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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

2015AP1006

Warren Slocum v. Star Prairie Township, Board and Board of
Review (L. C. No. 2014CV240)

Before Stark, P.J., Hruz and Seidl, JJ.

Warren Slocum has again appealed the same underlying case. Based upon our review of the briefs and record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2015-16).¹ We previously admonished Slocum that further frivolous filings or rules violations could result in sanctions, including dismissal of the appeal, summary reversal, striking of a paper, imposition of a penalty or costs, or other actions as this court deemed appropriate. Slocum's perpetuation of his egregious and flagrant abuse of process compels dismissal of the present appeal. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.83(2). We also bar

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2015-16 version unless otherwise noted.

Slocum from future Wisconsin Court of Appeals filings unless and until all sanctions imposed against Slocum by the Court of Appeals awarding costs, fees and reasonable attorney fees have been paid in full.

St. Croix County Circuit Court case No. 2014CV240 was the subject of our decision in *Slocum v. Star Prairie Township*, No. 2015AP1287, unpublished slip op. (WI App Mar. 8, 2016). We affirmed the dismissal of Slocum's lawsuit against Star Prairie Township, the Board and the Board of Review. We also affirmed sanctions for frivolous filings. We specifically upheld the circuit court's finding that Slocum engaged in the improper use of civil process to harass the Town of Star Prairie. We emphasized our concern over the vast amount of public resources expended on Slocum's matters that have occupied the court system and placed unwarranted burdens on judges and staff to the detriment of other litigants having meritorious and deserving claims. *Id.*, slip op., ¶¶12-13. We admonished Slocum that although we showed great patience in the face of Slocum's barrage of filings, a court faced with a litigant who brings frivolous claims has the authority to limit that litigant's access to the courts. *Id.*, slip op., ¶¶13-14.

Slocum has again appealed St. Croix case No. 2014CV240. We will not revisit any of the issues relating to that proceeding, as our prior opinion in case No. 2015AP1287 is the law of the case that must be followed in all subsequent proceedings in the circuit court or on appeal. *See Univest Corp. v. General Split Corp.*, 148 Wis. 2d 29, 38, 435 N.W.2d 234 (1989). Moreover, Slocum has forfeited any new issues that were not asserted the first time regarding those proceedings. *See State v. Huebner*, 2000 WI 59, ¶10, 235 Wis. 2d 486, 611 N.W.2d 727. Slocum fails to raise any issue regarding the circuit court's finding of frivolousness and any challenge to that finding is therefore deemed abandoned. *See Reiman Assocs., Inc. v. R/A*

Advert., Inc., 102 Wis. 2d 305, 306 n.1, 306 N.W.2d 292 (Ct. App. 1981). Slocum also makes unwarranted and ad hominem attacks on the circuit court that are not only disrespectful but contemptuous, lacking any connection to reason or legitimate facts of record. Slocum's repeated egregious conduct and bad faith warrant dismissal of the present appeal. See WIS. STAT. RULE 809.83(2).

We conclude further sanctions are also warranted, as repeated cautions and admonitions have proven ineffective to cease Slocum's vexatious and abusive conduct. See *Minniecheske v. Griesbach*, 161 Wis. 2d 743, 748, 468 N.W.2d 760 (Ct. App. 1991). Accordingly, the clerk of this court is instructed to return unfiled any document Slocum submits relating to any matter arising from, relating to, or involving Star Prairie Township's property tax assessments of Slocum's real property, until such time as Slocum provides the clerk of this court proof that all sanctions issued by this court against Slocum awarding costs, fees, and reasonable attorney fees have been paid in full.² Costs in the present case are awarded on appeal to Respondents.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the appeal is summarily dismissed. WIS. STAT. RULE 809.83(2).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk of this court shall return unfiled any document Slocum submits relating to any matter arising from, relating to, or involving Star

² In recognition that a filing restriction must be narrowly tailored to the type of abuse, Slocum is not barred from filing documents in this court responding to any action commenced by Star Prairie Township, or any criminal proceeding commenced against him, or seeking habeas corpus relief for himself, or challenging incarceration, or petitioning the Wisconsin Supreme Court for review of this opinion.

Prairie Township's property tax assessments of Slocum's real property, until such time as Slocum provides the clerk of this court with proof that all sanctions issued by this court against Slocum awarding costs, fees and reasonable attorney fees have been paid in full.

Diane M. Fremgen
Clerk of Court of Appeals