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Readers might be interested in a small matter that came and went at a recent county zoning meeting. It's unfortunate that one of the Marquette counties 3,000+ Seasonal Residents didn't apply for a permit before moving a small building and had to destroy it. So it goes; we all need to follow the rules. The bigger issue however was the vitriolic tone of Mr. Jerry Barth against ALL of the counties non-residents. Mr. Barth was the complaining "neighbor" --4 miles away from the property in question. He admitted to his personal "envy" the residence (twice) then moved to rail against all non-residents for infractions, which quite frankly would have been ignored, between real neighbors. Under the cloud of "...these folks" he admonishes Marquette County for not vigorously enforcing all their laws --ostensibly and particularly against the non-residents. Our research indicates that the average contribution of Seasonal Residents to Marquette County in taxes and discretionary spending is a shade over \$16 million dollars annually. Not bad for a group paying for schools they don't use, and municipal services they use less than 15% of the year --plus supporting local retail establishments. But while they think they are behaving like good part-time citizens, this Association questions if Mr. Barth's outburst against the entire group really represents the true attitude of Marquette citizens towards their non-resident neighbors (?). If so, we'd be happy to get the word out to all the non-residents and do something about pain they are imposing. If not, then someone should get the word out to Mr. Barth that it's former urban dwellers like he that should be ostracized, not our well-intentioned but sometimes misguided neighbors --be they permanent or non-permanent.

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