



# MISSING FILE(S)

On September 18, pursuant to a FOIA request the Village received, I, Ryan Shaner, Village President, reviewed the personnel file of Mike Lewis.

No written reprimands were contained therein. I know, having seen the file previously, there was, at least 1, previous written reprimand ~~contained~~ *therein.* *275 9-18*

Former President Foust was with me at the time, who confirmed she had written reprimands for Mike Lewis. She noted she would execute a signed affidavit for the Village to place in the file to replace the missing reprimand(s).

*R. Shaner*  
9-18-25 *Ryan J. Shaner*  
*Village President*

**Affidavit of Lost/Misplaced/Missing Document**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF CARROLL**

I, Bonnie Foust, Former Village President of Shannon, Illinois, being of sound mind and being over the age of 18, and residing at [REDACTED] Shannon, IL (address), hereby depose and state under oath as follows: J

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit.
2. As Village President, I was the immediate supervisor of the former Chief of Police, Michael Lewis.
3. I was the author of a written reprimand placed in Michael Lewis' personnel file.
4. The purpose or nature of the document was a written reprimand for the conduct of Michael Lewis that went against Village policy.
5. The document was stored in Michael Lewis' personnel file in Village Hall, in the Village Clerk's office.
6. I was present at Village Hall when Village President Shaner opened the personnel file of Michael Lewis on September 18, 2025, and found the document to be missing.
7. This affidavit is made for the purpose of proving that a written reprimand once existed in the personnel file of Michael Lewis.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Bonnie Heckman-Foust  
Signature

Bonnie Heckman-Foust  
Former Village President of Shannon, Illinois

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, by  
Bonnie Heckman-Foust

Signature of Notary Public: Mary Denise Williams  
Printed Name of Notary Public: Mary Denise Williams  
Notary Public, State of Illinois  
My Commission Expires: 12-1-2026



Ryan Shaner

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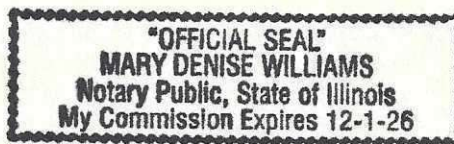
**Affidavit of Lost/Misplaced/Missing Document****STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF CARROLL**

I, Butch Meinders, Village Trustee of Shannon, Illinois, being of sound mind and being over the age of 18, and residing at [REDACTED] (address), hereby depose and state under oath as follows:

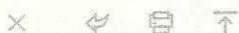
1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit.
2. As Village Trustee, serving under Bonnie Foust, I was the Police Committee Chair.
3. I was the witness to a written reprimand given to Michael Lewis by Bonnie Foust.
4. I signed the written reprimand as a witness in my role as Village Trustee and committee chair.
5. The purpose or nature of the document was a written reprimand for the conduct of Michael Lewis that went against Village policy.
6. This affidavit is made for the purpose of proving that a written reprimand once existed in the personnel file of Michael Lewis.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Butch Meinders



Mary Denise Williams



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**STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF CARROLL**

I, Denise Bormann, Village Clerk of Shannon, Illinois, being of sound mind and being over the age of 18, and residing at [REDACTED], Shannon (address), hereby depose and state under oath as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit.
2. Personnel records are stored in the Village Clerk's office, and it is my responsibility to maintain the records of the Village of Shannon.
3. As a result of my responsibilities, I was aware that a written reprimand was placed in Michael Lewis' personnel file by Former Village President, Bonnie Foust.
4. The purpose or nature of the document was a written reprimand for the conduct of Michael Lewis that went against Village policy.
5. The document was stored in Michael Lewis' personnel file in Village Hall, in the Village Clerk's office.
6. I have conducted a thorough and diligent search for the document in all places where it would likely be found, but I have been unable to locate it.
7. This affidavit is made for the purpose of proving that a written reprimand once existed in the personnel file of Michael Lewis.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Denise Bormann

Signature

Denise Bormann

Village Clerk of Shannon, Illinois

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 10th day of October, 2025, by Denise Bormann

**Signature of Notary Public:** Allyson Kay Roling

**Printed Name of Notary Public:** Allyson Kay Roling

Notary Public, State of Illinois

My Commission Expires: 9-13-2026



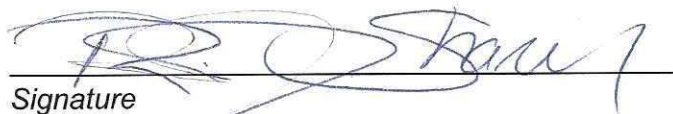
## AFFIDAVIT

I, Ryan J. Shaner, duly elected Village President of Shannon, Illinois, and being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I make this affidavit of my own personal knowledge, and if called to testify, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.
2. I, in no way, shape, or form, told Michael Lewis to resign or be fired.
3. Michael Lewis resigned from his position as Police Chief of his own free will.

Further affiant sayeth not.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Illinois that the foregoing is true and correct.



Signature

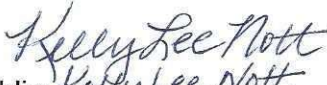
Ryan J. Shaner, Esq.

ARDC#: 6339661

Village President of Shannon, Illinois

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, by

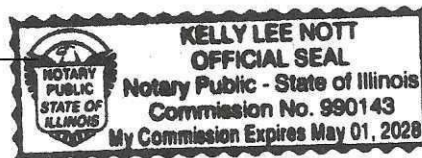
Ryan J. Shaner.

Signature of Notary Public: 

Printed Name of Notary Public: Kelly Lee Nott

Notary Public, State of Illinois

My Commission Expires: May 1, 2028





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**A Resolution of the Village of Shannon  
Accepting the Oral Resignation of Former Police Chief Lewis**

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2025, Michael Lewis, then serving as Police Chief of the Village of Shannon orally stated that he was resigning from his position; and

**WHEREAS**, that statement was made during a meeting with President Shaner, Trustee Allen, and the Sheriff of Carroll County; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois law does not require a written letter for a resignation to be effective; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village President contemporaneously acknowledged and accepted the oral resignation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Village to formally accept and ratify the resignation and to provide for orderly administrative follow-through.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Shannon, Carroll County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The oral resignation of the Police Chief tendered on September 16, 2025, is hereby formally accepted and ratified.
2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

**Passed and approved** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Shannon this 7th day of October, 2025.

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Ryan J. Shaner, Village President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk