

8/29/08

Pete,

Do you know where I might get a list of the 144 city of Lansing early retirees of 1992?

A few weeks ago, I got an unsigned letter from someone responding to my campaign literature. This guy (he sent a picture of himself on his boat) said he didn't like my ideas on taxing pensions and reducing the power of unions. He said he retired 16 years ago at age 46 and now has a net worth of over \$1 million, thanks to his "great union".

I wonder if he is one of the 144 City of Lansing employees who took the infamous 1992 early retirement offer. I sent a FOIA request to the City Attorney asking for information on all men who retired at age 46 in 1992 as part of the early retirement. They sent me 4 names, but I know that at least one man, Kenneth Stock, is missing from the list. I know that because he is on a list I have of the retirees whose pensions exceeded IRS limits. I've pointed this out to the City Attorney, but haven't received a response yet.

I would really like to have a list of all 144 early retirees of 1992. It seems like that ought to be readily available somewhere and shouldn't require a lot of research. The City Attorney is charging me \$43 for the 4 names they have provided so far. I would like name, address, job classification, department, years of service, age, salary (or "final average compensation"), and base pension amount. Do you have any ideas for how I could get this information?

Steve Harry

Former president, Concerned Citizens to Save Lansing

517-323-3897