

Charges Dropped

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The best part of the story — not counting Shannon Joy's pluck and defiance — is how promptly the prosecutor dropped the bogus charges of "criminal trespass" against her.

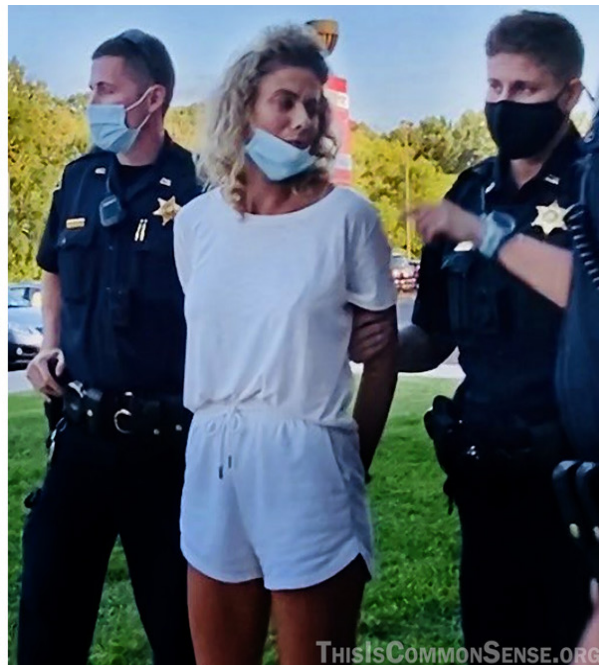
The Rochester mom and radio talk show host had been handcuffed while attending a Fairport school board meeting this August. Her dastardly deed consisted of wearing a mask wrong.

Joy figures that board members were sick and tired of her vocal criticism of their policies — she has a platform outside of board meetings — so, in

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The county's policies about masks are less than uniform. PJMedia's Megan Fox points out that in Monroe County and other nearby counties, people are not required to wear a mask "except in public schools, government buildings, and some doctors' offices."

Irony and hypocrisy were not eschewed by arresting officers. One cop teaming up to handcuff Shannon Joy was not wearing a mask. Another wore her own mask in the same under-the-chin fashion for which Joy was being hauled away. These officers did not, however, arrest themselves.

"How is this America?" Joy tweets above an arresting image of the arrest.

Well, it's not the Mayberry America. It's not the best America. But at least there was a refreshing return to common sense in her courtroom victory.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.