

Something Stinks in West Milford: **For a breath of fresh air Vote Row**

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Something Stinks in West Milford and it's not just [raw sewage spilling into streets and waterways or rodent droppings in chemical tanks that feed a public water supply or even the severe disrepair at water and sewage plants.](#) It's the leadership of Political Boss Carmen Scangarello.

Acting as a puppet for disgraced former County Chairman and convicted felon Peter Murphy, ([Murphy, who leads GOP Strong, was convicted by Governor Chris Christie when he was US Attorney](#)) Scangarello has repeatedly caused primaries by running his candidates against those of the Official Republican line.

You may know the candidates running on the "Republicans for a Better Passaic County" line. You may even like them. But they are part of the problem. If you vote for them you are enabling Scangarello and Murphy and encouraging more of the same type of bad behavior that has been so prevalent during Scangarello's tenure as Councilman and now Municipal Leader. These same candidates voted to put Scangarello on the MUA and [then to keep him there](#). At Scangarello's direction, they deserted the Official Republican line for a line whose members, including Scangarello, have given hundreds of times more money to Democrats than Republicans. Unfortunately they can be counted on to do Scangarello's bidding, even when it is to the public or their own detriment.

This year Scangarello's candidates repeatedly said they were going to run on the Regular Republican line. This would have made all the sense in the world and would have avoided a primary. But then at the last minute, they allowed Scangarello to move them off the line when he, coincidentally, got another patronage job. Good for Carmen. Bad for the Republican Party and bad for the taxpayers. They didn't have the courage to stand up to Carmen and they won't have the courage to stand up for you.

Time and time again Scangarello has been featured in news stories that have brought the name and reputation of West Milford into disrepute, most recently when it was [revealed last week that Scangarello's Political Action Committee, Friends of West Milford \(FOWM\), has not filed any of the reports, as required by law, in over 18 months.](#) The treasurer of FOWM, after admitting that the ELEC filings had not been made, said 5 days ago that the ["documents have been completed, sent and I assumed received by Election Law Enforcement Commission."](#) However, 2 calls placed to the legal division of [ELEC on Friday, confirmed that none of the six overdue reports had been received.](#)

The week before [editorials in the Record and in the Herald News newspapers](#) chastised Scangarello for the conditions at the West Milford MUA and for giving excuses rather than pledging to do something about the problems. Referring to Scangarello and others, the editorial said that officials were "blaming everyone and everything else instead of admitting the problem is their own."

Less than a month ago the Passaic County Board of [Freeholders voted against approving Scangarello's appointment as a \\$58,000 "confidential assistant"](#) to the Murphy controlled County Clerk Kristin Corrado, even though she was able to appoint him over their objections. Corrado "acknowledged that Scangarello is a political ally and a friend" but failed to mention that Scangarello had given her a [\\$700.00 contribution](#) from his Friends of West Milford PAC just before they [illegally stopped reporting their activities](#). Republican Freeholder Ciambrone, who voted against the hiring said "I would hope she would be more responsible to the taxpayers" while Democrat Freeholder James said "if looks like sewerage and smells like sewerage, then ...".

[Scangarello's appointment with the County Clerk was arranged](#) shortly after he was fired from his apparently unneeded job as an \$86,000 Archivist in Governor Christie's cleanup of the [scandal and patronage riddled Passaic Valley Sewage Commission](#) (PVSC). One of the questions most frequently asked is "What is an Administrative Archivist and what in the world would they do at a Sewage Authority?" Nobody seems to know except Corrado, who said she "hired him (Scangarello) primarily because of his experience as an archivist."

And then there is the widely reported abuses at the PVSC, which included numerous stories about GOP Strong operatives doing political work on work time and [actually running a campaign in West Milford during working hours a year before Governor Christie cleaned house at the PVSC](#).

“Scangarello and another PVSC employee, Michael Mecca, the Clifton Republican leader, joined with Murphy to form GOP Strong... Much of the strategizing both before and after the June 2009 primary appears to have taken place at the PVSC treatment plant in Newark. E-mails generated by Mecca and Scangarello while on the job show the two men plotting strategy with Michael Ramaglia, a West Milford councilman and a member of GOP Strong.” Now you can send a message to Scangarello by voting against his candidates.

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VOTE “THE PASSAIC COUNTY REGULAR REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION” LINE

Larry Tosi for Surrogate

Robert Ceberio & Frank Fusco for Freeholder

Write-in Glenn Gross for Mayor

Joann Blom & Ada Erik for Council

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