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Letters: Is new mayor really saving money for city?

It is great to see that Sheboygan's new mayor is really dedicated to saving the taxpayers money.

First, he fires Anthony Bonnett over personal issues, now the taxpayers can pay him unemployment, and pay the mayor's newly appointed person a \$44,900 salary.

The second thing that caught my attention is Mayor Juan Perez turned in the pager, cell phone and van that former Mayor Jim Schramm used. I highly doubt the contract was up for the cell phone or the pager so once again the taxpayers are paying for services not being utilized.

I remember during the huge flooding in the city Mayor Schramm personally assisted people plagued by water and sewer problems. I would say that it is safe to say Mayor Schramm carried the pager and the cell phone as a means to be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the event of an emergency. How would we reach Mayor Perez if he were at a Milwaukee fundraiser, for example.?

The previous council spent hundreds if not thousands of hours and dollars contemplating a site for a new police station location only to have it repealed by the new council. So now the new council has let 1 percent or less of the city's population repeal the studies and thousands of man-hours used to determine the site.

Here is a real good idea, how about giving the few hundred people living near Sheridan Park free bus passes to a different neighborhood park, after all, there is plenty of room on the buses and they would not have to go more than a few blocks and the bus passes would be far less costly than the acquisition fees for a new site and study.

And the last area of concern is how fast the new council accepted the deed to 35 acres previously owned by the Carton family. Why did the land get taken off Town of Sheboygan tax rolls and get given to the City of Sheboygan with a conservation clause limiting parking to 10 cars and no wood or concrete walkways?

Could it be that the town board would not go along with the developer's idea for the property? One last unanswered question is: How someone who is involved in a lawsuit against the city can serve as an alderman? Although Aid. Renee Suscha abstained from the specific vote regarding the city's use of room tax money, she certainly is not afraid to jump in during discussion.

Can you say "conflict of interest"?

I would like to thank the previous council for working diligently to move Sheboygan forward. They certainly increased the tax base and improved the quality of life in Sheboygan.

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