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Exhibit 'A',
Addendum 'A',
Village of Cambria
President

April 29, 2026

Village of Cambria

302 S Richart St.

Cambria, IL 62915

Dear Village Board President and Trustees,

Please consider this my Preliminary Statement for application of Municipal Office for the Village of Cambria, Illinois.

I attest that without question I have been a Resident of the Village of Cambria since December of 1986. I served over two decades as a Village Trustee, in many capacities. I was appointed by Mayor Bill Herron as the Water, Street and Sewer Commissioners. I was appointed by Mayor Steve Gottschalk as Fire Commissioner during his tenure. I resigned from the Village Board after being reelected due to hardships encountered after the Death of my spouse.

During my tenure as a Village Trustee I oversaw instrumentation and use of Motor Fuels Tax moneys to maintain and repair Village Roads and construction of the newer sidewalk so allow off street access for Safety Concerns for Village Residents, including residents with mobility issues.

I was responsible for oversight of the construction of our current water tower, and demolition of the old water tower.

I worked with The Greater Egypt Regional Planning Agency to obtain the original Park Improvement Grant, including the existing Americans With Disabilities Act compliant bathrooms adjacent to the Ballfield. The existing playground equipment, and basketball courts were purchased with that grant, as well as the relocation of the basketball court.

I donated my monthly salary as a Village Board Trustee to the Volunteer Fire Department or Police Department on alternating months. I anonymously donated over \$6,000.00 dollars to pay for a young man to attend the Police Academy and become a Cambria Police Officer. That young man more than fulfilled his obligation to the Village as promised, and now along with his spouse and child purchased a residence in Cambria. I am a quiet philanthropist. I help nursing students with tuition, I pay for

Veterinary care for community members that cannot afford it, but love their pets and need a hand to keep them healthy. I assist people in finding affordable housing, and pay for utility bills when people cannot afford them.

It is rather embarrassing to recount my gifts to this Community, I only included it to speak to the following points I feel this Community deserves:

- 1) Cambria deserves Village Officials who are willing to work and follow through on the decisions they make. You can't just make a motion to purchase items, hire or fire employees, investigate alleged bad conduct relying on gossip, hearsay, or innuendo, without being 100% truthful in the information you allege and circulate. It is incumbent upon the Trustee making the Motion to follow through and make certain what you proposed is actually carried out.
- 2) I believe a Village Trustee's primary job is to represent their constituents. Personal Agendas have no place in their service. Positive and constructive conversations should be the manner in which to conduct business. There is no place for arrogant and unhelpful comments- "Because I Can"is amazingly disrespectful to the Village you are elected to serve.
- 3) Village Residents deserve to know what the Village Board is doing. One aspect of this anger and confusion troubling the Village Residents is absolute lack of communication. Limiting speaking times at Board meetings is necessary to conduct business in a timely fashion. But no provision currently exists for Village Residents to speak to the Board in an open and free manner. And arbitrarily deciding that the Village Board will only meet once a month is ridiculous. Many members of this Community have business to conduct that is time sensitive. Promoting business owners and supporting their endeavors is paramount to generating revenue for the Community.


I could write pages of what should be done or not done. My personal belief is that you should not complain unless you are willing to be an agent for change for the better.

So, in conclusion, I offer the following solutions:

- Restoration of twice monthly Board Meetings to conduct business.
- Restoration of Commissionerships, so that it is clear which Trustee is responsible for what actions.
- Appointment of an Oversight Commissioner to insure business is followed through in a timely fashion.
- Most importantly a quarterly Town Hall meeting, where Cambria Community members can freely speak about their concerns, identify infrastructure problems, and ask publicly for help with utility concerns. I propose a venue where you can directly address a specific Board member and get honest answers. It should be clear which Board member is responsible for specific actions.
- Immediate steps to work with Williamson Emergency Management Agency to develop a Disaster Preparedness Plan. Recent weather events have proven we are extremely ill prepared for disaster. When I read social media posts asking if there is a warming center, where to go for severe storm shelter, and why the Village apparently cannot address derelict and broken sidewalks to insure safe, off the road travel for all, I realized there is a pressing need for health and safety plans.

Most importantly I promise to continue to be honest. I have never been investigated for criminal activity. I will actually do the foot work to insure Board decisions are carried out as quickly as possible. I have no agenda other than to promise this turmoil does not need to ever happen again. My platform is to conduct business with the Safety and Welfare of the Village Residents in mind. Somewhere along the way the Board has forgotten they work for us! I promise I want nothing personally, other than to help restore this Community to the level we once achieved in the past.

Thank you for your consideration. My contact information HAS ALWAYS BEEN AVAILABLE on my Facebook page. Including my phone number.

Respectfully Submitted,




Village of Cambria Illinois

In re: Application for Municipal Office

Candidate: [Candidate Full Legal Name] Christine Marie Dakin

Office Sought: [Title of Municipal Office] Village of Cambria, President

Election: [appointment to fill vacancy]

Jurisdiction: Village of Cambria, Williamson County, Illinois

Application for Municipal Office (Illinois)

Preliminary Statement

See Exhibit 'A' Affidavit A'

1. [Candidate Full Legal Name] Christine Marie Dakin ("Applicant") submits this Application for Municipal Office to the
2. This Application is intended to be completed, executed, and filed in compliance with applicable Illinois election laws and the eligibility requirements to hold office.

Applicant Information

1. Full Legal Name: Christine Marie Dakin

2. Residential Address: [Street Address], [City], Illinois [Zip Code]

202 East Mohan St
Cambria, IL 62915-0128
Williamson County Illinois USA

3. Mailing Address (if different): PO Box 128
Cambria, IL 62915-0128

4. Telephone: [Phone Number] (618) 713-2176

5. Email: sowersgrapes1@gmail.com

6. Voter Registration Status: [Registered/Not Registered/Unknown] in [Precinct/Ward], [Municipality], Illinois

Office Sought and Applicant Details

Villages of Cambria Board President

Statutory Compliance Statements

1. Applicant states that Applicant is a citizen of the United States and over the age of 21.
2. Applicant states that Applicant is a qualified elector residing within the political subdivision for which the office is sought, as required by Illinois law and the governing municipal code provisions applicable to the office including age and residency requirements.

Specifically: A person must have resided in the municipality for at least one year immediately preceding the election or appointment to be eligible for an elective municipal office, including the office of trustee on a village board. This requirement is subject to certain exceptions, such as for newly incorporated municipalities or individuals returning from active military service, where time spent outside the municipality during service is deemed as residency within the municipality. 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5.


3. Applicant states that Applicant is not disqualified from holding public office under applicable Illinois law.

Specifically: Applicant must not be in arrears of any taxes or debt owed to the municipality. Applicant also must not have been convicted of infamous crimes, bribery, perjury, or other felonies, unless their rights have been restored through a pardon or other legal means.


Verification

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois, I, Christine Marie Dakin, certify that the statements set forth in this Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: 4/30/2024

Signature: 
[Candidate Full Legal Name]

Application Information (For Clerk/Election Authority Use)

1. Date Received: [Date] 4/30/24
2. Time Received: [Time] 3:43 PM
3. Received By: [Name/Title] 
4. Filing Accepted: [Yes/No]
5. Notes/Deficiencies (if any): [Notes]

