

Councilman Jeremy VanErman Blocks Public Oversight Amid Alexandria Sewage Crisis

Anderson, Indiana Jul 15, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - “Councilman Jeremy VanErman Silenced the Public While Sewage Floods Alexandria Neighborhoods”

Elected Official Blocks IDEM from Responding to Residents Amid Confirmed E. Coli and Sewage Crisis

On July 7th, residents gathered at City Hall prepared to ask urgent questions about worsening water contamination, E. coli exposure, and reports of raw sewage leaking onto private property throughout Alexandria.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) confirmed it was present and prepared to respond publicly to those concerns.

But when the time came, **Councilman Jeremy VanErman** refused to allow any questions to be asked.

Public comment was technically allowed but **Jeremy VanErman prohibited residents from speaking about the one issue that brought them to the meeting:** the city’s ongoing water crisis.

“He didn’t just block questions,” said local, who addressed the council.

“Councilman Jeremy VanErman blocked the only people willing to give answers.”

What the City and Jeremy VanErman Are Trying to Hide:

- IDEM confirmed it was ready to answer public water safety questions — **Jeremy VanErman said no.**
- Multiple residents report raw sewage actively dumping on private property since **April.**
- At least one child has been hospitalized with **E. coli poisoning** potentially linked to local water.
- The city has **refused to test beyond state minimums**, citing limitations that have not been explained.
- **Councilman Jeremy VanErman’s decision to suppress public questions** comes amid rising complaints and public health concerns.

Local Resident continued:

“There are multiple locations with raw sewage. One family’s little girl was hospitalized with E. coli. And **Councilman Jeremy VanErman didn’t want anyone to ask about it.**”

“We’re not pointing fingers but there’s a serious problem.
If city leaders won’t act now, someone could end up dead.”

The People of Alexandria Are Demanding:

- A full public explanation from **Councilman Jeremy VanErman** for silencing IDEM.
- Third-party water testing and documentation of sewage damage at all reported sites.
- An immediate investigation into public infrastructure failure and environmental neglect.

- State and federal intervention if **VanErman** and other city officials continue to obstruct the truth.

“This is not politics. This is not a rumor.

This is **raw sewage in Alexandria backyards**, and **children in hospitals** — while the officials we elected, like **Jeremy VanErman**, sit in silence.”

“**Councilman Jeremy VanErman shut down the only path to answers**. We will not forget that. And we will not stop.”

All claims are based on public city meeting held on July 7th 2025.

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