

Dear Residents,

The Village of Alvo would like to formally express its deep concern and dissatisfaction regarding the recent reports made to the Cass County Sheriff's Office and the Cass County Election Office by an Alvo resident on May 14, 2024. These reports, which are entirely without merit, have caused undue harm to our village, its administration, and residents. The dissemination of false information not only undermines the trust and credibility the current Board of Trustees has worked hard to rebuild within and for our community, but it also diverts valuable resources and attention from issues that require the Cass County Sheriff Office and the Board of Trustees attention.

On May 14, 2024 The Cass County 911 Center received a report of alleged voter harassment at the Village of Alvo polling station. The false reporter also identified the individual causing the harassment as a current Board of Trustee member, alleging the member was brandishing a firearm during the harassment. Cass County Law enforcement responded to the scene within minutes, and almost immediately determined that the report(s) were inaccurate.

There is currently no evidence to substantiate any claims of voter harassment, threats to constitutional rights, or any individual brandishing a firearm at the polling station. According to the Cass County Sheriff's Offices preliminary investigation findings, the individual in question was not present at the alleged scene. Members of the Board of Trustees have checked with the individual in this allegation and have confirmed that they were not in Alvo when these malice allegations were made.

Being a concerned citizen and making false reports outright are two very different things. Residents who are engaged in the community and vigilant know that Cass County Sheriff's Office services Alvo, as can be seen in their regular cruises through town and responses to 911 calls from within the community. The Cass County Sheriff's Office wants to be clear that deputies won't enforce Village of Alvo ordinances but will and do enforce state statues in Alvo. The Village of Alvo Board of Trustees encourage community members to continue to be engaged, review facts for credibility, use their best judgment, approach things with practical thinking, ask questions, and never make assumptions.

The Alvo resident who made the false reports is currently being investigated by the Cass County Sheriff's Office and reportedly could receive charges.

The Village of Alvo apologizes to residents who adversely felt the effects of this person's false reports. We extend our gratitude to the Cass County Sheriff's Office for their efforts, and remind residents that sometimes, the simplest solutions are the most effective.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.