

## Former township employee disputes information

### To the editor:

Reading about the recent recall effort by three individuals in Ironwood Township to oust supervisor Kim Mattson, I became very irritated by some of the misinformation provided to public.

First and foremost, the voters did speak, when they went to the polls in August and November of 2008.

Kim Mattson was elected; James J. Simmons Jr. was not elected.

In reviewing the Charter Township of Ironwood meeting minutes, it seems that often, the three individuals harassing Mattson and the rest of the board are the only ones in the audience. With a population of approximately 2,300 residents, it appears a very miniscule minority is getting way more coverage than they truly deserve.

Secondly, some of the information of the Web site started to recall Mattson is misleading. Please note the salaries are completely inaccurate from what the township officials and employees actually make. It seems as if the

information put on the site exists to create sensationalism and promote a cause that by most, would be deemed unworthy.

Finally, as a former Charter Township of Ironwood employee, I can say that many of these issues existed for many years. I have noted the current board (and the past previous board) moving ahead progressively, trying to make our township be the best it can be.

A recall election will unfortunately cost the taxpayers of Ironwood Township money, even though we already voted in two elections. Also, take note of what petition is being signed, as all the information will be made public.

A recall does not indicate someone is doing something wrong; it could simply be a vendetta one person (or a small group of people) has against another.

Please contact the Ironwood Township offices if you personally have any questions — in my experience, the board will be more than happy to address any concerns.

I have no relation to Jyl Olson, township treasurer.

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