

November 13, 2020

Via Electronic Mail

John Kraft
Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc.

Dear Mr. Kraft:

DuPage Township is in receipt of your November 11, 2020 request pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (the "FOIA") wherein you requested: "Copy of the Cease and Desist letter the Township Attorney sent to Bonnie Kurowski, presumably to her work email address. This would have been in Oct or Nov 2020."

Please see attached responsive document which has been redacted pursuant to the following exemptions:

5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b): Ms. Kurowski's mailing address have been redacted as personal information. Ms. Kurowski has specifically objected to the release of her work email address as personal. Mr. Secler's signature has also been redacted.

You have a right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of a denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this determination. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this determination letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Very Truly Yours,

FOIA Officer



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October 27, 2020

VIA EMAIL: [REDACTED]

Bonnie Kurowski
[REDACTED]
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**RE: CEASE & DESIST
DuPage Township – Illegal Publication of Confidential Materials**

Dear Ms. Kurwoski:

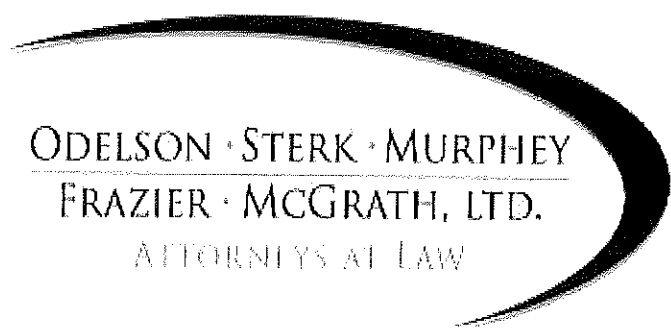
Please be advised that the undersigned serves as Township Attorney for DuPage Township (the “Township”) and is writing to you on its behalf.

The Township has recently learned that you have obtained and have publicly posted pictures and/or copies of a confidential investigation report (the “Report”) and/or summary concerning an internal employee matter and investigation at the Township. The Report and any summary are strictly confidential and deal with extremely sensitive matters affecting the Township and individual employees. No portion of the Report or summary have been approved for any sort of public release and the reckless dissemination of these confidential matters puts the Township and its employees at risk. That will not be tolerated.

Therefore, you are hereby directed to **cease and desist** your publication of illegally obtained, confidential and privileged materials concerning DuPage Township and to immediately remove same from any website, social media page, publication, or other medium. Failure to respond to this correspondence and confirm the removal of all confidential materials by **Noon on October 28, 2020** shall force the Township to pursue any and all legal actions to protect its interests and employees.

Furthermore, please advise as to how these materials were obtained. Failure to provide an adequate response will leave the Township with no choice but to assume that the materials were obtained by an illegal breach and/or hack and the Township will be forced to refer this matter to law enforcement for additional assistance.

Please advise and govern yourself accordingly.



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Yours very truly,
**ODELSON, STERK, MURPHEY,
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CC: Township Supervisor (via Email)
Township Ethics Officer (via Email)