

**Letter of resignation effective 2/4/2012**

The failure of the president and treasurer to act in the best interests of the Historical Society leave me no choice but to resign as secretary

1. The unauthorized use of Historical Society funds for the city fire truck, Check # 1110 for the sum of \$113.91 cashed 19 Dec 2011 and the failure to address this matter in either of the January meetings. Both officers were well aware that using Historical funds for the fire truck was not legal until such time as a expenditure of this type was approved by a majority of the elected officers, furthermore both were well aware that the membership had never even approved raising funds for the fire truck let alone using historical society funds
2. The December newsletter was on the agenda for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, however the president decided she did not want to talk about the newsletter as she would have had to explain why she caused this notice to appear on the post office bulletin board

**It has come to our attention that members of our community and the Historical Society were displeased with the wording in the newsletter regarding the upkeep of the 1934 fire engine. It was never our intention to disrespect neither the city fathers nor the way they took care of the fire engine.**

**We know that they have not been in possession of the engine for long and times are tough for every one with money in short supply. We apologize for offense we caused and hope we can count on your continued support--**

**The Historical Society**

by her actions a member did not have to explain why posted newsletters in Northport were being torn down, "the newsletter had been approved by the president and a copy had been emailed to members before printing"

3. **The failure of the Treasurer to be aware of Bank of America changes and how it would affect the Historical Society account,** 5 October when asked, the Treasurer insured me that our bank account was safe from future Bank of America account charges. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of December I discovered that our bank account would have a monthly fee starting in 2012, as such I reported this fact to both the President and Treasurer on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December. The Treasurer reacted as if I was sticking my nose in her business
4. **The Treasurer's refusal to keep future fire truck funds separate from historical society funds,** at the 2011 September meeting it was MSP to keep any money raised for the fire truck separate from Historical Society funds. At the 2011 November meeting the Treasurer announced that funds would not be kept separate.
5. **The failure of the President to take action and have the bank account moved in a timely manner.** twice in the month of December I inquired what was being done, both times the President told me that the Treasurer was taking care of it. January 7<sup>th</sup> the President told me that she guessed herself and the treasurer would have to go and open a new account. It took thirty six days to move our bank account.
6. **At the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting a attempt was made to blame the incompetence of the two elected officers on myself.** Two things in life I have very little tolerance for are drunks and people who refuse to take responsibility for their actions

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