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March 18, 2025

Via electronic mail
Ms. Janell Taraszka
Email: [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Received March 11, 2025


Dear Ms. Taraszka:

I am pleased to help you with your March 11, 2025, request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* Your FOIA request was received by the Village of Bensenville on March 11, 2025. You requested copies of the items indicated below:

1. *Records relating to the termination of Evan Summers, including any communications, memos, or reports that explain the reasons for the firing.*
2. *Any records of legal action or cases (such as lawsuits or claims) involving Evan Summers and the Village of Bensenville, including case numbers, documents related to settlements, or any correspondence related to the case.*
3. *Minutes or documentation from meetings where the termination or legal matter concerning Evan Summers was discussed and voted on.*
4. *Any related documents or communications between the Village and legal representatives, including attorneys or external legal entities, regarding this matter.*

As an initial matter, the Village has no existing records responsive to Parts 2 and 4 of your FOIA request. With respect to Parts 1 and 3, your FOIA request is hereby granted. The attached records are being provided to you at no charge.

Very truly yours,


Corey Williamsen
Freedom of Information Officer
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To: Village Manager Evan Summers

From: Village President Frank DeSimone

cc: Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville
Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Marisol Leyva

Date: November 20, 2024

Re: Notice of Paid Administrative Leave and Potential Future Termination as Village Manager of the Village of Bensenville (the "Village")

Pursuant to Section 1-7-3 of the Bensenville Village Code, 65 ILCS 5/5-3-7, and the Employment Agreement by and between the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois and Evan K. Summers, as Village Manager, dated June 16, 2021 (the "Agreement"), you are hereby placed on paid administrative leave until such time as the Village Board meets to determine if you will be terminated as Village Manager or return from paid administrative leave to resume your duties.

In accordance with Section 11B of the Agreement, the Village Board of the Village has the right *"to terminate the services of the Manager at any time without hearing, with or without cause, and with notice, subject to the provisions set forth in this Agreement."* Your possible termination as Village Manager will be considered at a special meeting of the Village Board to be called on November 26, 2024. If a majority of the Village Board vote to terminate your services as Village Manager, you will be informed of your official separation from the Village and paid in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

As you are now on paid administrative leave with the Village, please promptly return all Village records and property in your possession, including your Village issued cellular telephone, computer, keys and identification badge, and any other Village property to the Director of Human Resources & Risk Management. You also need to turn over all usernames, passwords, and personal identification codes for all electronic devices to the Director. Your attention to these matters is appreciated.

Village of Bensenville
Board Room
12 South Center Street
Bensenville, Illinois 60106
Counties of DuPage and Cook

MINUTES OF THE SPEICAL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 1. President DeSimone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 2. Upon roll call by Village Clerk, Nancy Quinn, the following Board Members were present:

President DeSimone, Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: M. Ribando, C. Williamsen

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Christopher McCullough – 829 Brentwood Dr., Bensenville, IL 60106.**

Mr. McCullough addressed the Village Board regarding the termination of the Village Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. There were no minutes for approval.

WARRANT NO. 24/18:

5. There was no warrant for approval.

Motion:

6. Trustee Lomax made a Motion to Terminate the Employment Agreement by and Between the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois and Evan K. Summers as Village Manager. Trustee Panicola seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance No.

 :

7. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. _____** entitled an **Ordinance of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois Approving an Employment Separation and General Release Agreement with Evan K. Summers.**

No action was taken on the proposed ordinance.

Motion:

Trustee Panicola made a motion to strike the ordinance from the agenda. Trustee Carmona seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion:

8. Trustee Panicola made a Motion to Appoint Police Chief Dan Schulze to Serve as Interim Village Manager of the Village of Bensenville. Trustee Franz seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance No.
65-2024:

9. President DeSimone gave the summarization of the action contemplated in **Ordinance No. 65-2024** entitled an **Ordinance of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois Approving a Second Amendment to the Police Chief Employment Agreement.**

Motion:

Trustee Perez made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Trustee Carmona seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS:**

President DeSimone announced the Village Board has decided to part way with Village Manager, Evan Summers. President Desimone announced we are grateful for his services to the Village and its Residents and wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavor. President DeSimone announced Daniel Schulze, current acting as the Police Chief will assume the roll of Interim Village Manager for the next several months. President DeSimone announced Mr. Schulze brings extensive experience in municipal operations and community engagement and the village is confident in his ability to lead in this transitional period.

**INTERIM
MANAGERS
REPORT:**

There was no Interim Managers Report.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY
REPORT:**

Village Attorney, P. Joseph Montana, stated he had no Village Attorney Report.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

Village Attorney, P. Joseph Montana, stated there was not a need for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Carmona seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carmona, Franz, Frey, Lomax, Panicola, Perez

NAYS: None

All were in favor. Motion carried.

President DeSimone adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Nancy Quinn
Village Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville this 17th day, December 2024