



Jerry W. Goss  
Mayor

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**Over the past weekend, Brewer City Councilor Thomas Morelli posted derogatory and inflammatory comments on Facebook, some of a racial nature. Mr. Morelli claimed that an unknown person or persons had falsely made posts using his name. An investigation by the Brewer Police Department revealed that Morelli himself had made the posts and had provided untruthful information to police. Morelli was issued a summons by the Brewer Police Department for filing a False Public Report. Mr. Morelli has since submitted his resignation from the City Council. His resignation statement is attached.**

**As Mayor of the City of Brewer, I can state unequivocally that the actions of this individual are not a reflection on our community. They are not to be tolerated by anyone, particularly an elected official. On behalf of the Brewer City Council, I have accepted his resignation, effective immediately.**

**Jerry W. Goss, Mayor**  
**City of Brewer**

*To the City of Brewer, it's citizens, my fellow City Councilors and Brewer staff, I offer my deepest apologies and heartfelt remorse for any shame I brought upon all of you with my terrible comments of Facebook. It has never been in my character to discriminate, and I have always welcomed people of all creeds, colors, genders and races as friends and clients. I am ashamed of my comments and behavior. The public trust of a City Councilor is vital to the citizens, and I breached that with my participation in Facebook trolling. Therefore, I hereby tender my resignation from the Brewer City Council. What has occurred is not worthy of a public official. The high standards of the Brewer City Council and it's elected members cannot be compromised. I will ask for eventual forgiveness as I try in my private way to make amends. At no time were any of my comments a reflection on the City of Brewer, the City Council, or any Brewer staff, nor my family. I accept full responsibility for my severe failure in judgement. I resign with deepest regrets.- Thomas Morelli*