



Record of Misinformation

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In an obvious attempt to smear Tom Collins, the Action Party has distributed a flyer openly critical of their one-time running mate's Village Board record. I haven't seen or heard of anything from Tom in response – and he may simply decide to not sink to the depths the Action Party (AP) has gone to with this stunt.

Here's my take on the matter.

Regardless of the accuracy of the data presented on the flyer – someone in the AP went to some lengths to gather and compile Tom's record. It's interesting that the public isn't given that much consideration when issues are discussed and voted on at Village Board meetings. The lack of data and information available from our current administration is one of the major issues of this campaign. Apparently, when the need suits them they have no trouble at all providing data.

Isn't the AP calling into question Tom's record akin to the pot calling the kettle black? Attacking a charter member of their party openly questions the standards they themselves established when originally elected back in 2005.

To be fair, shouldn't the AP have presented the rest of the trustees' records as a comparison to Tom's record? I can only imagine it likely wouldn't have been too flattering either. 10 minute board meetings haven't become 10 minute board meetings because of ONE trustee's "no report." Even those credited with a report often simply offer, "A list of the usual bills" as their report.

The content of the flyer has been posted online by some blogger only identified as "Concerned Alsip Voter." So that's the way the AP wants to go at this ... lob in a hand grenade coated with misinformation and duck for cover.