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General lack of trust exists in HSV

In our current environment, suspicion seems to be running rampant, and while efforts are being made to become more open and transparent, a general lack of trust still exists.

Villagers distrust election procedures

A current one centers around the upcoming vote count for the POA Board and is generally related to a fear that it won't be transparent. So, in the spirit of showing transparency and at the same time garnering some trust in those who continue to distrust, I recommend that at a minimum you ensure the following is done as part of this process:

Recommendations

- Provide a copy of the invoice reflecting how many ballots were printed simply providing a count that can be challenged will not be deemed as being transparent.
- 2. Provide a count of the ballots mailed to residents.
- Provide a count of the ballots mailed to non-residents. 3.
- Provide a count of the "replaced" ballots from the affidavit log. 4.
- 5. Have the remaining non-voted ballots counted as part of the counting day process.
- Provide this accounting immediately following and in conjunction with the election results along with a copy of the invoice for the printing.

7. Post-election and when available from the post office, update the accounting to include postage paid numbers provided by the Post Office. While this will by itself not prove anything, it does show another sign of transparency.

This should have been forseen

Without doing this process as a minimum, this entire voting process is, and will continue to be brought into question. Just because this is basically how it's always been done, won't be acceptable given our current trust issues, and keeping in mind that the environment has changed. I suggest this should have been foreseen and taken into account during the establishment of the voting committee.

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