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**Tuesday, June 2, 2009**

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[Ad hominem](#) alert!

West Bend resident Kristina Smithers [recently filed an ethics complaint](#) against Alderman Terry Vrana over comments he made regarding the current library dispute. [Much like myself](#), she appears to take issue with some of [Vrana's comments](#) at recent council meetings. According to the media report:

Smithers alleges statements Vrana made during an April 21 Common Council meeting during debate over the reappointment of four Library Board members demonstrated unethical behavior because: He did not act in an independent, impartial manner; His "conduct did not reenforce the public's confidence in the integrity of the city government;" "(H)e used his aldermanic position to purport his personal philosophy not that of the city as a whole." Vrana had expressed an opinion that pornographic books were in the library's young adult section.

Whether you agree with Smithers or Vrana, her complaint seems to be based on a reasonable premise, and the Ethics Committee is determining if it merits further consideration. They might throw it out as frivolous, or they might investigate further. That's how the process works, and it is every citizen's right to raise what they feel are potential ethical concerns.

Ginny Maziarka has a different take on this. Ginny, of course, doesn't agree with Smithers. But instead of addressing the core issue in Smithers' complaint, [Maziarka argues](#) we "should be looking at the complainant."

In her [comments at Boots & Sabers](#), Ginny wonders aloud about Smithers: "Does she have a caretaker? And do they know she is loose?" And in [her own blog post](#) she accuses Smithers of being "maniacal" and links to [this music video](#) that [depicts mental illness in a very mocking and insensitive manner](#).

So, let's sum up: mere days after many members of the community [reached out to Ginny](#) with condolences about the loss of her grandson, Ginny [attacks](#) someone who disagrees with her by insinuating she is mentally ill.

*Remind me where in my Christian Bible it tells us this is ok?*

// While I wasn't able to convince Ginny on her blog that her ad hominem attacks against Kristina Smithers were out of line, a response by Kristina herself [here \(comment #24\)](#) seems to finally struck a chord with Ginny. She apologized in comment #25 (insulting me in the process), and deleted the offensive post.

Luckily, I've learned my lesson with [Ginny trying to cover her trails](#), and took a screenshot of her libelous rant:

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### West Bend woman runs rampant with maniacal claims - again

YaDda yaDda. See commentary at [Boots and Sabers](#), Not wasting my time on her here. Reminds me of a song from the early 1960s by [Napolean XIV](#)....

The [West Bend Ethics Committee](#) will decide if a complaint filed against city Alderman Terry Wana over comments he made about the city's library and the Library Board is serious enough to hold a hearing. City resident Kristika Smithers filed a complaint against Wana Friday afternoon.

Posted by West Bend Citizen Advocate at 7:48 AM 

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