

## Village of Empire Deputy Clerk

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**Subject:** STREET LIGHT TURN OFF

Dear Empire Village Council:

Some time ago I contacted Consumers Energy Community Affairs director, Douglas DeYoung, regarding light trespass into my home from the street light in front of my house at 10146 Michigan Street. I was told that to have a street light turned off would require the Empire Village Council to put in a request to Consumers Energy and the turn off would be for a six-month trial period. At that time it seemed a complicated matter, so I did not follow through.

Most recently, my neighbor, Robert Grooters at 10164 Michigan Street, put in a request to Consumers to turn off that same light as its light invades his home as well. Mr. Grooters made several contacts with Consumers who indicated that the problem had been resolved, which it had not, but he eventually found out that every time Consumers came to address a so-called street light issue on Michigan Street they were visiting the street light at 10047 Michigan Street, not the light invading our two respective houses farther down the street.

Council member Maggie Bacon's street administrator report for the March 28 council meeting included an item about turning off two street lights in the village. Council member March Dye asked Ms. Bacon which two lights were to be turned off and was told one was on Michigan Street and one near Johnson Park. I presume the Michigan Street light is the one between Mr. Grooters' and my house.

I phoned the village office on Friday, April 7, and was told the turning off of the street lights was in progress but that it takes a long time because Consumers is slow to do this sort of work and, further, I was told that the village council needs to adopt a Resolution to turn off a street light. I would imagine that if a Resolution is required, then this should be an agenda item placed before the council for a vote, so the wheels to resolve our problem can be put into motion.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and really hope the village council can address what seems to me should be an easy fix.

Sincerely,

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