



September 15, 2022

VIA EMAIL (sshields@roundlakeil.gov)

Mr. Steven J. Shields
Village Administrator
Village of Round Lake
442 North Cedar Lake Road
Round Lake, Illinois 60073

Re: Violation of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.

Dear Mr. Shields:

Thank you for your letter, dated today, and sent via email at 5:02 p.m.

In it, you ask that my clients agree in writing for an extension of time for the Village of Round Lake to respond to the FOIA request of August 24, 2022. The letter acknowledges that the “Village recognizes you have requested the documents in anticipation for the September 19, 2022 meeting.” Yet, in requesting that my clients accede to an extension, the Village has not offered to postpone the September 19 meeting. Had it done so, my clients would readily agree to an extension. Absent that, however, my clients’ rights would be prejudiced by the voluntary extension the Village seeks, and, therefore, they must decline the invitation. I note also that this request came at the end of the day today, not yesterday, when I sent the follow-up letter, or even this morning, which raises questions about the timing. Nonetheless, I will advise my clients to withhold filing suit if the full production of documents occurs by 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

The letter seems to indicate that the Property (as previously defined) is not and never was Village-owned, despite the fact that it was listed as such on the Village’s website. Is this the Village’s position? Also, of the seven properties listed that you identified as not being Village-owned, but still identified on the Village’s website, please advise whether any are properties owned and/or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any Village official or employee or by Daniel Powell or any entity with which he is affiliated.

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Finally, the FOIA requests are not vague. Indeed, they are quiet clear and precise. They stand as written.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KJ Ashman', written in a cursive style.

Kenneth J. Ashman