
From: John Kraft [mailto:john@heirloomvideography.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 9:38 AM
To: 'Alex Leal'
Cc: 'arcolats@arcola-il.com'
Subject: RE: Arcola Township

Alex Heal - Please forward this to Mr. Petty:

Mr. Petty,

I am not humored by Arcola Township and your office continuing to try and blur the lines between what is and what is not a public record.

I will attach the original request below, and it shows that I did not ask a question, I asked for the dates that township employees (and their names) went on vacation during a one month time-frame. I also asked for receipts for particular purchases from a township credit card.

I am not required to know the name of the exact documents that I request, and it is clear that the township employees with these records can determine what I am asking for. I asked for the vacation days, whether they are on time-cards, pay sheets, pay vouchers, or however they are kept, I am sure the employees know what document(s) has the information. That is what they should provide.

I can only assume the individual that sent this to you is concerned that we will get the receipts for the credit card purchases, synchronize it with the vacations days, and then publish the fact (if it turns out so) that he or she took a motorcycle trip through 3 or 4 states using the township credit card to purchase his or her fuel.

We will get to the bottom of it and get the information requested. The only question is how much taxpayer money the township is willing to expend in their effort to hide this information from the public – just to end up giving me the documents in the end.

I urge you to advise the township that they must provide public records when requested, and in a timely manner.

Please advise on the course of action the township wishes to take so that I may take the appropriate steps to obtain the public records I requested.

Thanks,
John Kraft
217-808-2527

The original request:

In accordance with the Illinois Freedom Of Information Act, I request the following:

1. Names and Dates of all Arcola Township Employees that took any vacation days between May 28, 2011 thru June 28, 2011.
2. Receipts for the following credit card purchases on (Marathon) account number: 1006268518:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Doc#</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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6-10-2011	5316076	1110 S. Jefferson, Cookeville, IN	\$9.70
6-13-2011	5337067	390 Violet Road, Crittenden, KY	\$12.06
6-14-2011	5364052	3511 S. Post Rd., Indianapolis, IN	\$12.32
6-17-2011	5377001	630 N. Springfield, Arcola, IL	\$46.00
6-18-2011	5324031	2600 Lafayette Rd., Crawfordsville, IN	\$50.51
6-20-2011	5358089	720 W. Lincoln, Charleston, IL	\$50.00

This is not a commercial request.

Electronic copies preferred.

Thanks,
John Kraft
7060 Illinois Highway 1
Paris, Illinois 61944

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From: Alex Leal [mailto:Alex@pettylawoffice.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 9:07 AM
To: john@heirloomvideography.net
Subject: Arcola Township

Dear Mr. Kraft:

Please find attached a letter from Mark T. Petty.

Thank you,
Alexandra Leal
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Box 128
Arcola, IL 61910
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MARK T. PETTY

ANDREW L. PETTY

July 29, 2013

Mr. John Kraft
7060 Illinois Highway 1
Paris, IL 61944
and via email: john@heirloomvideography.net

Re: Arcola Township

Dear Mr. Kraft:

My client has forwarded to me your recent request of Freedom of Information Act. The Freedom of Information Act does not require the Township to answer questions. They can produce public documents that are defined in the Act, but to actually answer a question about who was on vacation and when is not an appropriate request. If you want some documents that you think would give you this information just let us know what they are.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mark T. Petty

MTP/al

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P.S.: A check for the amount I owe for the two FOIA requests in April should arrive in the mail to you by Tuesday, July 23, 2013.