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Dear Mayor Souva and Village Board:

I am writing today to inform you that effective immediately, I am tendering my official resignation from the Village Board of Copenhagen.

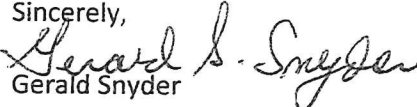
I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve our village for many, many years. Serving my community in this capacity has been extremely rewarding for several decades, and I had every intention to continue serving when I was again voted on to the board in March of 2021.

However, since that time, the focus of our Village Board has taken a turn in a direction that I cannot support—specifically in regards to the Copenhagen Fire Department. Between my late wife (MaryAnne) and I, our family has volunteered over 100 years of service to the CFD, and I am committed to continue that support in the near future. Lately, Village Board meetings have resulted in an onslaught of verbal abuse toward the fire department and its members. Talks of shutting down the department altogether not only makes very little sense—it also puts our community in danger. Having no fire rescue in the village is a very bad decision that could (and will) result in delayed rescue attempts and even unnecessary death.

I can no longer be a part of a group that makes rash decisions off the cuff with no forethought. As stated above, effective immediately, I am resigning from my position with this Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve my community. All I have ever wanted is for this village to thrive and remain safe. I wish you and the remaining members all the best in the future.

Sincerely,


Gerald Snyder


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