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To: [Keith Freeman](#); kfreeman@thorntontwp.com; ndil@geracilaw.com
Cc: [Kirk Allen](#)
Subject: Bankruptcy Request For Comment
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 2:01:00 PM

Mr. Keith Freeman and Attorney Schindler,

Please advise if the information found in the below DRAFT excerpts of an article I intend to publish is incorrect or if I missed something – the only employment found in this petition is for Thornton Township, but you (Freeman) are also employed by the Village of Dolton.

By my calculations, your estimated monthly income exceeds \$15,000.00, but you claimed much less in the petition. Please advise if this is incorrect also.

Do you plan on amending the Petition?

Thanks in advance,
John Kraft
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Dolton, Ill. ([ECWd](#)) -

According to recent bankruptcy filings of Keith Freeman, the Village Manager of Dolton, Illinois, and employee of Thornton Township, Freeman's only employ is Thornton Township.

We [emailed Freeman](#) at both his township and village email addresses seeking clarification of his filing, and asking if it was a mistake - he has not responded.

*According to the January 29, 2024, 2-week village payroll, Freeman's payroll for this pay period was \$3,846.15 with no Social Security or Medicare taken out of his check. The monthly income would be around \$7,692.30. *This data came from a whistleblower, and we are unable to verify it at this time since the village refuses to provide these records to us under the Freedom of Information Act. We do believe it to be accurate.*

*Freeman's per-pay-period income from Thornton Township is \$2,692.32 according to the township's December 2023, payroll. Monthly would be around \$5,384.64. *This data came from a whistleblower, and we are unable to verify it at this time since we have not received this data under the Freedom of Information Act, and public release of it by the township is basically nonexistent. We do believe it to be accurate.*

However, according to "Schedule I: Your Income" on his Petition for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy filed on January 3, 2024, his [sole employment is Thornton Township](#) as Municipality Manager. His "[estimated monthly income](#)" from that one and only job is listed as \$5,833.36. He did list "Other Monthly Income" as reimbursements in the amount of \$2,345.00, with a

total monthly income (take home) listed as \$7,167.67. Freeman was required to file an additional sheet for any additional jobs held, but none were filed.

Under [another schedule](#) for his Chapter 7 filing, Freeman listed his total monthly income as \$8,283.36.

This bankruptcy filing could become problematic, and we urge Mr. Freeman to amend it to reflect his actual income from all sources.

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From: John Kraft

Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:16 AM

To: Keith Freeman <KFREEMAN@VODOLTON.ORG>; kfreeman@thorntontwp.com

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Subject: Bankruptcy

Mr. Freeman,

I reviewed your bankruptcy filing and noticed you listed Thornton Township as an employer but did not list the Village of Dolton.

I have copies of the payroll for both Thornton Township and the Village of Dolton, and it appears you are still employed by the village and getting paid – albeit without taxes being taken out of your check.

Is there any legitimate reason you did not disclose your income from Dolton on your Bankruptcy Petition?

Thanks,

John Kraft