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Hi McKownville neighbors:

I have received a number of emails and phone messages about the robotic phone call (robo-call) message that is reprinted at the end of this note.

First of all I do not know who is paying for the message--but since "new leadership" is being asked for in the message and the Nelligan-Fraterrigo-Golden group are not the incumbents it seems logical to assume that it is someone that is supporting one or more of those candidates--maybe the Republican party.

Secondly, the message is a LIE.

When Town Supervisor Ken Runion and Town Council members Paul Pastore and Patty Slavick and the other Town Board members discussed the letting of a contract for the study of the storm water problems in Guilderland Runion-Pastore-Slavick promised that after the contract report was received in the Fall the Town would find the money to get the storm water problems fixed. No one left that Town Board meeting thinking that the storm water problems were going to be fixed that evening--how silly.

Ken Runion is the first Town Supervisor in the 40 years I have lived here that has taken effective action to fix the storm water problems in Guilderland--an engineering study that is now underway to be followed by construction. Others could have taken action but no one did.

Thirdly, it would have been nice if those paying for the robo-calls would have identified themselves but since the message contains a lie it is not surprising that such identification was lacking.

Obviously this November's election means a lot to someone (who has the money to pay for robo-calls through out Guilderland?) and should mean a lot to you as well.

Effective action to fix the Guilderland storm water problems will not be along very soon again if we lose Ken Runion and his two Town Board supporters, Paul Pastore and Patty Slavick.

The robo-call message is reprinted below.

"Last month the Guilderland Town Board led us to believe that they had fixed the flooding issues impacting our town. Western Avenue is once again closed and underwater, and many basements are flooding. This is a problem that has existed for more than 30 years, and our town officials have no remedy. We have heard enough talk. Now it's time to take real action. This fall you can take matters into your own hands. Hold our government accountable. Vote for new leadership."