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Menomonee Falls - In a startling and encouraging development in the race for Menomonee Falls Village President, the challenger to Jefferson E. Davis (Randy Newman) has said he will resign from office over his 10% + tax bill increases of the last 3 years if he is wrong about the amount of the tax bill increases while being a member of the Village Board (click here for coverage of resignation <http://www.menomoneefallsnow.com/news/42188172.html>).

Newman made the promise during the Chamber sponsored Village President Forum on Monday, March 30th that was broadcast live on Cable Access Channel 14 and is being rebroadcast a number of times between now and the April 7th Election.

The Cable Access Channel's schedule is attached (<http://fallscableaccess.com/>) and the Chamber sponsored Village President Forum is confusingly titled, "2009 Voter Forum".

The scheduled times are unfortunately either very early in the morning, mid-afternoon or very late at night preventing the optimum time for the maximum number of people to view the forum. It is also unfortunate that the Cable Access Director will not have the event as a streaming video available for those who would like to watch the forum, but have to work during the day and or are asleep for the late night rebroadcasts on the cable channel.

The Menomonee Falls Village President Race will conclude with the election on Tuesday, April 7th.

In accepting Newman as a man of his word and his statement of resigning from office over his 10% + tax bill increases from the last 3 years, Davis said today:

"I have known Randy for probably 20 years now and consider him a friend and a man of his word.

I can only hope Randy will follow through with his public promise to resign from office because the facts are in the numbers that appear on the average homeowner's tax bill which have increased annually over 10% during the last 3 years due to his votes on the Village Board.

I will accept his resignation and I think the voters will too for lower taxes and free garbage pick up.

The overwhelmingly majority of homeowners in Menomonee Falls own a home in the \$200,000 - \$225,000 price range even with the recent pullback in home values.

To skirt the Governor's Tax Levy Freeze, which I wholeheartedly support and only wish that it were a true tax freeze instead of the window dressing that it is, my opponent voted in 2006 to legally do an end around the Governor's Tax Levy Freeze by raising the Menomonee Falls tax levy as much as possible and moved the garbage service pick up to a brand new fee of \$85 per household.

The fee is scheduled to go up 3% a year without a vote by the Village Board, which is now \$90 a year just 2 years later and has lead to his 10% + tax bill increases over the last 3 years with his votes on the Village Board.

My opponent's end around votes on property tax levy increases and switching basic garbage service to a new fee outside of what taxpayers expect will be included in their property tax levy, reminds me of the Minimum Mark Up Gasoline Law and the State Indexed Gasoline Tax that were both recently defeated and rightly so.

The taxpayers of Menomonee Falls overwhelmingly stated in the taxpayer funded 2006 Communtiy Survey that they felt their taxes were way too high and want them to be lowered immediately. I agree.

My opponent has done just the opposite of what the taxpayers have said what they want with his 10% + tax bill increases over the last 3 years with his votes on the Village Board.

My tax bill is an example of what the overwhelmingly majority of homeowners in Menomonee Falls have seen every December when they open their mailbox only to find my opponent's 10% + tax bill increases for the Village portion of the bill over the last 3 years:

2005 \$861.36 no garbage tax as it was always included in the tax levy

2006 \$869.70 + \$85 garbage tax = \$954.70 11% tax bill increase with new garbage tax

2007 \$865.22 + \$85 garbage tax = \$950.22 9% tax bill increase with new

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