

Worden candidate apologizes for outburst at election board hearing

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A candidate for Worden's village board of trustees is apologizing after storming out of a recent election board hearing.

Dennis Poehler, 70, of Worden, is running for village trustee and attended the Dec. 11 election board hearing that focused on several objections filed against candidates running in the April 1, 2025, consolidated election.

Although no objection was filed to his candidacy, he did express frustration about objections made against other candidates who failed to bind their petitions.

"I'm sorry I have to leave because I'm going to get kicked out in a minute," Poehler said in the Dec. 11 hearing. "This is about a paper clip. It's about a paper clip. That's all. You haven't even got to the meat of what these objections are about. I'm leaving. I'm leaving. This is not right. This is exactly why I'm leaving. This is exactly why I'm running. Because this is baloney. What's going on in here is baloney.

None of this is for Worden. This is all about yourselves. It's a big fight, and it's not needed."

Poehler then stormed out of the meeting.

On Dec. 13 he reached out to The Intelligencer to express an apology.

"I reached my breaking point, and I am very sorry for what I did," Poehler said.

He added that he is a first-time candidate and that he is running due to seeing some trustees getting more leeway than others when it comes to zoning.

The election board hearings continue at for 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at Worden Village Hall.

"I will not be present, not after what happened," Poehler said. "The outcome, I hope they get a resolve, I don't want to see anybody have criminal charges because of all of this but I also want to see what's right."