

From: 'Susan Owens' via Clerk clerk@dgtownship.com  
Subject: FOIA request  
Date: December 5, 2017 at 11:54 AM  
To: clerk@dgtownship.com  
Cc: jowens3285@aol.com

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To Downers Grove Township Freedom of Information Officer:

This email serves as a Freedom of Information Act Request. My name is Susan Owens and my address is 827 South Lincoln St., Hinsdale, IL 60521 and my day time phone is 630-230-0086. Today's date is 12/5/2017.

I am requesting production of the following responsive documents in PDF electronic form.

Please produce the following documents:

1. Any and all correspondence (including emails) dated on or after June 1, 2017 through today's date BETWEEN Mark Thoman, Township Supervisor and Karen Kobialka that relates to the Peer Jury program.
2. Any and all correspondence (including emails) dated on or after June 1, 2017 through today's date BETWEEN any of the Downers Grove Township Trustees (past or current) and any person, including any Downers Grove Employee, that relates to the Peer Jury program.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Owens

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From: **Yvonne Mayer** ymayer@msn.com   
Subject: Re: 10/2/17 Freedom of Information Act Request/Response Follow Up Questions  
Date: December 4, 2017 at 4:18 PM  
To: Lorraine Grimsby lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com  
Cc: Clifford Grammich cagrammich@gmail.com

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Ms. Grimsby:

I am aware that in responses to my FOIA requests and those made by others, such as Clifford Grammich, that you redacted names of BC recipients on some of the emails sent by Thoman.

I want to further clarify my prior requests for ALL BCs' to be properly identified and names released. While in one of your emails you indicated that under FOIA, privacy rights allow for names to be redacted, I would urge you to consult with the township attorney regarding redacting ANY names from emails that originate from Mr. Thoman or any Trustee and that are copied or blindcopied to individuals in addition to the primary recipient. It is my understanding of FOIA that If they are emails from Thoman - a public official -- to others, then if the public record is released, then none of the recipients receiving Thoman's emails has a privacy right to have name withheld. In my experience, the only time names can be redacted is if a PRIVATE citizen sends an email that they had no expectation would be produced in response to a FOIA. Then the email might need to be produced as a public record, but public entities often argue must be that the name can be withheld. THIS IS NOT THE SAME as a public official --such as THOMAN -- sending emails to recipients and then redacting the names.

I am aware that in responses to my FOIA requests and those made by others, such as Clifford Grammich, that you redacted names of BC recipients on some of the emails sent by Thoman. It also appears that the BC reference may have been redacted as well, in addition to the names.

For example:

1. Email dated 8/7/2017 from Thoman to DGT Trustees timestamped 8:51. Was anyone BCC'd and if so, what exception allows you to redact the name AND the fact that there was a BCC?
2. Email dated 8/8/2017 from Thoman to Thoman timestamped 9:59 am. Was anyone BCC'd and if so, what exception allows you to redact the name AND the fact that there was a BCC?
3. Email dated 10/2/2017 from Thomas to DGT Trustees. BCC is shown but names are redacted. What exception allows you to redact the name?

These are some examples, but I am concerned that your office is violating the FOIA by improperly redacting BC's and the actual names, without justification in any email authored by Mr. Thoman or any of the trustees.

You will note that I have copied Mr. Grammich so that he can see the concern I am raising. How can both of us be assured that you have now produced all information that is REQUIRED in response to our FOIA requests?



Regards,

Yvonne Mayer

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**From:** Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>

**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 3:45:57 PM

**To:** Lorraine Grimsby

**Subject:** Re: 10/2/17 Freedom of Information Act Request/Response Follow Up Questions

Ms. Grimsby:

I have now cross checked the email you attached from Thoman to White dated 8/8/17 and time stamped 8:47 am. You claim that the Trustees are not Blind Copied on this. Can you please explain then how this same email that you produced to Clifford Grammich show a **BCC to DGT TRUSTEE trustee@dgtownship.com?**

Again, I reiterate my concern that your office has not fully complied with my FOIA request. How can I be assured that you have produced all responsive documents, only withheld or redacted portions of documents that are allowed to under a FOIA exception, properly identified such withheld documents or redactions and provided me with the statutory basis for doing so?

I will await your response. Please note that should I be forced to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor's office, all of this correspondence will be included as Exhibits.

Regards,

Yvonne Mayer

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**From:** Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>

**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 3:25:46 PM

**To:** Lorraine Grimsby

**Subject:** Re: 10/2/17 Freedom of Information Act Request/Response Follow Up Questions

Thank you. Can you please explain why you did not produce this email in the first place? I ask because I am in the process of determining whether to file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor of the Attorney General's office. It appears your office was quite sloppy or intentionally withheld public records that should have been produced in response to my FOIA requests, and but for my follow up emails, they would not have been. How can I trust that ALL responsive documents have now been produced, or that all redacted sections of documents are CLEARLY marked and that statutory reasons have been given for your withholding whole documents or redacting anything from the documents?

Yvonne Mayer

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**From:** Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 1:41:59 PM  
**To:** Yvonne Mayer  
**Cc:** Mark Thoman; Alongi, Allan  
**Subject:** Re: 10/2/17 Freedom of Information Act Request/Response Follow Up Questions

Dear Ms. Mayer:

Thank you for writing to Downers Grove Township with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On Monday, November 27, 2017, you requested: [I am now aware of an email Mr. Thoman sent to Bill White and blind copied the trustees on 8/8/17 that deals with peer jury.](#)

I am attaching the Aug 8th email to Mr. White, although Trustees' are not BCC. I have and will not intentionally withhold documentation.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you  
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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On Nov 27, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Yvonne Mayer <[ymayer@msn.com](mailto:ymayer@msn.com)> wrote:

One last question:

I am now aware of an email Mr. Thoman sent to Bill White and blind copied the trustees on 8/8/17 that deals with peer jury. This should have been produced to me in response to Request #1. Please advise why you withheld it from me and under what exception to FOIA?

I believe there may be more documentation that you either overlooked or intentionally withheld. If necessary I will file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor's office but this will lead to the Township spending taxpayer dollars to pay an attorney to file a response. I hope that will not be necessary. I respectfully am requesting that you review the Township's response and inform me if any more responsive documents will be produced to me forthwith, or if your response stands.

Respectfully,

Yvonne Mayer

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**From:** Yvonne Mayer <[ymayer@msn.com](mailto:ymayer@msn.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2017 10:10:52 AM

**To:** Lorraine Grimsby

**Subject:** 10/2/17 Freedom of Information Act Request/Response Follow Up Questions

Ms. Grimsby: I am writing to ask some follow up questions regarding the Township's response to my 10/2/17 FOIA request.

1. In response to Request #12 seeking "Any and all emails and written correspondence from January 1, 2017 through today's date from Mark Thoman to any Police Department or any other organization that is involved in the Peer Jury program that discuss the possible or actual suspension or termination of the Peer Jury program." the Townships stated: "In response to your request, please be advised that no documents exist which would be responsive to this request." **Could you please confirm that this is true, since I am aware of a 7/24/17 Press release from Mr. Thoman that was sent to all Police Departments involved in Peer Jury. You did not produce this email which was authored by Mr. Thoman and sent to himself, but obviously blindcopied to a recipient list. This document falls under my request and must be produced.**
2. In response to Request #2 seeking "Any report or analysis that was conducted by Mark Thoman or any employee or trustee of the Downers Grove Township on or after January 1, 2017, that addressed the Peer Jury Program, including but not limited to a discussion on:" the Township stated: "FYI -- Supervisor Thoman researched existing public documentation on the Transparency Page of the Township website, as well as descriptions and information about the existing Human Services programs on the website. That information exists on the website pages as well as the Transparency Page

website. That information exists on the website pages as well as the Transparency Page (see URL link above)." **While you can direct me to information that is already on the Township website, you must provide some specificity just as you did in response to Request 3 seeking job descriptions. Simply directing me to the Transparency Page that has many different links, is insufficient to comply with FOIA law. Can you please direct me to the actual link/document on the transparency page that answers Request #2? What specific "public documentation" did Mr. Thoman look at on the website?**

3. In response to Request 2d, you state that you have produced a letter to the State's Attorney. **Which attachment contains this document, since I have been unable to locate it?**
4. In response Request 2e, you state that "*this is a request for information, not document*" however, I am only asking for documents that are responsive. **Does your response actually mean that "no documents exist" just like you have stated in response to some of the other documents? If Mr. Thoman had any correspondence with any community member, trustee, Township employee or any one else following the announcement to suspend Peer Jury that address any ideas to reinstate it, then those must be produced.**

I look forward to hearing back from you with responses to my questions.

Thank you.

Regards,

Yvonne Mayer

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**From:** Lorraine Grimsby <[lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com](mailto:lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 9:27:21 AM

**To:** Yvonne Mayer

**Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Ms. Mayer:

I am attaching the requested information regarding your FOIA request for Peer Jury information. Files are attached in PDF format. If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

Thank you,  
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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On Oct 3, 2017, at 9:49 AM, Lorraine Grimsby <[lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com](mailto:lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com)> wrote:

Ms. Mayer:

Thank you for writing to Downers Grove Township with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On Monday, October 2, 2017, you requested voluminous records pertaining to the Peer Jury Program.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, a public body may extend the time to respond to a FOIA request by up to 5 business days for a limited number of reasons. 5 ILCS 140/3(3). We are extending the time to respond to your request by 5 business day for the following reasons:

1. Responding to the request requires that we collect a substantial number of specified records.
2. The request is couched in categorical terms and requires that we conduct an extensive search for the records responsive to it.
3. In order to determine whether the requested records are exempt under Section 7 of FOIA or must be dedacted in part before they are disclosed, we must have the documents reviewed by Supervisor Thoman, Clerk Grimsby and legal council.
4. We cannot comply with the voluminous request for records within the 5 business day time limit without unduly burdening or interfering with our operations.



We will respond to your request by Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Thank you,  
Lorraine Grimsby

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On Oct 2, 2017, at 11:56 AM, Yvonne Mayer <[ymayer@msn.com](mailto:ymayer@msn.com)> wrote:

To Downers Grove Township Freedom of Information Officers:

This email serves as a Freedom of Information Act Request. My name is Yvonne Mayer. My address is 6100 S. Elm Street, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 and my day time phone is 630-710-9445. Today's date is 10/2/17.

I am requesting production of the following responsive documents in PDF electronic form. It is unclear from your website whether you charge \$0.15/page for copies in excess of 50 pages produced in electronic form or only those produced in Paper form. IF YOU DO CHARGE for electronic copies in excess of 50 pages and more than 50 pages of documentation are produced, then I am requesting FIRST TO INSPECT them and select the documents I want copied. If you do not charge for electronic copies, then please produce all responsive documents via email without inspection. If you need clarification on the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please produce the following documents:

1. Any and all documentation provided to the Downers Grove Township trustees dated on



or after January 1, 2017 through today's date, that relates to any review and/or discussion of the Peer Jury program and the determination whether to keep it or eliminate it. This includes, but is not limited to emails, written correspondence or reports to and/or from Mark Thoman to any of the trustees.

2. Any report or analysis that was conducted by Mark Thoman or any employee or trustee of the Downers Grove Township on or after January 1, 2017, that addressed the Peer Jury Program, including but not limited to a discussion on:
  - a. the possible or actual suspension or termination of the Peer Jury program;
  - b. reasons for possible or actual termination of the program;
  - c. the costs to continue the program in light of the loss of funding;
  - d. any efforts or ideas to continue the program prior to its suspension/termination by Mark Thomas;
  - e. any efforts or ideas to reinstate the program after its suspension/termination by Mark Thoman.
3. Job description of Lori Wrzesinski, Cathy Rager and any other prevention specialist who was employed by Downers Grove Township on May 1, 2017.
4. Current job description of any prevention specialist who is currently employed by Downers Grove Township.
5. Any documentation that reflects the portion of PAID/SALARIED time that Lori Wrzesinski or any other prevention specialist spent on the Peer Jury Program in 2015, 2016 and 2017.
6. Any documentation that reflects the portion of UNPAID/VOLUNTEER time that Lori Wrzesinski or any other prevention specialist spent on the Peer Jury Program in 2015, 2016 and 2017.
7. For Fiscal Years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, the Downers Grove Township budget, including any pages of the budget that reflect revenues and expenses incurred in operating the Peer Jury program.
8. For Fiscal Years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:
  - a. all documentation related to expenses to operate Peer Jury, the SMS class and the MASK class, including receipts for these expenses;
  - b. all documentation related to funds/revenue taken in by the Peer Jury program, the SMS class and the MASK class.
  - c. any documents related to the operation of the Peer Jury program from the Townships' annual audits for Fiscal Years 2014, 2015, and 2016.
9. At the August 3, 2017 Township meeting, Mark Thoman represented that over the last five years, on average \$131,000 per year was received in funding for Youth Services and that the cost of running the Peer Jury program was \$118,000 per year.  
(Source: <https://youtu.be/TOhb5li8Jh0?t=24m24s> Thoman's statement on funding and costs follows a question from a resident.) With respect to these representations,
  - a. all documentation that Mark Thoman used to support his 8/3/17 representation that on average \$131,000 per year was received in funding for Youth Services;
  - b. all documentation that supports Mark Thoman's 8/3/17 representation that the Peer Jury program costs \$118,000/year to operate and/or a line by line itemization that shows the purported \$118,000/year to operate the Peer Jury program.
10. Salary and benefits for Lori Wrzesinski and the other 2 Township Prevention Specialists for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
11. The Downers Grove Township Grant Budget for FY 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.


12. Any and all emails and written correspondence from January 1, 2017 through today's date from Mark Thoman to any Police Department or any other organization that is involved in the Peer Jury program that discuss the possible or actual suspension or termination of the Peer Jury program.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Mayer

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**From:** Mark Thoman mark.thoman@dgtownship.com   
**Subject:** Fwd: Peer jury  
**Date:** December 4, 2017 at 11:42 AM  
**To:** Lorraine Grimsby lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com

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**Subject:** Peer jury  
**Date:** August 31, 2017 at 4:39:56 PM CDT  
**To:** "[supervisor@dgtownship.com](mailto:supervisor@dgtownship.com)" <[supervisor@dgtownship.com](mailto:supervisor@dgtownship.com)>

Mr. Thoman,  
I am a reporter for the Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills Doings newspapers and have some questions about peer jury.  
May I call you Friday morning to speak with you about this?  
Thank you.  
Chuck Fieldman

Chuck Fieldman  
Staff Writer  
The Doings  
708-267-8540

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From: **Mark Thoman** mark.thoman@dgtownship.com  
Subject: Re: Freedom-of-information request follow-up  
Date: December 4, 2017 at 8:37 AM  
To: Lorraine Grimsby lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com  
Cc: Clifford Grammich cagrammich@gmail.com, Allan Alongi aalongi@alongilawoffice.com

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Nevermind I see you'd noted it separately.



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On Dec 4, 2017, at 8:29 AM, Mark Thoman <[mark.thoman@dgtownship.com](mailto:mark.thoman@dgtownship.com)> wrote:

Please note page 15 the email bcc: is Chris West <[chris.west@dgtownship.com](mailto:chris.west@dgtownship.com)>

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On Dec 1, 2017, at 10:54 AM, Lorraine Grimsby <[lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com](mailto:lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com)> wrote:

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**From:** Yvonne Mayer ymayer@msn.com  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act Request  
**Date:** December 1, 2017 at 1:19 PM  
**To:** Lorraine Grimsby lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com  
**Cc:** Mark Thoman mark.thoman@dgtownship.com, Alongi, Allan aalongi@alongilawoffice.com

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And what specific provision in the statute are you relying on?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2017, at 1:08 PM, Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com> wrote:

Ms. Mayer:  
Per FOIA statute, answers to your questions will be forth coming within 5 business days. Response due by December 8, 2017.

Thank you  
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk  
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On Dec 1, 2017, at 12:40 PM, Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com> wrote:

If the first email did not have anything to do with Bill White, why did you produce the documentation attached to it? Further, why did you reject the name of Miss West in the first place if that is the only name that was redacted? She has a public employee and as such does not have any privacy rights if copied on emails pertaining to business of the township. Were any other names or email addresses redacted? And do all the BC's now show up so that I can see where there were redaction's?

Further, am I to assume that you will not be responding to my follow-up questions regarding my October 2 freedom of information act request? It does not appear that you have responded my follow up inquiries regarding that FOIA request.

I am assuming that all of this is being reviewed with the township lawyer, but I'm surprised that so many mistakes were made that I am now catching and that you are scrambling to correct.

Regards,  
Yvonne Mayer

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com> wrote:

Ms. Mayer:

In response to your current questions:



The second email sent to at 10:19 AM this morning included the emails to/from Bill White.

One email included in this packet showed a BC name redacted. I am attaching this email. BC included Christina West.

Statute for redacting:

Per the FOIA Act and the Illinois Attorney General's office,

Private Information 7(1)(b): Allows withholding of private information, unless required by another provision of FOIA, a State or federal law or a court order. Private information is defined in section 2(c-5) of FOIA. 5ILCS 140/2(c-5) Unique identifiers, including:

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The request for review must be:

- \* in writing

- \* signed by the requester and must include:

- (i) a copy of the request for access to records, and

- (ii) any responses from the public body

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11/27 email questions: I will respond to your questions on Monday, December 4, 2017.

Thank you

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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On Dec 1, 2017, at 10:55 AM, Yvonne Mayer <[ymayer@msn.com](mailto:ymayer@msn.com)> wrote:

Ms. Grimsby: The first email you sent me this morning does not show any emails to or from Bill White, which was what I was asking for in my 11/22 FOIA request. Was he a BC on the emails? If so, why did you redact the BC's? Why didn't you provide me with the statutory authority allowing you to do that (if any applies) and why didn't you inform me that anything had been redacted or what my appeals rights are?

Further, I would like to know if you will be responding to the 11/27 email I sent you asking follow up questions on the Townships response to my 10/2/17 FOIA request.

I will await your response.

Regards,

Yvonne Mayer

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**From:** Yvonne Mayer <[ymayer@msn.com](mailto:ymayer@msn.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 1, 2017 10:43:38 AM  
**To:** Lorraine Grimsby  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Thank you Ms. Grimsby. Before I begin reviewing the documentation, can you advise if anything was withheld or redacted and if so under what statutory authority. You are required to provide me with this information and what my appeal rights are if anything was not produced. Also, if you did redact any Blind Copies, you must not redact "BC" -- I must be able to see that email addresses were redacted.

I will await your response.

Regards,

Yvonne Mayer

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**From:** Lorraine Grimsby <[lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com](mailto:lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 1, 2017 10:20:08 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Mayer  
**Cc:** Mark Thoman; Alongi, Allan  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Mayer:

Pursuant to your FOIA request from Nov 22, 2017, I am attaching additional information which should have been included in the original response sent to you a few minutes ago. I apologize for the oversight.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,  
Lorraine Grimsby Clerk



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On Nov 22, 2017, at 9:44 AM, Yvonne Mayer <[ymayer@msn.com](mailto:ymayer@msn.com)> wrote:

To Downers Grove Township Freedom of Information Officers:

This email serves as a Freedom of Information Act Request. My name is Yvonne Mayer. My address is 6100 S. Elm Street, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 and my day time phone is 630-710-9445. Today's date is 11/22/17.

I am requesting production of the following responsive documents in PDF electronic form. It is unclear from your website whether you charge \$0.15/page for copies in excess of 50 pages produced in electronic form or only those produced in Paper form. IF YOU DO CHARGE for electronic copies in excess of 50 pages and more than 50 pages of documentation are produced, then I am requesting FIRST TO INSPECT them and select the documents I want copied. If you do not charge for electronic copies, then please produce all responsive documents via email without inspection. If you need clarification on the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please produce the following documents:

1. Any and all correspondence (including emails) dated on or after July 1, 2017 through today's date BETWEEN Mark Thoman, Township Supervisor and Bill (or

William) White that relates to the Peer Jury program.

2. Any and all correspondence (including emails) dated on or after July 1, 2017 through today's date BETWEEN any of the Downers Grove Township Trustees (past or current) and Bill (or William) White that relates to the Peer Jury program.


Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Mayer

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**From:** Mark Thoman mark.thoman@dgtownship.com   
**Subject:**  
**Date:** December 1, 2017 at 9:24 AM  
**To:** Lorraine Grimsby lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com

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**From:** Mark Thoman mark.thoman@dgtownship.com   
**Subject:** Re: Peer Jury - Intergovernmental contracts  
**Date:** November 27, 2017 at 3:53 PM  
**To:** Lorraine Grimsby lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com

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Thank you.



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On Nov 27, 2017, at 8:11 AM, Lorraine Grimsby <[lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com](mailto:lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com)> wrote:

Supervisor Thoman,


In researching my files, I am not aware of any Intergovernmental Contracts relating to the Peer Jury Program.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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From: **Edward H Schwartz** eschwartz@csd99.org   
Subject: Re: Peer Jury  
Date: November 27, 2017 at 2:11 PM  
To: Mark Thoman mark.thoman@dgtownship.com  
Cc: DGT Trustee trustee@dgtownship.com

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Hi Mark,

That is an interesting thought that I would have to discuss with many people around here. There was always strength in having the structure out of the school so as to keep those clear lines of authority. I am not sure it would be good practice to having the school be in charge of school discipline AND being involved in the law enforcement end.

I will talk to some people here to see if this is something we would consider.

Thanks again,

Ed

On Wed, Nov 22, 2017 at 11:30 AM, Mark Thoman <[mark.thoman@dgtownship.com](mailto:mark.thoman@dgtownship.com)> wrote:  
My question to you-

Do you think it possible that 99, 86 and 201 might be open to the idea of forming a "Jurors Club" at the respective high schools?

Students interested in law, law enforcement, and counseling might learn more about youth law, restorative justice, community policing, and youth court diversion programs. As a result, the school districts might be able to provide a pre-qualified pool of peer jurors to local law enforcement. This would save local police departments time, energy and money as they work toward standing up their own programs. A simple IGA would suffice to provide a legal basis for them to use your pool of jurors as part of their process.

As a Principal, how do you think an idea like that might be received if presented as a request at, say, a board meeting. Four months in, the parents of jurors don't seem to have traction moving forward. I'm pretty sure some PD's are looking hard at the six peer jury programs currently running in DuPage County at Bloomingdale, Elmhurst, Itasca, Roselle, Wood Dale and Bensenville.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor



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On Nov 21, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Mark Thoman <[mark.thoman@dgtownship.com](mailto:mark.thoman@dgtownship.com)> wrote:

I appreciate you taking time to reach out on the topic. Loss of state funding compelled a reorganization of Human Services. The 17 year running Peer jury had about 100 offenders and about 200 jurors. Our remaining programs, that have been in place for 27 and 37 years, youth education and life skills reach 3,400 youth age 13 and under every year in 25+ schools. We continue to involve several hundred youths in Snowflake and Snowball events. Senior services reaches out to over 20,000 households. Despite the much wider reach of the other programs, it was still a very difficult decision.

Peer jury is one of several youth court diversion options available to local law enforcement, and we have provided both residents and local LE with information about the six communities in DuPage County that run their own peer programs either alone or in partnership with a neighboring community. These programs are well received by all stakeholders.

Release to parents, municipal tickets, and internal station adjustments are options in use by local LE while they move forward seeing if they can also stand up their own programs. Right now it looks like some will, and be mavens that bring along other communities. It won't happen right away — they have the same funding shortfalls we all have. It's my hope residents can find a way to help their efforts by funding snacks, shirts, awards etc for the jurors, volunteers and coordinators, even grants to help offset any potential extra hours required of Juvenile officers — much like the 99 Foundation raises funds and awareness for our high schools!

Thanks again for the email.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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On Nov 21, 2017, at 4:06 PM, Edward H Schwartz <[eschwartz@csd99.org](mailto:eschwartz@csd99.org)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Over the summer, I learned that the Downers Grove Township Peer Jury was being discontinued. Today I was told that it's future was subject to a discussion at the township meeting tonight. While I admittedly do not know all of the issues that have caused the future of the jury to be in question, I can speak to the value it adds to our community.

Working with teenagers each day, I have come to understand that they don't always make perfect decisions. In fact, at times, students will make decisions that violate laws. When this happens, it is important to hold them accountable for their actions. The Peer Jury provided a system where students could learn from their mistakes, without becoming part of the "system." They were held accountable, in part, by owning up to their mistakes in front of their classmates and neighbors. This program promotes and implements the restorative justice practices that we try to teach our students each day. Without the program, there are very few options for our students when we experience the need to refer them to the local police. Finally, I feel that we need to also look at the benefits of the program from the jurors point of view. Having the opportunity to be involved in the law enforcement process, without being arrested, is very powerful as well. The opportunities for our students to learn and experience empathy in this setting cannot be matched.

I know that you all have difficult decisions to make and I know there is a passionate group of parents presenting alternatives. I felt that



I know that you all have difficult decisions to make and I know there is a passionate group of parents presenting alternatives. I felt that it was important that you hear from the perspective of a community partner and what the program has meant to us.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Ed Schwartz

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Edward H. Schwartz  
Principal  
Downers Grove South H.S.


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**Date:** November 21, 2017 at 10:47 PM  
**To:** Mark Thoman mark.thoman@dgtownship.com  
**Cc:** Lorraine Grimsby lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com

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Received. Thanks much.

On November 21, 2017 at 8:05 PM Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:

Cliff,

Attached are emails as per your FOIA request. Personal information of residents has been removed. If any was missed, please let private resident information remain private.

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Attached is one document that is not a draft or working copy and that is the 18th Circuit Court Guide for Making a DuPage Co Juvenile Referral.

Regards,

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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Date: November 21, 2017 at 4:38 PM  
To: Charles Fieldman cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com  
Cc: Lorraine Grimsby lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com

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Mr. Fieldman,

Attached are emails as per your FOIA request, I took the liberty of using a wider date range requested separately the next day in a FOIA by Cliff Grammich. Personal information of residents has been removed. If any was missed, please let the private resident information stay private.

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Fieldman and Grammich  
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The following document is not a draft, and is included.

## 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT - DuPAGE COUNTY

### Guide for Making a DuPage Co Juvenile Referral Commonly asked questions...

#### When do I refer a juvenile to the DuPage County Juvenile Probation Department or the SAO?

After you have completed your investigation or review of the case, you will then determine an appropriate course of action which could be community diversion alternative such as parent to handle, local ordinance ticket, Peer Jury or station adjustment. 705 ILCS 405/5-301 can assist you in making your decision. If you have determined the minor is NOT appropriate for a community diversion then you can make a referral to the probation department. NOTE – if the offense is a felony you must do felony screening with the State's Attorney's Office (630-407 8035 during business hours and 630-407-2400 after hours).

#### How/where do I send a referral/report?

**VIA EMAIL:** you can email the complete report (including front/back side of fingerprint copy #2 & #3) to: [juvenile referrals@dupageco.org](mailto:juvenile referrals@dupageco.org) Enter the police report number in the subject bar of the email.

**MAIL - USPS:** You MUST make two (2) complete Data Sheets and two (2) complete police reports per juvenile (if the juvenile was fingerprinted you must include front and back sides of fingerprint Copy #2 and Copy #3). Send them to: DuPage County Juvenile Probation, ATTN: Support Staff, 503 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.

#### What is a "complete" police report/referral?

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Regards,

Mark Thoman, Supervisor



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From: **Fieldman, Charles** [cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com](mailto:cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com)  
Subject: Re: FOIA request  
Date: November 21, 2017 at 3:29 PM  
To: Lorraine Grimsby [lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com](mailto:lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com)

FC

I have not yet received a response.

Chuck Fieldman  
Staff Writer  
The Doings

On Nov 15, 2017, at 10:06 AM, Lorraine Grimsby<[lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com](mailto:lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Fieldman:

Thank you for writing to Downers Grove Township with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On Tuesday, November 14, 2017, you requested any emails to/from Downers Grove Township and/or any of its staff or board, regarding Peer Jury, from Oct 1, 2017 through Nov 13, 2017.

A response will be sent by Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Thank you  
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk<[unknown.png](#)>

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On Nov 14, 2017, at 1:10 PM, Fieldman, Charles <[cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com](mailto:cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com)> wrote:

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Any emails to/from Downers Grove Township and/or any of its staff or board, regarding Peer Jury, from Oct. 1, 2017 through Nov. 13, 2017.

Please feel free to respond to my request via email.

Thank you.

Chuck Fieldman  
708-267-8540



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From: **Mark Thoman** mark.thoman@dgtownship.com  
Subject: Re: Peer Jury Update--November 19, 2017  
Date: November 21, 2017 at 11:19 AM  
To: DGT Trustee trustee@dgtownship.com

MT

What was sent out by residents.

mt



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On Nov 18, 2017, at 9:57 PM, [DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com) wrote:

Dear Peer Jury Supporters,

When we last wrote, we hoped to have the township consider a Special Revenue Fund proposal for continued operation of Peer Jury. Unfortunately, this will not happen at this time.

Our proposal would have continued the program under the township umbrella, as it has operated so well for 17 years, but without township funds. Increased offender fees and one-time community contributions would have funded the program in the first year. In fact, three parents had, without solicitation, pledged \$6,000 for first-year operations. In subsequent years, offender fees and participating police departments would fund it. Our budget, carefully constructed after deliberation with Lori Wrzesinski and others who had been involved with the program, was less than one-third what the township had been claiming to spend on it.

On October 19, 2017, two representatives of our group attended the Downers Grove Township Board of Trustees meeting to encourage the supervisor and trustees to consider the Special Revenue Fund proposal. Mark Thoman, the township supervisor, acknowledged receipt of the plan and promised to meet with a representative of our group.

On October 25, 2017, the township supervisor met with a representative of our group to raise several questions about our plan. The township supervisor said his questions would have to be answered before the township would consider the plan but indicated no pressing deadline. Our representative promised to get back to him with answers as soon as possible.

On October 27, 2017, several of us met to discuss how to address township concerns and non-township funding streams for the proposal.



In subsequent days, we drafted answers to address the township's concerns. We planned to submit a detailed business plan to the township by November 11. This would have allowed trustees time to consider the plan at their November 21 meeting.

On November 9, 2017, Mark Thoman, the township supervisor, wrote to area police chiefs to discourage support for our plan. This email—which we only received through a freedom-of-information request from one of the recipients—made several misrepresentations of our plan. As a result, we have no choice at present but to suspend our efforts with the township until we receive a response to additional freedom-of-information requests on township communications and we better understand all of Mr. Thoman's misrepresentations. We will seek to correct Mr. Thoman's misrepresentations for you with local reporters who have long expressed an interest in this story.

In the meantime, we are pursuing efforts with individual villages, two of which have indicated some preliminary interest in forming a partnership to continue the program. We will apprise you of these efforts as they warrant. At this point, it appears unlikely the program will re-launch in any form before January 2018.

As a group, we will have no further communications until we get all documentation we need to re-assess our current position and next steps. Some of us may be speaking individually, and we understand some of you may express your own opinions as well. We welcome any further inputs you might have (write to us at [DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com) or comment at [facebook.com/PeerJuryFriends](https://facebook.com/PeerJuryFriends)).

We would be interested in hearing anything you learn from your contacts with local officials, whether those in your own municipalities or at the township (which next meets on 11/21, 12/7, and 12/19). Contact information for the township trustees and supervisor is as follows:

Trustee Arthur Donner [art.donner@dgtnowship.com](mailto:art.donner@dgtnowship.com)

Trustee Abby Ferguson [abby.ferguson@dgtnowship.com](mailto:abby.ferguson@dgtnowship.com)

Trustee Karen Kelly [karen.kelly@dgtnowship.com](mailto:karen.kelly@dgtnowship.com)

Trustee Dave VanDerLaan [dave.vanderlaan@dgtnowship.com](mailto:dave.vanderlaan@dgtnowship.com)

Supervisor Mark Thoman [supervisor@dgtnowship.com](mailto:supervisor@dgtnowship.com)

Although frustrated, we do not believe that this process is over. We will continue to pursue all avenues for the reinstatement of Peer Jury.

Many thanks for your interest and support.

Cliff Grammich

Tel 1-630-541-5306

Peg Chaidez

Karen Kobialka

Yvonne Mayer

Susan Owens

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From: **Mark Thoman** mark.thoman@dgtownship.com  
Subject: Re: Peer Jury  
Date: November 21, 2017 at 4:36 PM  
To: Edward H Schwartz eschwartz@csd99.org

MT

I appreciate you taking time to reach out on the topic. Loss of state funding compelled a reorganization of Human Services. The 17 year running Peer jury had about 100 offenders and about 200 jurors. Our remaining programs, that have been in place for 27 and 37 years, youth education and life skills reach 3,400 youth age 13 and under every year in 25+ schools. We continue to involve several hundred youths in Snowflake and Snowball events. Senior services reaches out to over 20,000 households. Despite the much wider reach of the other programs, it was still a very difficult decision.

Peer jury is one of several youth court diversion options available to local law enforcement, and we have provided both residents and local LE with information about the six communities in DuPage County that run their own peer programs either alone or in partnership with a neighboring community. These programs are well received by all stakeholders.

Release to parents, municipal tickets, and internal station adjustments are options in use by local LE while they move forward seeing if they can also stand up their own programs. Right now it looks like some will, and be mavens that bring along other communities. It won't happen right away — they have the same funding shortfalls we all have. It's my hope residents can find a way to help their efforts by funding snacks, shirts, awards etc for the jurors, volunteers and coordinators, even grants to help offset any potential extra hours required of Juvenile officers — much like the 99 Foundation raises funds and awareness for our high schools!

Thanks again for the email.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor



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Good afternoon,

Over the summer, I learned that the Downers Grove Township Peer Jury was being discontinued. Today I was told that it's future was subject to a discussion at the township meeting tonight. While I admittedly do not know all of the issues that have caused the future of the jury to be in question, I can speak to the value it adds to our community.

Working with teenagers each day, I have come to understand that they don't always make perfect decisions. In fact, at times, students will make decisions that violate laws. When this happens, it is important to hold them accountable for their actions. The Peer Jury provided a system where students could learn from their mistakes, without becoming part of the "system." They were held accountable, in part, by owning up to their mistakes in front of their classmates and neighbors. This program promotes and implements the restorative justice practices that we try to teach our students each day. Without the program, there are very few options for our students when we experience



the need to refer them to the local police. Finally, I feel that we need to also look at the benefits of the program from the jurors point of view. Having the opportunity to be involved in the law enforcement process, without being arrested, is very powerful as well. The opportunities for our students to learn and experience empathy in this setting cannot be matched.

I know that you all have difficult decisions to make and I know there is a passionate group of parents presenting alternatives. I felt that it was important that you hear from the perspective of a community partner and what the program has meant to us.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Ed Schwartz

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Edward H. Schwartz  
Principal  
Downers Grove South H.S.


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From: Clifford Grammich cagrammich@gmail.com  
Subject: Freedom of Information request  
Date: November 15, 2017 at 9:11 AM  
To: clerk@dgtnowship.com

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Please see attached.

Thank you.

CG  
Tel 1-630-541-5306

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Date: 11/15/2017

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<b>City:</b> Downers Grove	<b>Work:</b>
<b>State:</b> IL <b>Zip:</b> 60516	<b>Mobile:</b> 1-331-205-0551

<b>Form of Information:</b> <small>(circle one please)</small>	<b>Inspection Only</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Certified Copy</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Copy</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Records Requested:</b> <i>(Please be specific as possible)</i>
Correspondence (including email) since July 1, 2017, between township supervisor and trustees regarding Township Peer Jury program.
Correspondence (including email) since July 1, 2017, between township officials and local police agencies regarding Township Peer Jury program

<b>Purpose of the Request:</b>

The Township of Downers Grove will respond to a request for public records within 5 working days after receipt of this form and 21 days to reply for commercial enterprise requests. If your request is denied, you may file an appeal. Appeals should be addressed to the Public Access Counselor at the Illinois Attorney General's Office. Costing of copying information requested will be due upon delivery.

Requested by: Clifford A. Grammich

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From: **Mark Thoman** mark.thoman@dgtnowship.com   
Subject: Peer jury talking points  
Date: November 8, 2017 at 11:06 AM  
To: DGT Trustee trustee@dgtnowship.com  
Cc: Allan Alongi aalongi@alongilawoffice.com

MT

Thank you again for your input on this, and for the time you have invested in this topic. I've stripped out any emotional content or personal perspective and believe it's boiled down to the objective facts.

I expect more residents at Nov. 21 demanding immediate action, but they seem to be running out of steam. It's possible a press release may reinvigorate their efforts. Use this as talking points if needed, for now. There is a Facebook page at Peer Jury in Southeast DuPage County.

See also attached from 18th Circuit Court. First sentence of the first paragraph has the pertinent information. Other court diversion avenues for youth offenders exist and are being used by our muni's. Note July 2017 date.

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## 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT - DuPAGE COUNTY

### Guide for Making a DuPage Co Juvenile Referral Commonly asked questions...

#### When do I refer a juvenile to the DuPage County Juvenile Probation Department or the SAO?

After you have completed your investigation or review of the case, you will then determine an appropriate course of action which could be community diversion alternative such as parent to handle, local ordinance ticket, Peer Jury or station adjustment. 705 ILCS 405/5-301 can assist you in making your decision. If you have determined the minor is NOT appropriate for a community diversion then you can make a referral to the probation department. NOTE – if the offense is a felony you must do felony screening with the State's Attorney's Office (630-407 8035 during business hours and 630-407-2400 after hours).

#### How/where do I send a referral/report?

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Revised July 2017

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# ARTHUR P. DONNER

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## M E M O R A N D U M

August 17, 2017

To: Supervisor Mark Thoman  
and Fellow Trustees

From: Art Donner

Re: Review of Peer Jury Program  
Benefit Cost versus School  
Prevention Program

Pursuant my meeting with Supervisor Thoman and staff, attached please find my calculation of the cost savings to taxpayers by pursuing our two prevention programs versus the peer jury program based upon the assumptions contained below.

1) The Peer Jury Program benefit is as follows:

This program has approximately 100 participants a year. The savings to the Judicial System at \$1,200 a police call is \$120,000.

2) Our two school prevention programs benefit is as follows:

The programs serve 3,400 students in 21 schools. D.G.T. Staff has indicated a 5% to 10% benefit rate of students being coached out of the judicial system. So if we assume a 7.5% rate of benefit we have 255 students being affected. Accordingly the cost is \$1,200 a police call x 225 = \$270,000.

This translates to a benefit of \$150,000 for our two school prevention programs versus the peer jury program.



The FOIA request asked for Peer Jury Expenses for the last three budget years.

A previous FOIA asked for what records we had for the last school year.

The Peer Jury expenses are a year round expense during the school year.

2016/17

Employee expenses	\$114,347.39
Program Expenses	\$ 9,072.90
Clerical support	\$ 3,407.50

Best estimate Township total costs associated with Peer Jury is \$126,827.79 for the 2015/2016 school year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) the last full year of the program.

2015/16

Employee expenses	\$110,989.11
Program Expenses	\$ 7,993.92
Clerical support	\$ 3,390.00

Best estimate Township total costs associated with Peer Jury is \$122,373.03 for the 2015/16 school year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016), the previous to the last full year of the program.

Supporting documents are on-line on our transparency page. I have included three ledger documents that show the types of program expenses and clerical support.

I do not have the salary, program expenses, and clerical support costs for the 2014/2015 cycle.

## TOWNSHIP OF DOWNERS GROVE

10/11/17

Department	Title	Wages	Twp. IMRF	Health/Twp	Vacation Days	Sick Days	Status
Jan-Dec. 2014							
Human Services	PR/Peer Jury, SMS	\$56,187.00	\$6,669.00	\$11,875.00	22	6	FT
Human Services DHS	Prevention Specialist	\$36,080.00	\$4,283.00	\$0.00	12	6	FT
Human Services DHS	Prevention Specialist	\$39,140.00	\$4,645.00	\$0.00	17	6	FT
Jan-Dec 2015							
Human Services	PR/Peer Jury, SMS	\$58,767.00	\$6,118.00	\$6,953.00	22	6	FT
Human Services DHS	Prevention Specialist	\$39,260.00	\$4,087.00	\$0.00	12	6	FT
Human Services DHS	Prevention Specialist	\$39,140.00	\$4,075.00	\$0.00	22	6	FT
Jan-Dec 2016							
Human Services	PR/Peer Jury, SMS	\$61,517.00	\$6,392.00	\$7,083.00	22	12	FT
Human Services DHS	Prevention Specialist	\$40,750.00	\$4,234.00	\$0.00	12	12	FT
Human Services DHS	Prevention Specialist	\$39,140.00	\$4,067.00	\$0.00	22	12	FT
Jan-Aug 2017							
Human Services	PR/Peer Jury, SMS	\$51,105.00	\$4,835.00	\$7,326.00	22	12	FT
Human Services DHS	Prevention Specialist	\$29,271.00	\$2,798.00	\$0.00	12	12	FT
Human Services DHS	Prevention Specialist	\$26,093.00	\$2,495.00	\$0.00	22	12	FT



Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>  
to SAO

Oct 27

I had discussions in July/August regarding Downer Grove Township suspending participation in the Peer Jury program in SE DuPage County. At that time it was indicated your office faces the same budget challenges as everyone, which I understand.

Today I am writing asking if the DCSA office would be willing to act as an overarching sponsor of an IGA that would include juvenile court and probation, police departments in Downers Grove Township willing to participate, high schools districts that might cooperate to supply peer jurors, and finally including a 501c3 that would fundraise in support of juvenile court diversion programs for participating communities. The LE participation of your office, and the IGA, provide credibility to the 501c3. Would the DuPage County States Attorney's Office participate?

The DuPage County Juvenile Officers Association already operates as a 501c3 and could potentially fulfill that support role, creating a subcommittee of concerned residents. I have not contacted them at this time.

Residents of SE DuPage County have expressed interest in seeing the Peer Jury programs in SE DuPage County continue. I made phone calls this week to Elmhurst and Bloomingdale, and found they have efficient self run programs that are very well received by all. I also discovered that Roselle/ Addison, and Wood Dale/ Bensenville already have cooperative IGA diversion programs. I have just started down this path after seeing the residents having difficulty establishing their own way forward.

I am at your disposal to pursue this topic, and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark Thoman, Supervisor



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MT

See attached proposal. The blue ink underlines and emphasis are from Mr. White as we went through

I met with Bill White. The discussion, at times, was animated.

1) His incorrect impression is that the Township, as it had operated in the past, offers the simplest model, and that police departments are hesitant to continue unless the Township is involved.

2) The Proposal posits that the Township is not involved.

3) My discussions and research since last Thursday leads me to believe there has been no good faith effort to study and prepare a viable program to police departments.

4) He was very resistant to the idea that other communities have working, effective, efficient and thrifty diversion programs and that the goal should be the program, not the format.

5) I rejected the idea of any timetable. If the goal is to save the programs, it will take however long it takes.

6) He seemed unaware that juvenile officers do all the initial enforcement paperwork, make the diversion decision, attend the peer jury meetings, and do the final paperwork either for community files or for forwarding to the court and or probation department. In short, even though we spent an excessive amount of money in support of peer jury, it was largely lard added on.

7) He seemed unaware of other communities cooperating between themselves.

I reformatted trustee questions and comments, removed identifications, and watermarked them as draft. He agreed to respect the working copy nature of the questions and comments, and said he will provide responses and additional information as requested.

This is for your study. Comments as always. I made specific note that there can be no timetable if a good faith effort to bring Peer jury.

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At this point, and having researched the background of Human Services, it appears Township involvement in Peer Jury is an unnecessary additional layer of government inserted into the law enforcement court diversion process. When the Township touched it, the program became larger and more complex, became less efficient, and cost taxpayers more. I respectfully maintain that's not what we're here for.

I'm prepared to approach Police Chiefs with my alternate proposal, and forward to them the contacts for existing programs here in DuPage County, and with the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association. As well, I'm prepared to outline how concerned residents can form a 501(c)(3) foundation, similar to education foundations, that could support peer jury efforts including but not limited to:

- Providing snacks,
- People to act as check-ins at the front door,
- Organizers of willing agencies that would provide community service hours to offenders,
- Providers of polo shirts for jurors,
- Pay for plaques and letters of recognition,
- Organize and pay for appreciation luncheons or pizza parties
- In short, all the background incidental expenses and time wasters police departments don't want to incur. That's where fundraising can be very effective.

I believe even if no one does anything, police departments will move to this community bare bones model, either singly or in small IGA groupings. That has already happened across the north side of the county. There is little to no extra expense, and the resulting programs are taut, thrifty, and well received across the spectrum.

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