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Laura Rabattini <lrabattini@villageofislandlake.com>,
Pam Miller <pmiller@villageofislandlake.com>
date Fri, May 7, 2010 at 7:25 PM
subject Fwd: FOIA request Letter to the Mayor regarding additional training for new Police Chief

To All,

It has come to my attention that Chief McCorkle will be leaving town this weekend to attend an 80 hour training course through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. The FOIA documents I received shows that Chief McCorkle is required to complete this training as his current training does not allow him to serve in a full time capacity as a police officer in the State of Illinois. The training will give Chief McCorkle A WAIVER to serve as a full time officer. This was also confirmed by Jan Allen from the ILETSB. As you may recall at a past board meeting Chief McCorkle stated that he was considered a certified police officer in the State of Illinois base upon a certificate that the chief read at the meeting. He also said that he does not have a waiver. His statement was untrue, or at least misleading, as his waiver/certificate only provided him with a part time status with the Village of Island Lake. This was confirmed by Jan Allen from the ILETSB. Mayor Herrmann also stated that McCorkle does not have a waiver. The Chief currently serves at the Village of Island Lake with the same type of waiver as Officer Manetti had with the Village of Island Lake. Chief McCorkle's statement is further verified as untrue by his leaving town to attend this 80 hour training course which starts on May 10, 2010. It is my opinion that the Chief has not been upfront with the Board or the public about this issue.

There is a cost for the training in the amount of \$1,095.00. Some of this is reimbursable. Is the Board required to vote on this expenditure?

Why wasn't the Board informed about this lack of training and the requirement to receive it to be considered a full time officer prior to Officer McCorkle being presented as Chief? Why was it kept a secret that the Chief was leaving town for two weeks? Isn't the Board part of the governing body of the village? Who is in charge for the next two weeks while the Chief is out of Town?

Mayor Herrmann you waited until Officer Manetti was over on hours and you pounced on him and had him removed from his position. Now you take someone in the same position and elevate him to Chief. Why the double standard? Mayor Herrmann you said it was determined that Officer Manetti is ineligible to be a police officer in the village due to going over hours. Where is it stated that Officer Manetti is ineligible to be a police officer in the Village of Island Lake for exceeding the allowable hours for a part time police officer? Please provide the statute or

ordinance that backs up your claim.

Why did the auxiliary police at the Naval Base lose their powers of arrest? Were any actions taken by Mr. McCorkle in his position as Lieutenant part of the reason for the North Chicago Police Department not signing the agreement to allow the Naval Base Auxiliary Police to continue under the agreement to give them arrest powers? Just a question as the timing of this is concurrent with the change of positions.

Listen to the April 22, 2010 Board meeting recording. At 20:18 through 22:24 and 33:45 through 35:40. And then ask yourself why is Chief McCorkle leaving town for two weeks to receive training. Mayor Herrmann has a letter, dated April 21, 2010 from Kevin McClain, the Executive Director of the ILETSB, stating the reason. There were two training sessions available this calendar year. This one on May 10 and one in September. If Chief McCorkle would have missed attending one of these two opportunities he would have been denied a waiver to be a full time police officer. Yes it is called a waiver. This would be a final decision and Mr. McCorkle would never again be eligible to be a full time police officer in the State of Illinois according to Jan Allen.

This issue causes me concern and raise serious doubt as to the truth behind other incidents that have been going on in the village. These will be made public after a discussion in the next couple of weeks in an Executive Session. Chief McCorkle has repeatedly blown me off regarding meeting with him about a particular issue and has told the people involved that he is pissed off that I was told about the situation. Yes people are becoming afraid of their own Village Officials and Police Department.

Where is the current background check for Chief McCorkle? This should be a standard policy for our village when hiring or advancing any employee of the village.

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John W. Ponio
Trustee / Chairman Economic Development
Village of Island Lake
3720 Greenleaf Ave.
Island Lake, IL. 60042

Reply from the Mayor

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Pam Miller <pmiller@villageofislandlake.com>
date Sat, May 8, 2010 at 6:43 AM
subject RE: FOIA request Letter to the Mayor regarding additional training for new Police Chief

Trustee Ponio,

Your interpretation and opinion of the facts regarding Chief McCorkle's hiring and training have been twisted with your confusion of what really occurred with the village employing Fred Manetti as a law enforcement officer when in all actuality he was not. You can reference Fred Manetti in any way you want but it will not change the fact that he is not a police officer and is no longer employed in the village.

That being said, proper procedure has been followed in hiring the Chief as well as scheduling his training. Just because you didn't know about it does not mean it was being kept a secret. It has been an open topic of discussion throughout the village for weeks.

I will not speak on behalf of the Chief's in regard to his reasons for not meeting with you on a particular issue. However, you seem to have that problem with several of the Department Heads in the Village, don't you?

Mayor Herrmann

Here is another discussion about this issue between Trustee Saville and Mayor Herrmann

REPLY

From: Debbie Herrmann
Sent: Sat 5/8/2010 12:07 PM
To: Don Saville

Subject: RE: FOIA request Letter to the Mayor regarding additional training for new Police Chief

Trustee Saville,

Nothing is going to bite me in the ass. Training goes on within the Police Department as well as other Village Departments all the time. Training is a budgeted item and is not brought to committee or the board for approval at any level. Sgt. Green is in charge of training in the PD and he has had many conversations with Jan Allen regarding this issue. The comparison Trustee Ponio continues to make regarding the Chief and Fred Manetti is like apples and oranges. There is no comparison!

Check Sgt. Green's comments on 5/13 mtg.

So who knew? The ENTIRE Police Department, the majority of the Admin. Office, John Little, Jen Gomez, Connie Mascillino, myself and any other employees that were around when it was being discussed. As I have often said, I keep no secrets and make no deals! I follow procedure as it is written when it comes to the decisions I make on behalf of the village. If you have a question regarding something I have the authority to answer, I will give you an answer.

I hold the Title of Mayor in the Village of Island Lake. I make decisions on a daily basis regarding operational and personnel issues within the village. I am doing the job I was elected to do! Frankly, nothing I do or say is viewed as positive by a portion of this board. I have accepted that fact - but understand I have a village to run! Therefore, I will continue to make the daily decisions as Mayor that are within my right to make. Forgive me if I do not throw myself to the wolves if it isn't necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Herrmann

COMMENT

From: Don Saville
Sent: Sat 5/8/2010 7:38 AM
To: Debbie Herrmann

Subject: RE: FOIA request Letter to the Mayor regarding additional training for new Police Chief

You and I spoke in the parking lot and I brought up at Thursdays meeting that you do not give all the information to allow ALL trustees to make a legitimate decision and to have knowledge of the facts. This is a perfect example. Something like this always comes back and bites you in the ass.

I didn't know either and supposedly I am on the police committee - so who did know. You and your crew only - you and Puma. Who knew?

Saville



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April 21, 2010

Mayor Debbie Herrmann
95 Island Lakes Police Department
3720 Greenleaf Avenue
Island Lakes, Illinois 60042

Re: William F. McCorkle
[REDACTED]

Dear Mayor Herrmann:

Your request for a full-time waiver of recruit basic training for the above-named officer has been received and reviewed. That request indicated his status had been changed from part-time to full-time employment as of March 18, 2010.

The review found that this officer has successfully completed the 400-hour Part-time Training program training requirement, and passed the Comprehensive Examination. Based on that information a conditional waiver to allow full-time employment will be granted, upon successful completion of the 80-Hour Transition Course. This course will be offered at the Police Training Institute. Tuition has been established at \$1095.00 and will be partially reimbursed at the percentage set by the Board.

The registrar from the Police Training Institute will send you a registration packet prior to the course offering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin T. McClain".

Kevin T. McClain
Executive Director

KIM RYAN
cc: Police Training Institute

1. Type of Notice: Appointment
 Separation
 Status Change (Do not use to change an officer from full-time to part-time or vice versa - this requires an appointment)

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT/SEPARATION
PLEASE TYPE ONLY**

Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board
4500 South 6th St Road, Rm 173
Springfield, IL 62703-6177
217-782-4540

NOTICE: The Board is requesting specific information that is necessary to accomplish the statutory requirements as outlined in Public Act 79-652 and Public Act 79-720. Disclosure of this information is **MANDATORY**. The Board could seek legal action against those agencies failing to disclose the required information.

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| 2. Name - Last McCorkle | First William | Middle F | 3. Social Security Number [REDACTED] | 4. Date of Birth [REDACTED] |
| 5. List all prior names used | | 6. Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F | 7. Race AA AS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA HI NA | 8. Highest Educ. Level Achieved HS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC A B M PhD |
| 9. Agency Name, Address and Phone Number (Must be completed in full) Island Lake Police Department 3720 Greenleaf Ave Island Lake, IL 60042 847-526-2100 | | | 10. Rank/Classification Patrol Officer | |
| | | | 11. Date of Appointment/Status Change (mm/dd/yy) 03/18/10 | |
| 12. The above named person's previous service as a peace/correctional officer was with | | | | |
| Island Lake Police Department | | 6/10/06 | | 03/18/10 |
| Name of Agency | | from (mm/dd/yy) | | to (mm/dd/yy) |

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

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SEPARATION INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO CURRENT AGENCY

15. Reason for Separation: Resigned Retired Terminated for Cause Deceased Convicted Other (Explain)

Last date of employment with agency (mm/dd/yy): _____

16. Switching from part-time to full-time status

ATTESTATION OF REPORTING OFFICIAL

17. I attest that the information provided on this form is true and correct, and is based on my personal knowledge or inquiry. The personnel records of this agency substantiate this information.

Signature of Chief Agency Administrator: [Signature] Mayor Debbie Herrmann
Print Chief Agency Administrator's Name and Title
Date: 04/08/10

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