

# Elected official faces calls for resignation

## Growing concern over absenteeism

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**TOWN OF WATERFORD** — Racine County Board leaders are attempting a balancing act with a board member who cites illness as his reason for not attending a meeting in person for nearly a year.

Supervisor Tom Hincz of the Town of Waterford has failed to appear at board meetings 75% of the time during the past two years — missing 26 out of 33 meetings.

In recent months, Hincz has telephoned into board meetings from his home, attempting to participate remotely. While

he has exceeded the maximum number of times that county rules allow elected representatives to record their attendance that way, county rules also allow for exceptions, which Hincz has obtained.

Some constituents in Hincz's district say his poor attendance record has left them feeling unrepresented in county government and that Hincz should either step down or be removed.

County Board leaders are balancing concern about Hincz's absenteeism with sympathy for his reported health problems. They say there are no plans to seek his resignation or to remove him from office.

Board Chairman Tom

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Racine County Board member Tom Hincz's desk is empty May 9 as Hincz fails to appear in person for his 22nd board meeting in a row, this time missing County Executive Jonathan Delagrave's annual "State of the County" address.