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Good Morning Ron,

I am in receipt of your letter, and understand your position.

The Public Officials cancellation by NYMIR and the entire package was not an easy undertaking with the considerable amount of litigation against the town, the news media depiction of the town that was provided by some residents, and lack of policies and procedures.

The many carriers declined coverage due several reasons:

We can't get comfortable enough to quote given the ongoing issues and potential moving pieces.

Their concern is more along the lines of what changes may or may not occur after elections, given that litigation involved members of the community that are running for elected positions and the highway Superintendent's actions which contributed to the losses that the town has incurred.

Negative press and postings.

When taking an oath of office, the elected officials are to uphold the constitution of the state, along with making the best decision for the entire community they represent, not just a handful of residents. Moving forward the Board, other elected officials and employees need to work to put the town in a better position.

Service about self is what is necessary. You may not like the person you work with, but you definitely need to work for the common good of the entire community.

I will continue to pursue other avenues, but all eyes are on what actions the Board and others will continue to take. That will determine if coverage will be available in the future.

Please let me know if you need anything in the meantime.

Best,



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