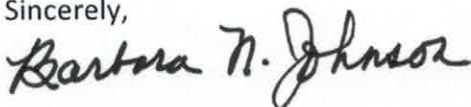
Dear Mr. Bargy and Members of the Milton Twp. Board,

I am writing to you to let you know that I am resigning my position on the ERDL Board of Trustees as of November 15, 2021. It has become impossible to get anything accomplished with the dysfunctional members of the Board and the negative attitude of the Director.

I cannot continue to be on a Board that does not respect the choice the Community made in 2018 and allows the Director to act inappropriately. The Goal was to expand the Island House Library because people feel it is the Gem of Elk Rapids. Citizens either wanted it expanded or left as it was. Expansion was the overwhelming choice. Now we have Board Members that want to change that goal. I cannot ignore the Citizens of the Library District and the other members of the Board in 2018. Also, it is impossible to work with Board Members that find pleasure in bullying and making decisions based on personal desires rather than gathering other Board Members opinions. As a Trustee your loyalty should be to the library not the municipality you are representing. It is stated in the Trustee Manual that District Library Boards are autonomous from their municipalities.

As a Trustee and President, I worked hard along with others to gain permission for us to expand. The Library Expansion was my vision and my passion especially for the children and teens in our community. It was a joyous beginning. Hopefully one day the Citizens of the ERDL Community will have a library that will be the center of the Community serving all ages in a beautiful and historic location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara N. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara N Johnson

Copy sent to Tom Stephenson/ERDL Board of Trustees