

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury FOIA
Date: December 13, 2017 at 8:03:07 AM CST
To: Amanda Roe <amanda.roe@dgtownship.com>

Go ahead and pull mine so we have a second (third?fourth?) search with different search parameters. Send me the RTF file so I can redact private information.

Mark S. Thoman - Supervisor

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury FOIA
Date: December 11, 2017 at 2:18:11 PM CST
To: Amanda Roe <amanda.roe@dgtownship.com>, Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Amanda:

No I'll pull my documents. I have working/draft documents that I email to myself when I work at home. These are exempt from FOIA.

Thanks

Lorraine

On Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 2:11 PM, Amanda Roe
<amanda.roe@dgtownship.com> wrote:
Lorraine,

I've completed exports for Karen Kelly, Abby Ferguson, Dave Kalet, Dave VanDerLaan and Art Donner. Do you need me to complete exports for you and Mark as well?

Thanks!

Amanda

Amanda Roe - IT Manager
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From: Cathy Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer Jury Emails
Date: December 12, 2017 at 12:00:42 PM CST
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, Susan
Mistretta <susan.mistretta@dgtownship.com>

I have sent the emails that I have to Susan. I did not send any pertaining to juveniles or their parents or discussion of their case completion. Everything else is there.

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From: Cathy Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Peer Jury Emails

Date: December 12, 2017 at 10:55:32 AM CST

To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>, Lori Hermann <>

Cc: Susan Mistretta <susan.mistretta@dgtownship.com>, Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Hi Lorraine,

I have no emails to share before July 24th that do not involve actual Peer Jury cases, hearings dockets/dates, and follow-up with juveniles, officers and parents. Juvenile names must be protected and cannot be shared.

From July 24th on, I sent emails to notify officers of the situation and their case status (I wasn't aware if they had heard anything yet or not), community service sites (to make arrangements for offenders to complete) concurrent to a new deadline I was given of August 31st, current offenders (cases already seen and on the return dockets) through January-over 70 cases and finally parents and jurors.

The final hearing was on Monday, July 24th, 2017. I strongly urged holding this return hearing so that more cases could be released, since I knew the impact the sudden return of multiple cases would have on the departments and offenders involved. I was notified of the end to the Peer Jury program on Friday, July 21st.

The juror/parent offender data base was very large with no efficient way of sending out multiple emails that I was privy to at the time. Lori handled this end of it. I was not part of other communications that may have been sent. Once I took care of case status, service sites and offenders, I felt that I could notify jurors and parents of the situation including newly interviewed (and accepted) jurors who had yet to be trained in mid-August. For my end of the task to completion, I had to prioritize importance by case load, in order to cause the least disruption possible to our offender families, law enforcement and community service site partners and finally our peer jury volunteers. I sent the parent communications out in groups. Some of the emails kicked back (as often happens) when jurors/parents may change their emails etc. or have aged out of the system and may no longer use their high school email.

I will forward the emails I sent to the departments, community service sites, program volunteer(s) and parents. I will redact any mention of juvenile names and cases in order to maintain privacy. You will have these by end of day.

Cathy

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: FOIA request
Date: December 12, 2017 at 9:35:51 AM CST
To: Susan Owens <jowens3285@aol.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

Dear Ms. Owens:

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, December 5, 2017 @ 12:59 PM, you requested 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.

For item #1: I am attaching a PDF of the requested correspondence.

For item #2,

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(e). We are extending the time to respond to your request by up to 5 business days for the following reason.

Responding to the request requires that we collect a substantial number of specified records.

Thank you,

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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Subject: Re: FOIA request
Date: December 5, 2017 at 1:00:53 PM CST
To: Susan Owens <jowens3285@aol.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

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I will respond to your email by Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

Thank you
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Freedom-of-information request follow-up
Date: December 11, 2017 at 2:14:47 PM CST
To: Clifford Grammich <cagrammich@gmail.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

Dear Mr. Grammich:

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 Dec 4, 2017 @ 7:38 AM you asked the following:

Regarding the documentation of costs, did anybody document time (and costs) by employee for Peer Jury? Such documentation is a basic task of public administration. It is especially important given that for many public programs personnel costs are the largest category of expenses. While the supervisor has contended Ms. Wrzesinski's time was devoted exclusively to Peer Jury, this has been shown to be false. I learned, for example, of Ms. Wrzesinski's dismissal from somebody who works with township senior programs. The supervisor also wrote me to get information from Ms. Wrzesinski about the township's website for senior services. My point here is not to question the release of Ms. Wrzesinski. I know personnel decisions are within the purview of the supervisor and do not require public discussion. But seeing no more documentation on personnel tasks than you have sent makes me fear the township uses shoddy means to consider policy implications--which should be publicly discussed--of administrative decisions.

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Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/1.2 What is a Public Record? Under the FOIA a “public record” is, quite simply, any record relating to governmental operations possessed by or subject to the control of a public body or its agents.

5 ILCS 140/1:

This Act is not intended to create an obligation on the part of any public body to maintain or prepare any public record which was not maintained or prepared by such public body at the time when this Act becomes effective, except as otherwise required by applicable local, State or Federal law.

In reviewing our records, we have found no documents that were produced by the previous administration.

Press Release: 5 ILCS 140/7 Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records are exempt Document was never published.

If I can be of assistance in providing any other documents, please contact me.

Thank you

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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<lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com> wrote:
Mr. Grammich:

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Thank you,
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To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Clifford Grammich <cagrammich@gmail.com>, Allan Alongi

<aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

Nevermind I see you'd noted it separately.

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Please note page 15 the email bcc: is Chris West
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From: Clifford Grammich <cagrammich@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Freedom-of-information request follow-up
Date: December 1, 2017 at 11:14:08 AM CST
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

Ms. Grimsby,

Thank you for this. I hope to look at this more closely over the weekend. Some quick reactions, however.

First, I do not see anything in the statutory language you provided that allows the townships to redact names of recipients, whether copied or blind copied. Email addresses, yes, but not names.

Second, the updated pdf still does not have all the attachments referenced in the correspondence. It does not, for example, include the file 'peer jury press release v2.docx,' referenced in an email from the supervisor to trustees on November 6, 2017. Please provide that document, or your authority for not doing so, as well as any earlier and subsequent versions of that document and related correspondence regarding it among the supervisor and trustees. Please also review for any other missing attachments and provide them.

Third, I did not receive the "more precise document [that] was prepared and distributed in previous FOIA requests," because I made no previous FOIA requests. Please provide it.

Thank you.

CG

On Fri, Dec 1, 2017 at 10:54 AM, Lorraine Grimsby
<lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com> wrote:

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

Thank you
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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Subject: Fwd: Freedom-of-information request follow-up
Date: November 28, 2017 at 5:52:23 AM CST
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com
Cc: Bob Rakow - Downers Grove <brakow@shawmedia.com>, Bill White <>, abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com

Mark,

As you will see below, I am following up on my previous freedom-of-information request.

I am particularly interested in the draft press release you shared with trustees on November 6. From your exchange with Abby Ferguson on November 8, I surmise this was designed to shut down township consideration of any proposals you asked township citizens, including myself, to bring to the board. Perhaps proper compliance with my FOIA

request will shed some light on this.

What concerns me here is this was less than two weeks after your October 25 meeting with Bill White, who was to discuss our ideas and receive your questions. This would seem to contradict your claim to Bob Rakow that you waited two weeks for a response to your questions before taking further action. That report, by the way, was the first time I had heard you had any deadline for this.

Regardless, what representations did you make to Bill at your October 25 meeting about when you would need responses?

CG

From: "Bob Rakow - Downers Grove" <brakow@shawmedia.com>
Subject: Fwd(2): Peer Jury Agenda Item Request for 12/19
Date: December 11, 2017 at 1:19:45 PM CST
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Mark:

Two questions: 1. will the request to add "a substantive discussion" about peer jury to Dec. 19 agenda be granted and 2. do you have any comment on the group's message to trustees? My thanks.

Bob Rakow
Reporter
Downers Grove Suburban Life

708-441-9855

----- Original Message -----

Bob and Chuck,

We are asking Mark Thoman and the Trustees to add a substantive discussion about the Peer Jury program to the agenda for the December 19 Township meeting. This public discussion will enable the Township and Trustees to discuss details of the program and our proposal in an open forum so that all stakeholders can be equally informed about the issues involved with the program termination and possible reinstatement.

We are optimistic that with some creative solutions within the Township, Peer Jury could be reinstated as early as January or February and see no legitimate reason why it couldn't be. For 17 years Peer Jury has been lauded by everyone involved, the Township, participating Police Departments, students and parents, as a program that directly benefits Township students and their communities. It is a low cost and efficient program that was terminated without significant and appropriate thought or discussion among the Township or Trustees, and this error should be corrected by reinstating the program as quickly as possible. The opportunity cost that has been lost to hundreds of Township high school students is significant and should not be allowed to continue any longer.

Thanks for your consideration. Message we sent to township trustees follows.

Margaret (Peg) Chaidez, Downers Grove
Cliff Grammich, Downers Grove
Yvonne Mayer, Burr Ridge
Susan Owens, Hinsdale

From: **DGT PeerJuryFriends** <dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 1:56 PM

Subject: Peer Jury Agenda Item Request for 12/19

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DearDowners Grove Township Board of Trustees:

On behalf of supporters of the Peer Jury Program that was terminated by Supervisor Thoman on July 24, 2017, we formally request that you add to the agenda of your December 19, 2017 meeting discussion on the program's suspension and possible reinstatement. As you may be aware, for over four months we have been working as a group to accomplish two things:

1. Identify avenues to reinstate the Peer Jury program. This has culminated in our development of the attached reinstatement plan that would enable the Township to reinstate the program.

As discussed below, this plan was to be submitted for your consideration in early November for your consideration at the November 21 meeting. Mr. Thoman was aware that we were working on this plan that would answer your questions about a brief earlier version of this proposal sent to him by Community Member Bill White, and that we planned to submit it to you before the November 21 meeting.

2. As part of the development of the plan, and also to identify why Mr. Thoman terminated Peer Jury and why the trustees have not publicly discussed its termination (or possible reinstatement), we filed Freedom of Information Act Requests to access public records. We have learned that on November 9, *before* we submitted the detailed proposed implementation plan for your consideration, Mr. Thoman informed all of the Police Chiefs via email that our proposal "*ambitious and sincere as it is, raises more questions than it answers. It lacks safeguards against financial shortfalls and liability, does not incorporate law enforcement authority, and offers no participant recourse, among other issues.*" We were informed that the police chiefs viewed this email from Mr. Thoman as shutting the door on any possibility that the Township would consider reinstatement of the Peer Jury program.

Having now received responses to our Freedom of Information Act Requests, we have concluded that there has been a lack of proper process followed by Mr. Thoman in terminating a long-standing, successful, popular and community supported program. We do not believe that he made accurate representations to the community or to Township Trustees, about the basis for terminating the program, the costs of the program, or efforts by Peer Jury supporters to provide you with information you requested to publicly discuss a possible reinstatement of the program. Moreover, we believe that Mr. Thoman acted prematurely in sending his

November 9 email to the police chiefs, with the intended effect of ending our efforts. We further believe that the Board of Trustees has not properly discussed the Peer Jury program as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act. This email will explain how we have come to these conclusions and request that you –as our elected officials -- publicly discuss our concerns and our proposal to have the Township reinstate Peer Jury.

The Process to terminate Peer Jury was Flawed. What We Have Learned About the Process to Terminate the DG Peer Jury Program from Mr. Thoman's Public Statements and Township Public Records

A. Inadequate Notification of Peer Jury Termination to Jurors and Parents

As parents of current and past Peer Jurors, our source of information regarding the program always was Lori Wrzesinski. She would email or text jurors and parents any updates or information needed. We were never told to closely monitor the Township website or Facebook page for relevant Peer Jury information. It was therefore shocking, to say receive a text message from Ms. Wrzesinski on August 2, 2017 that stated: *"Peer Jury Parents: I've been waiting for the township to announce this but as far as I know nothing has gone out yet. Township supervisor eliminated peer jury."*

Ms. Wrzesinski was correct that no parents or jurors had been notified of the program's cancellation by anyone at the Township prior to her text message—even though Mr. Thoman announced the program's termination in a July 24 message to local mayors and police departments. In that message, Mr. Thoman represented that *"Due to a reorganization of the Human Services Department compelled upon the Township by funding cuts by the State of Illinois, the Township can no longer provide the longstanding Peer Jury Program to our Township residents."*

B. The August 3 Township Meeting – No Trustee Discussion in Public and Supervisor's Public Claims about Cost of Peer Jury Program

To get more information, more than 50 parents and current and former Peer Jurors and supporters (including all of us) attended the August 3 Township meeting. Many attendees made public comments in support of the program and asked for an explanation why Peer Jury was terminated.

Mr. Thoman responded that it cost \$118,000 per year to run the Peer Jury Program, that the Township had lost state funding and had to let two employees go and that Ms. Wrzesinski was one of them. We asked whether the Trustees had discussed terminating the actual Peer Jury program at any point in public prior to July 24.

None of you answered the question. Rather Mr. Thoman ultimately stated that HE alone had made the decision, although apparently you did discuss terminating two employees during an executive session in July. Despite stating that his decision was a personnel move, Mr. Thoman cited policy justifications for terminating the program. Under the Open Meetings Act, termination of programs or policy reasons for ending a service program funded with taxpayer dollars must be discussed in a public meeting. To the extent that Mr. Thoman discussed termination of Peer Jury with you in executive session or via email seeking your input on related matters, the Open Meetings Act may have been violated.

C. Mr. Thoman's Representations at the August 17, 2017 Township Meeting

At the August 3 meeting, Mr. Thoman indicated that he would be willing to meet with a committee of community members to consider alternatives to the program that would not require Township funding. At the next meeting, on August 17, Mr. Thoman gave you a verbal update on Peer Jury, representing that he had spoken with Community Member Cliff Grammich and had a couple of emails with Community Member Karen Kobialka. He represented to you that these community members were willing to move forward with a community based organization to assume the duties and responsibilities of running a peer jury program. He further represented that he and a couple of trustees spoke with a

couple of mayors and police chiefs and that at least four municipalities were interested in working with a community based organization. He said two trustees who are CPA's offered audits, accounting and information to the committee to give them a "good transparent base to go with" and he ended his report by saying "***it's all good news.***"

Unfortunately, Mr. Thoman's report to you on August 17 was not accurate. He did not speak with Mr. Grammich after the 8/3 meeting and before the August 17 meeting. Mr. Thoman did send Mr. Grammich an August 4 email in which he summarized notes he took during the August 3 meeting and said, "***I will reach out to you three when I have the remaining program numbers and a firm cost. Hopefully early next week.***" Mr. Thoman did not send Mr. Grammich program numbers and his detailed estimates of the cost of running Peer Jury until Mr. Grammich made a freedom-of-information request in late November. Nor did Mr. Grammich hear directly from any Trustee with an offer to help. Instead, this group was essentially left on its own to explore and identify any viable options for other organizations to "assume responsibility of Peer Jury."

D. Our Committee's Efforts

1. Determining the Actual Cost of Running the Peer Jury Program

Following up on Mr. Thoman's representation of August 3, 2017 that it would cost \$118,000/year to run Peer Jury, we met with Lori Wrzesinski. She drafted a budget of what it actually cost to run the program. That budget, attached as part of the proposed implementation plan, shows that the annual cost is (at most) \$36,000 – one-third of the amount Mr. Thoman publicly represented.

2. Need for an Umbrella Organization

Ms. Wrzesinski also communicated early with police chiefs, who advised her that they were not able to assume responsibility of the Program, but might be able to provide some future funding IF a third-party entity could serve as an umbrella organization

overseeing the day-to-day operations of the program. Without assurance that an umbrella organization would oversee the program, they would not be able to provide funding or participate. Moreover, the police chiefs also expressed more confidence in contracting with a governmental organization.

We were unable to identify any private organization willing to serve as an umbrella. We therefore returned to the idea of having Downers Grove Township reinstate the program IF it did not require expenditure of Township revenue. We also considered establishing a 501(c)(3) organization to run the program but learned that this would take more than one year. During this time, the existing program infrastructure would deteriorate and providing ongoing administrative leadership for such an organization would be challenging.

Mr. Bill White, a Downers Grove village commissioner, whose wife Karen Kobiacka was on the original small committee, also sent Mr. Thoman an email on August 3 proposing in theory the idea of the Township serving as an umbrella organization to oversee the program that could potentially be funded without Township revenue.

Again, in an email Mr. Thoman sent to Mr. White dated August 8, 2017, he informed Mr. White that "***I am still putting together information for Karen and Cliff.***" He further represented that "***Two Trustees are CPA's and one has professional experience as an independent auditor. Between them setting up a NFP books is something they could readily do so the 501 has good accounting and auditing oversight right out of the box.***"

It is unclear if Mr. Thoman was simply speaking "for" the 2 Trustees by volunteering their services without their actual knowledge, or if he actually discussed Peer Jury alternatives with them outside of a meeting (which would have been a violation of the OMA). Either way, this process was inappropriate. Moreover, as stated above, Mr. Thoman did not follow up and provide Mr. Grammich with the promised information.

3. Our Conclusion that DGTownship Must be the Umbrella

Organization and Special Revenue Fund Proposal

All of our efforts led us back to the conclusion that Downers Grove Township should consider reinstatement of the Peer Jury Program in some form. Mr. White contacted Mr. Thoman again asking that the Trustees discuss his proposal at the October 19 meeting. He submitted a brief conceptual proposal outlining our concept that Peer Jury expenses would be paid with a Special Revenue Fund funded by participating communities and offender fees. -The Township would only receive and disburse funds for the program (and provide liability coverage as it had in the past under its umbrella policy). The fund would keep the Township umbrella that had served the program well for 17 years and was trusted by the Police Departments. Peer Jury was not put on the agenda for the October 19 meeting nor discussed substantively, but following the October 19 Township meeting Mr. Thoman did meet with Mr. White on October 25 to discuss the proposal. During this meeting, Mr. Thoman provided Mr. White with substantive questions that various Trustees and Mr. Thoman wanted answered before being willing to discuss at a Township meeting. Mr. Thoman did not give Mr. White any deadline for submission of answers.

You should be aware that less than 40 hours after Mr. White's October 25 meeting with Mr. Thoman, several members of our committee met to address the Trustees' questions and concerns. We then began drafting a implementation plan that would provide answers to the Trustees. We planned to submit the detailed plan no later than November 11 so that you could publicly discuss the plan during your November 21 meeting. We also began seeking private donations to sustain the program in its first year and had secured \$6,000 in pledges.

4. Mr. Thoman's Undermining of Our Efforts

However, as we stated at the beginning of this letter, on November 9, Mr. Thoman emailed the Police Chiefs to oppose our plan and inform them that our proposal was riddled with problems. He did not inform them that he was waiting for answers to the Trustees questions that he had submitted to Mr. White. We first learned

about this e-mail when police chiefs told us. The Township's responses to our FOIA requests confirmed this. At no time did Mr. Thoman contact our group to inquire what specific date we would be submitting our answers to him and the trustees or if we still planned to do so prior to the November 21 meeting.

The FOIA responses also disclosed that even before Mr. Thoman contacted the police chiefs, he had circulated a draft Press Release on the Peer Jury program for your comments. The press release was not produced to us – nor was one published on the Township website, so we do not know why it was not released. It is, however, clear from the emails to and from the Trustees to Mr. Thoman that substantive discussion on the termination of the Peer Jury program took place by and amongst the Trustees, discussions that should have properly been conducted in a public meeting under the OMA requirements. Mr. Thoman even commented how our group seemed to be "running out of steam" which seemed to indicate a belief that we were not going to answer the Trustees' questions. At no time did Mr. Thoman seek to obtain a date certain from us on when our answers would be forthcoming before drafting the press release and contacting the police chiefs.

Responses to our FOIA requests and clarifying emails with the Township FOIA officer disclose further misrepresentations about the Peer Jury Program. Mr. Thoman has repeatedly attempted to justify his public representation that the program cost \$118,000/year to run. However, the attached proposed budget is based upon actual hours worked by Ms. Wrzesinski on Peer Jury in her capacity as the Public Relations Director. According to Ms. Wrzesinski, only one-third of her job was spent on Peer Jury, and limited time was spent by other DG paid employees on Peer Jury. In addition, two volunteer parents spent approximately five hours weekly assisting her.

We would like to draw your attention to an email Mr. Thoman sent you, the Trustees, on August 7, 2017 in which he stated that "***so far we're confirming the Peer Jury was the most expensive youth program addressing the fewest youth. My pencil on napkin***

figuring remains pretty solid but we'll take a closer look to see if there are any more significant costs undiscovered." On August 8, 2017, at least one trustee emailed Mr. Thoman asking him to *"please send over the break down of the \$118,000, once you've completed."* To our knowledge, Mr. Thoman did not provide the requested break down.

Even more concerning is the fact that despite the detail we provide in the proposed attached Implementation Plan, on December 4, 2017, in an email clarifying some previous FOIA responses, the Township represented to us that: *"Peer Jury was the full-time job of the position listed as Public Relations, and roughly of the job listed as the lower paid of the two Prevention Specialist DHS."* This is not true and should indicate to you that Mr. Thoman continues to inflate and misrepresent the true cost of the Peer Jury program. We have confirmed with Ms. Wrzesinski that she did not spend 100 percent of her time on Peer Jury. Furthermore, the prevention specialists could not have spent three-fourths of their time on Peer Jury. They were limited by grant funding and, had they spent that much time on Peer Jury, they would have violated the grant provisions.

Our Request that You Publicly Discuss the DG Peer Jury Program at the December 19, 2017 Township Meeting.

Attached you will find our draft proposed Implementation Plan with different viable options. As we outline in our first option, the easiest and cleanest way to reinstate the Peer Jury program is to have an existing Township employee(s) absorb the program with the assistance of current Peer Jury volunteers and, perhaps, Lori Wrzesinski serving as a temporary consultant during the transition and paid by the donation commitments we have received. Cathy Rager has already been significantly involved with the program; if she were to continue her involvement, she would help provide a seamless transition within the Township. Given that Mr. Thoman has stated on several occasions that the primary reason for the termination of the program was funding, and we have determined that the actual hours spent on the program by Township

employees would not prohibit them from assuming responsibility for the program, we see this option as a very workable solution to the reinstatement of the Peer Jury program.

If, however, the Township determines it does not have the capacity to administer the program as it has in the past, then it may consider our second proposal. This proposal would ask for financial contributions from participating police departments to pay a consultant (Lori Wrezinski) to help administer the program. As described earlier, we were seeking commitments from the police chiefs and had had numerous conversations – both in person and via e-mail – when Mr. Thoman sent them his e-mail stating that the Township would not act as an umbrella organization.

In the interest of full transparency, we note that we were hoping to include commitments from the police departments to participate in funding the program in the future. After Mr. Thoman's email to them of November 9, however, including his claim that our proposal was inadequate (even before we submitted it to you for your consideration and discussion), we could not in good conscience meet with the police chiefs to ask them for a financial commitment.

We firmly believe that our proposal is sound and affords an opportunity to reinstate the Peer Jury Program under the Downers Grove Township umbrella. We would like you to review our draft proposal and discuss it as a group on December 19 during your public meeting. We ask you to discuss and decide as a group if our proposals have merit and, if it does, to work with us to determine next steps. We believe that Mr. Thoman has not afforded the Township Trustees the opportunity to fully vet and discuss the viability of reinstating the Peer Jury Program. We hope that you would want to openly discuss your position on continuing this valuable 17-year program.

As you consider our request to put this item on your December 19 agenda, please consider that while running for election to be the Township Supervisor, in arguing against elimination or consolidation of township services, Mr. Thoman stated in his

Candidate Profile that Peer Jury was a service that operates "***at minimal cost to the taxpayer***" (Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20170310/submitted/303109406/>). Further, in June 2017 (just one month before he terminated the Peer Jury Program), he commented that "***Downers Grove Township leverages efficiencies via collaboration, cooperation, and coordination at every opportunity; from our Youth Services partnerships with schools, our Peer Jury diversion program utilized by all police departments in the Township, to the volunteer driven, non-profit FISH Pantry housed in our building that meets the food gap of those in need. These are some of the examples of how we work to meet a variety of needs through these approaches.***" (Source: <https://patch.com/illinois/hinsdale/downers-grove-township-supports-meals-wheels-program>)

The need for this program remains. It can run at minimal cost—and far less cost than Mr. Thoman has represented recently. The township provides an ideal scale for it, by ensuring offenders may have their cases heard with greater confidentiality (i.e., by students from other schools than their own) and enabling smaller communities not able to provide such a program on their own to still offer this service. It is a shame that a program that Mr. Thoman touted as a success and cost-effective and efficient earlier this year was eliminated and described very differently to you in his August 7 email.

We look forward to discussing this plan with you at your December 19 meeting. We are also available to meet with you before or after that meeting should you wish to speak further about it.

Margaret (Peg) Chaidez, Downers Grove
Cliff Grammich, Downers Grove
Yvonne Mayer, Burr Ridge
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To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>
Cc: Clifford Grammich <cagrammich@gmail.com>, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan"
<aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

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 Dec 4, 2017 @ 3:46 PM you wrote:

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?

On Dec 4, 2017 @ 4:02 pm, you wrote:

Can you please advise why the information you are now producing below was previously withheld or redacted.

On Dec 4, 2017 @ 4:18 pm, you wrote:

I am aware that in responses to y 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. Etc.

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?

In response to your voluminous FOIA requests, I am providing the following:

I am attaching the following:

Example 1: Email 8/7/17 with BCC attached.

Example 2: Email 8/8/17 from Thoman to Thoman timestamped 9:59 am - this is a draft/working document which Supervisor Thoman emailed to himself.

Example 3: Email 10/2/17 from Thoman to DGT Trustee - file attached

A reasonable search has been completed and no documents were intentionally withheld. BCC name was incorrectly redacted. If you need another documents, please let me know.

Appeal Rights:

5 ILCS 140/9.5 A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record has been denied in whole or in part by a public body may file a request for review with the PAC not later than 60 days after the date of the final denial.

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

Office of the Attorney General- Public Access Counselor

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: 10/2/17 Freedom of Information Act Request/Response
Follow Up Questions
Date: December 4, 2017 at 2:23:26 PM CST
To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

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 answers to the following questions:

1. 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.

Press release was a draft and never published. I am resending the email dated July 24, 2017 to the Police Chiefs. All Bcc: names are listed.

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 (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?**

The Illinois Freedom of Information Act allows that instead of sending, in this case, dozens of documents that are already on-line, that I can send the links from our transparency page.

(5 ILCS 140/8.5)

Sec. 8.5. Records maintained online.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, a public body is not required to copy a public record that is published on the public body's website. The public body shall notify the requester that the public record is available online and direct the requester to the website where the record can be reasonably accessed.

(b) If the person requesting the public record is unable to reasonably access the record online after being directed to the website pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section, the requester may re-submit his or her request for the record stating his or her inability to reasonably access the record online, and the public body shall make the requested record available for inspection or copying as provided in Section 3 of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 98-1129, eff. 12-3-14.)

The Transparency page is here:

http://www.dgtownship.com/?page_id=7130

Budgets:

http://www.dgtownship.com/docs/so/twp/Township_Budget_Ordinance_16-17.pdf

See page 5 for the Human Services budgets for 2016-2017

http://www.dgtownship.com/docs/so/twp/Township_Budget_Ordinance_15-16.pdf

See page 6 for the Human Services Budget for 2015-2016

The Annual Financial Report for the year ended February 28, 2017 are on-

line here:

<http://www.dgtownship.com/docs/so/twp/DGTAuditReport2017.pdf>

See page 38 and 39 for the Human Services. This document includes both the 2016-2017, and 2015-2016 fiscal year data.

Employee Compensation:

<http://www.dgtownship.com/docs/so/twp/DGTWageDisclosure2016.pdf>

See page 2. These are the employee costs less employer FICA contribution for 2016-2017. Peer Jury was the full-time job of the position listed as Public Relations, and roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the job listed as the lower paid of the two Prevention Specialist DHS.

<http://www.dgtownship.com/docs/so/twp/DGTWageDisclosure2015.pdf>

Again, see the same positions on page 2.

Any documents relating to or regarding the decision to suspend the Peer Jury program.

The decision involved researching the various Human Services offered, and finding how to continue to best serve, and gain the widest benefit to, the Township. Here there's no document I can provide other than background I researched. All four elements of Human Services provided, at the time, benefits to participants.

On the Transparency page http://www.dgtownship.com/?page_id=7130

if you roll down to **Township**, the first category of public documents is **Monthly Expenditures**. I went through all 22 of these to get an idea of what the associated costs for programs were.

The monthly audit reports contain expense detail related to Human Services programs. Some costs are specific to a program and are listed, and some are general and are split among the different programs.

The on-line reports do not go back to the beginning of the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, so I am including three summary reports I ran off on August 30. These

were not the reports I researched, but contain the information just for Human Services for the last two Fiscal Years.

All of the above information all fed into Supervisor Thoman's decision.

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?**

I am attaching the requested emails.

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.**

Response for information/documents or ideas: response does not imply that "no documents exist". To my knowledge if supporting documentation exists, it is being provided.

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

Thank you,
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: 10/2/17 Freedom of Information Act Request/Response
Follow Up Questions
Date: December 4, 2017 at 1:41:59 PM CST
To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>

Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

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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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: 10/2/17 Freedom of Information Act Request/
Response Follow Up Questions
Date: November 27, 2017 at 12:28:52 PM CST
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Yvonne Mayer** <ymayer@msn.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 10:10 AM
Subject: 10/2/17 Freedom of Information Act Request/Response Follow Up Questions
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

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 (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

From: Lorraine Grimsby <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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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: October 16, 2017 at 9:52:59 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Mark:

Forgot to CC you on the response. See below.

Thanks

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: October 3, 2017 at 9:49:34 AM CDT
To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Peer Jury Agenda Item Request for 12/19
Date: December 11, 2017 at 9:55:23 AM CST
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

It appears you are left off of this email list.

Mark

Mark S. Thoman - Supervisor

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Peer Jury Agenda Item Request for 12/19
Date: December 11, 2017 at 8:00:27 AM CST
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com, aalongi@alongilawoffice.com

This latest email went out to all mayors and chiefs, trustees, Cathy Rager, as seen below, requesting discussion on the Tuesday December 17th agenda.

At the Thursday December 7th BOT meeting Trustee Van Der Laan brought up under new business that he would be willing to meet with the group and

Trustee Ferguson said she would too.

Please read over both documents. Let me know your thoughts on this. I will do a call around on Tuesday December 12th.

Mark

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From: Amanda Roe <amanda.roe@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury Emails
Date: December 8, 2017 at 3:14:04 PM CST
To: Susan Mistretta <susan.mistretta@dgtownship.com>, Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Greg Boltz <gregory.boltz@dgtownship.com>, Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Susan,

I have not sent or received emails regarding the Peer Jury program itself, Lori sent me emails to post Peer Jury related information or articles to our township website. I have also been tasked with exporting emails for some of the elected officials.

If you need any more information, please let me know.

Thanks!
Amanda

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From: Susan Mistretta <susan.mistretta@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Peer Jury Emails
Date: December 8, 2017 at 2:20:50 PM CST
To: "DGTWP (All) Group" <dgtwp@dgtownship.com>

Hello Everyone,

Regarding Lorraine's email concerning the FOIA request for Peer Jury emails, even if you have not sent or received any Peer Jury emails, I will need an email from you stating that. Thanks!

Susan

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: December 8, 2017 at 3:04:47 PM CST
To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, Allan Alongi
<aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

Replied: 12/8/2017 3:03 PM
Dear Ms. Mayer:

Responses for 12/1/2017 email @ 12:40 PM

1st paragraph: Email with BC redacted name: name redacted in error
and provided to you on Dec 1st @ 12:25 PM

2nd paragraph response:

5 ILCS 140/3.2 (b)

Within 5 business days of receipt of a written request for access to and/ or

copies of a public record, a public body must, in writing, either (a) approve the request and produce for inspection or produce copies of the requested record, (b) indicate why the records cannot be produced within 5 business days of the request and extend the compliance period an additional 5 business days, or (c) deny the request. Failure to respond in one of the foregoing three (3) manners is deemed a denial of the request.

5 ILCS 140/ 1.5 A request should specify the documents requested and whether solely access (i.e. inspection) or copies of the record are desired.

Appeal Rights:

5 ILCS 140/9.5 A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record has been denied in whole or in part by a public body may file a request for review with the PAC not later than 60 days after the date of the final denial. 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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If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

Ms. Mayer:

Per FOIA statute, 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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From: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: December 1, 2017 at 1:19:39 PM CST
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

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

Sent from my iPhone

From: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: December 1, 2017 at 1:19:25 PM CST
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

I asked them on 11/27 so they should be due sooner. Please advise.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: December 1, 2017 at 1:08:14 PM CST
To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

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Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: December 1, 2017 at 12:24:18 PM CST
To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

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:
Social Security numbers
Driver's License numbers
Employee Identification numbers

Home or Personal telephone numbers
Personal Email Addresses
Home addresses
Zip codes (when coupled with identifying information like name)
Signatures

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This information is also included on our website at: www.dgtownship.com,
under FOIA link.

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

Thank you
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: December 1, 2017 at 10:20:08 AM CST
To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

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 over sight.

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

Thank you,
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: December 1, 2017 at 10:03:05 AM CST
To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Alongi, Allan" <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

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 Wednesday, November 22, 2017, you requested: 1. clarification on copying fees; and documents pertaining to items #1 and #2 below. Your request is granted.

Copying fees:

To clarify the copying fees, this information is provided by the Illinois Attorney General's Office:

No fees may be charged for the first 50 pages of black and white, letter or legal sized copies. The fee for black and white, letter or legal sized copies may not exceed 15 cents per page. If a public body provides copies in color or in a size other than letter or legal, the public body may charge its actual cost for reproducing the records. 5 ILCS 140/6(a).

Requests for Electronic copies: A public body must produce records that are maintained in an electronic format in the electronic format specified by the requester, if feasible. If not feasible, must disclose in the electronic format in which the records are maintained or in paper, at the option of the requester.

Records Maintained Online: a public body is not required to copy a public record that is published on the public body's website. A public body must notify the requester that the public record is available online and direct the requester to the website.

Documents pertaining to items #1 and #2 below, PDF attached:

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Date: November 27, 2017 at 12:25:40 PM CST
To: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Cc: "clerk@dgtownship.com" <clerk@dgtownship.com>,
"chris.west@dgtownship.com" <chris.west@dgtownship.com>

Dear Ms. Mayer:

Thank you for writing to Downers Grove Township with your request for information pursuant to the FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

Your request was received on:

Wednesday, Nov 22nd

Thursday & Friday - holiday

A response will be sent to you by Friday, December 1, 2017.

Thank you

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

On Wed, Nov 22, 2017 at 9:44 AM, Yvonne Mayer <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](tel: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

From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: FOIA requests for Peer Jury
Date: December 7, 2017 at 3:32:26 PM CST
To: DGT Board <board@dgtownship.com>, DGT Trustee
<trustee@dgtownship.com>

Everyone:

I have been receiving numerous FOIA requests regarding Peer Jury.

To comply, I need copies of any and all documentation/emails provided to/ from the DGT trustees dated on or after January 1, 2017.

There are time limitations, therefore if you request assistance in retrieving emails, please call Supervisor Thoman or myself.

If you have no emails or documents, please respond accordingly.

Supervisor Thoman: 630-719-6610

Clerk Grimsby: 630-719-6613

Thank you

Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

From: Amanda Roe <amanda.roe@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Kalet Emails

Date: December 6, 2017 at 11:19:08 AM CST

To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

Cc: Greg Boltz <gregory.boltz@dgtownship.com>

Mark & Lorraine,

For the FOIA received, these are David Kalet's emails that related to the Peer Jury program.

Thanks!

Amanda

Amanda Roe - IT Manager

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amanda.roe@dgtownship.com • www.dgtownship.com

From: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: September 1, 2017 at 10:22:43 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "Fieldman, Charles" <cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com>
Reply-To: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Thanks, Mark.

There's also a Facebook page Mr. Fieldman may follow if interested:
<https://www.facebook.com/PeerJuryFriends/>.

CG

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: September 1, 2017 at 10:22:19 AM CDT
To: "Fieldman, Charles" <cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com>

That was the agenda! Here's the minutes. There's a 5 part video of the meeting too.

<http://www.dgtownship.com/docs/so/minutes/minutes080317.pdf>

Mark S. Thoman - Supervisor

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: September 1, 2017 at 10:20:21 AM CDT
To: "Fieldman, Charles" <cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com>

Here's the link to the minutes of the 8/3 meeting, also on-line on our

Transparency page.

<http://www.dgtownship.com/docs/so/agenda/agenda080317.pdf>

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From: "Fieldman, Charles" <cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: September 1, 2017 at 10:17:23 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Thank you.

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Date: Friday, September 1, 2017 at 10:15 AM
To: "Fieldman, Charles" <cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury

Township resident Cliff Grammich is coordinating interested residents.
Cliff's email is
c.grammich@comcast.net

He also has set up a google group that makes it easy for him to update everyone:
DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com

It seems from the folks who contacted you there's still people who need to join this group to keep up with events as they move forward. You might ask Cliff if you can include the google group info in your article. That's up to him.

They are currently organizing a Community Based Organization that a municipality can contract with for a Peer Jury program, authorized by state law. The IL AG has a lot of info about the court diversion programs here:

<http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/communities/youthadvocacy/iyca.html>

The FOIA request covered two questions. All the documents I researched in making this decision are on our Transparency page, so I gave him the links and directed him to the pages where I found pertinent information.

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www.websense.com

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Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: September 1, 2017 at 10:15:54 AM CDT
To: "Fieldman, Charles" <cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com>
Bcc: c.grammich@comcast.net

Township resident Cliff Grammich is coordinating interested residents.
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From: "Fieldman, Charles" <cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com>
Subject: Peer jury
Date: August 31, 2017 at 4:39:56 PM CDT
To: "supervisor@dgtownship.com" <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

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: FOI Request
Date: December 4, 2017 at 11:41:24 AM CST
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: FOI Request
Date: August 31, 2017 at 11:24:48 AM CDT
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

Here's what I've got so far that responds directly to the two items in the

FOIA request.

The three "extra documents" are a report generated that broke out expenses for Human Services. The first document has links to all the documents I researched. As they are all on-line, the IL GA advised I can simply link to them other than attach them all.

The links in the Response appear to be active so he won't have to copy and paste.

Mark

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: FOI Request
Date: August 28, 2017 at 8:14:44 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury - Intergovernmental contracts
Date: November 27, 2017 at 3:53:30 PM CST
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

Thank you.

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer Jury - Intergovernmental contracts
Date: November 27, 2017 at 8:11:08 AM CST
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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

From: Edward H Schwartz <eschwartz@csd99.org>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury
Date: November 27, 2017 at 2:10:21 PM CST
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Cc: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>

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> wrote:
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Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury
Date: November 22, 2017 at 11:30:56 AM CST
To: Edward H Schwartz <eschwartz@csd99.org>
Cc: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury
Date: November 21, 2017 at 4:36:32 PM CST
To: Edward H Schwartz <eschwartz@csd99.org>
Bcc: trustee@dgtownship.com, chris.west@dgtownship.com

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.

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From: Edward H Schwartz <eschwartz@csd99.org>

Subject: Peer Jury

Date: November 21, 2017 at 4:06:58 PM CST

To: supervisor@dgtownship.com, art.donner@dgtownship.com, abby.ferfuson@dgtownship.com, karen.kelly@dgtownship.com, dave.vanderlaan@dgtownship.com

Cc: dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com, cagrammich@gmail.com

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.

From: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: FOIA request
Date: November 21, 2017 at 10:47:52 PM CST
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Reply-To: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Received. Thanks much.

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: FOIA request
Date: November 21, 2017 at 8:05:19 PM CST
To: Clifford Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>
Cc: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

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.

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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Subject: Fwd: FOIA request
Date: November 21, 2017 at 8:06:48 PM CST
To: Bob Rakow - Downers Grove <brakow@shawmedia.com>
Bcc: cpupp311@yahoo.com

FYI - sent out today too Fieldman at Doings and Grammich, resident.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: FOIA request
Date: November 21, 2017 at 4:37:52 PM CST
To: Charles Fieldman <cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com>
Cc: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

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.

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

Regards,

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com
Subject: Peer Jury Update--November 19, 2017
Date: November 18, 2017 at 9:57:50 PM CST
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

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 or comment at 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@dgtownship.com

Trustee Abby Ferguson abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com

Trustee Karen Kelly karen.kelly@dgtownship.com

Trustee Dave VanDerLaan dave.vanderlaan@dgtownship.com

Supervisor Mark Thoman supervisor@dgtownship.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

Peg Chaidez

Karen Kobialka

Yvonne Mayer

Susan Owens

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Fwd: Freedom of Information request

Date: November 15, 2017 at 10:08:42 AM CST

To: Amanda Roe <amanda.roe@dgtownship.com>

Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Amanda:

Please compile the requested emails pertaining to this FOIA request.

Response due by Wednesday, Nov 22nd.

Thank you

Lorraine

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request
Date: November 15, 2017 at 10:01:29 AM CST
To: Clifford Grammich <cagrammich@gmail.com>
Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, Susan Mistretta <susan.mistretta@dgtownship.com>

Dear Mr. Grammich:

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 Wednesday, November 15, 2017, you requested 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.

A response will be sent by Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Thank you
Lorraine Grimsby, Clerk

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Re: FOIA request

Date: November 15, 2017 at 10:05:53 AM CST

To: "Fieldman, Charles" <cfieldman@pioneerlocal.com>

Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, Susan Mistretta <susan.mistretta@dgtownship.com>

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

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From: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Fwd: FOIA request

Date: November 15, 2017 at 9:14:38 AM CST

To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

FYI:

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Error in Peer jury municipality listing
Date: November 10, 2017 at 8:01:50 AM CST
To: Chief Greg Thomas <gthomas@darienil.gov>, Chief Boyd Farmer <bfarmer@clarendonhills.us>, Chief Brian Cunningham <bcunningham@vil.woodridge.il.us>, Chief John Madden <jmadden@burr-ridge.gov>, Chief Robert Pavelchik <rpavelchik@willowbrook.il.us>, Chief Kurt Bluder <kbluder@downers.us>, Chief Jim Gunther <jgunther@westmont.il.gov>, Chief Brian King <bking@villageofhinsdale.org>, Chief James Kruger <jkruger@oak-brook.org>

I said Addison was running a program with Itasca and when I checked my notes it is Roselle, not Addison, that works with Itasca.

One of you asked for my notes from talking to two officers in solved in peer jury.

Elmhurst is representative of our larger communities. Officer Hawkins at Elmhurst outlined his program for me. They do allow for some overtime, meet once a month, and last month were "very busy" with 4 new and 3 previous cases. Of a pool of 20-25 jurors, he said they get 15 or so student jurors that show up each month and they use 5 or 6 jurors. They spring for pizza for the jurors that night. They often assign papers in addition to service hours, and he mentioned adjudication tickets where the parents pay the fine. The Mayor sometimes stops by on meeting night.

Bloomington is representative of our smaller communities. Officer Dawn Odoi said they meet once a month, and last month was heavy with 1 new and 6 previous cases, 2 of which were no shows the previous month. She said they have a pool of 20-25 student jurors, 16-20 show up each month, and they use 5 to 6 jurors. They provide cookies and snacks at the monthly meetings, and at the end of the year they have a pizza party. They also provide polo shirts identifying the jurors that must be worn. Papers and community service hours as assigned must be completed and it's the responsibility of the offender to contact, arrange hours, and do the work.

The Chief keeps the Village Council informed, and they are happy. Officer Odoi also indicated they use the option to ticket, and noted retail theft is a recurring offense.

Both indicated they rarely have any issues with parents. Both use tickets but neither singled them out as preferred, just that they can write them. They both indicated they're happy with how their programs are working out, and their Chiefs are happy with their work. They both use established "community service hour" agencies.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Community Diversion Alternatives
Date: November 9, 2017 at 10:04:03 AM CST
To: Chief Greg Thomas <gthomas@darienil.gov>, Chief John Madden <jmadden@burr-ridge.gov>, Chief Robert Pavelchik <rpavelchik@willowbrook.il.us>, Chief Kurt Bluder <kbluder@downers.us>, Chief Jim Gunther <jgunther@westmont.il.gov>, Chief Brian King <bking@villageofhinsdale.org>, Chief James Kruger <jkruger@oak-brook.org>, Chief Boyd Farmer <bfarmer@clarendonhills.us>, Chief Brian Cunningham <bcunningham@vil.woodridge.il.us>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

Dear Chiefs,

The Township supports law enforcement efforts to use all available community diversion tools -- release to parents, local ordinance tickets, and station adjustments -- in addition to a peer jury program. The Township continues work with over 25 schools, teaching 3,400 youth, aged 13 and under, each year since 1981 to make good decisions that steer them away from law enforcement youth diversion programs.

The Township received a proposal the week of October 22nd to restore

Township involvement in peer jury programs.

Unfortunately the proposal, ambitious and sincere as it is, raises more questions than it answers. It lacks safeguards against financial shortfalls and liability, does not incorporate law enforcement authority, and offers no participant recourse, among other issues.

Objective evaluation supports the decision to suspend Township participation in law enforcement community diversion alternatives, including peer jury. Fundamental issues, which were the basis for suspending participation in the program, still exist. Fortunately, all other alternatives are available that address youth court diversion for minor, non-violent offenses.

Townships are not part of LE community diversion alternatives anywhere in DuPage County. That said, six communities -- Addison, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Elmhurst, Itasca, and Wood Dale -- run peer jury programs singly or in groups. These programs use peer teen jurors and volunteers, and the JO's act as jury moderators, adding gravity and efficiency. The programs are low-cost, efficient, and well received in their communities.

The DuPage Juvenile Officers Association <http://dupagejuvenileofficers.com/> support youth justice programs, including court diversion programs. Residents who support peer jury can contribute to this tax-deductable not-for-profit and help fund continuing education and training of JO's. That support helps all juvenile law enforcement programs, including peer jury.

The Township is confident in the capabilities of LE youth outreach activities to move forward in a way that best fits individual community needs, incorporating the community diversion tools available to law enforcement professionals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Abby Ferguson <abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury talking points
Date: November 8, 2017 at 11:38:47 AM CST
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Press release looks good.

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer jury talking points
Date: November 8, 2017 at 11:06:41 AM CST
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Allan Alongi <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

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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From: Abby Ferguson <abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Presser

Date: November 6, 2017 at 4:10:44 PM CST
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

I think this is on the right track. How much has been done to determine if the DuPage group is willing to take this group on? Has anyone called them?

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Presser
Date: November 6, 2017 at 1:42:23 PM CST
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com, aalongi@alongilawoffice.com

Good feedback all around. Word count is down from 741 to 503, It's in 3rd person, skipped hanging out proposals, and stuck to facts instead of possibilities.

Comments appreciated on this. Again, this is a draft confidential product.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Thoughts on potential press release
Date: November 6, 2017 at 8:03:29 AM CST
To: David Van Der Laan <dave.vanderlaan@dgtownship.com>

Thanks Dave. Appreciated.

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From: David Van Der Laan <dave.vanderlaan@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Thoughts on potential press release
Date: November 5, 2017 at 2:53:54 PM CST
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Mark,

Here are my thoughts on a potential peer jury press release:

1. It would help to start at the beginning of the story, either describing how the Township came into the funding that led to its involvement in the peer jury program, or at least starting with why the Township decided to suspend its involvement after that funding dried up (i.e. tough decisions had to be made when allocating limited human services resources, and the Township chose to focus on programs that assisted the maximum number of Township residents).
2. Any release that sets out alternatives to the current proposal ought to describe what the current proposal asks of the Township. This would allow an explanation that a Special Revenue Fund within the Township would needlessly duplicate a private account that could hold the proceeds of private fundraising for the peer jury program. The subtext of such an explanation is that Township involvement in the peer jury program is essentially unnecessary under the current resident proposal.
3. Consider the timing for a press release. If it is going to set out alternatives to the current resident proposal (and especially if it is going to state explicitly or implicitly that residents are not pursuing those alternatives), it may be better received if those alternatives have been clearly explained to the residents in another medium first. Perhaps the appropriate venue for laying out those alternatives is the upcoming meeting with Bob Rakow.

Feel free to call me if you would like to discuss this further.

Regards,
Dave

From: DGT PeerJuryFriends <dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Downers Grove Township Peer Jury--We Need Your Help!

Date: August 3, 2017 at 6:55:16 AM CDT

To: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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Many thanks, Mark.

Fiscal constraints have been, of course, a growing concern for many levels of government. In response, as you know, many jurisdictions have sought to consolidate or share services, including police services. As you also know, there is some research on consolidation and sharing of police services in particular, including services supported directly by multiple local jurisdictions. Perhaps there are some parallels there to apply here.

I am curious whether some type of shared-services arrangement, initially led by the township as best positioned to do so but supported financially by other local governments, is a possible solution here. A township-wide approach, even if not supported as much by the township directly as peer jury has been, would also benefit the system by avoiding having jurors sit in judgment of their schoolmates (which, I understand, Lori Wrzesinski also sought to avoid).

It will be interesting to get the chiefs' perspectives on this.

Cliff Grammich

On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 11:30 PM, mark.thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:

Hello Cliff and everyone,

Youth Services operated mostly under state grant funding. We were

notified in late July that grant was not renewed, hence the funding cut that effectively eliminated two of our three full time positions, and one of our two part time positions.

We could not continue all we do in Youth Services because of this.

Suspending Peer Jury was a very difficult decision. There were 50 cases through November that are being individually addressed, and over 200 jurors have now been notified. It was a great program that assisted both law enforcement and the courts. Offenders learned. Jurors were introduced to volunteer service and did a great job.

Our Township focus for Youth Services in prevention and education, in cooperation with local schools, will continue. Those programs reach 3,400 students in 20+ schools in our Township. This is prevention education rather than corrective education. Our remaining full time employee and part time employee are hard at work wrapping up course work for school that starts in roughly two weeks.

I'll put together information on those continuing Youth Services as a handout for attendees tomorrow night, and you can read about them on our website under Youth Services at www.dgtownship.com We had also planned an information presentation on the programming we are able to continue for this meeting, so that's become timely.

Most of you are aware Township government is limited government with limited resources. Elmhurst and Bloomingdale run in-house municipal court diversion programs, but every unit of government has intense budget pressure and are facing quite a few unknowns.

I look forward to seeing all of you.

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Cliff, thanks for the opportunity to report back to several parents and jurors with one email.

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From: DGT PeerJuryFriends <dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Downers Grove Township Peer Jury--We Need Your Help!
Date: August 2, 2017 at 11:41:13 PM CDT
To: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Thanks, Mark.

FWIW, the township web page does show the meeting on the 17th starting at 7:00 p.m. (see http://www.dgtownship.com/?tribe_events=board-meeting).

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From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: RE: Downers Grove Township Peer Jury--We Need Your Help!

Date: August 2, 2017 at 11:30:29 PM CDT

To: DGT PeerJuryFriends <dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com>, jmadden@burr-ridge.gov, mloftus@burr-ridge.gov, bfarmer@clarendonhills.us, police@clarendonhills.us, kbluder@downers.us, wbudds@downers.us, sgillette@downers.us, mcoughlin@villageofhinsdale.org, ksimpson@villageofhinsdale.org, jkruger@oak-brook.org, jcates@oak-brook.org, jgunther@westmont.il.gov, rbrenza@westmont.il.gov, rpavelchik@willowbrook.il.us

Cc: supervisor@dgtownship.com

Hello Cliff and everyone,

Youth Services operated mostly under state grant funding. We were notified in late July that grant was not renewed, hence the funding cut that effectively eliminated two of our three full time positions, and one of our two part time positions.

We could not continue all we do in Youth Services because of this.

Suspending Peer Jury was a very difficult decision. There were 50 cases through November that are being individually addressed, and over 200 jurors have now been notified. It was a great program that assisted both law enforcement and the courts. Offenders learned. Jurors were introduced to volunteer service and did a great job.

Our Township focus for Youth Services in prevention and education, in cooperation with local schools, will continue. Those programs reach 3,400 students in 20+ schools in our Township. This is prevention education rather than corrective education. Our remaining full time employee and part time employee are hard at work wrapping up course work for school that starts in roughly two weeks.

I'll put together information on those continuing Youth Services as a handout for attendees tomorrow night, and you can read about them on our website under Youth Services at www.dgtownship.com We had also planned an information presentation on the programming we are able to continue for this meeting, so that's become timely.

Most of you are aware Township government is limited government with limited resources. Elmhurst and Bloomingdale run in-house municipal court diversion programs, but every unit of government has intense budget pressure and are facing quite a few unknowns.

I look forward to seeing all of you.

mark.thoman@dgtownship.com is my direct email and 630-719-6611 is my direct number. Be patient and leave a number if I'm with another resident, and I'll do my best to get back to you. Or, see you tomorrow night. Both meetings this month start at 7:30pm.

Cliff, thanks for the opportunity to report back to several parents and jurors with one email.

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From: DGT PeerJuryFriends <dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com>

Date: 8/2/17 10:26 PM (GMT-06:00)

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jkruger@oak-brook.org, jcates@oak-brook.org, jgunther@westmont.il.gov,
rbrenza@westmont.il.gov, rpavelchik@willowbrook.il.us

Cc: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com, supervisor@dgtownship.com

Subject: Downers Grove Township Peer Jury--We Need Your Help!

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As a public safety official, and particularly one who works with juveniles in our community, you know the value of the program. As one retired officer commented on social media today about the program, "the peer jury program was an excellent alternative to juvenile court," whose suspension would be a "total disservice . . . not only to the youthful offenders, but to the entire community and court system."

We ask you to join us at the Downers Grove Township Board of Trustees Meeting tomorrow, Thursday, August 3, 7:30 p.m. at 4340 Prince St., Downers Grove, to ask the board to reconsider this decision.

If you are unable to attend tomorrow, please consider joining us at the next Township Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, August 17, at 7 p.m.

If you are unable to attend either meeting, please consider expressing your support for the program to Mark Thoman, Township Supervisor, at mark.thoman@dgtownship.com or supervisor@dgtownship.com or [1-630-719-6610](tel:1-630-719-6610).

Among other questions we hope to ask the supervisor, to whom a copy of this email is being sent as a courtesy, are what specific state "funding cuts" forced this action? What alternative funding mechanisms might be available to offset these? Would the township, and its constituent communities, consider some form of cost sharing, e.g., charging each participating municipality its share of the program's costs, or another group assuming responsibility for peer jury?

Please join us in sharing your views of the program with the board and in asking the board to reconsider this decision or to explore other ways to continue the program.

Thanks for your consideration.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: For when you get back
Date: October 27, 2017 at 10:25:47 AM CDT
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lgrimsb@luc.edu>

Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

What contracts or IGA's do we have on file reflecting Township involvement in the peer jury program? It goes back to 2000, there should be something, but all I found are files with information on minors in the basement that I'm not even sure we should have.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer Jury help
Date: October 27, 2017 at 9:48:23 AM CDT
To: SAO@dupageco.org
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com, trustee@dgtownship.com, aalongi@alongilawoffice.com

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,

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Your article from October 25, 2017 re: peer jury
Date: October 26, 2017 at 10:11:46 AM CDT
To: Bob Rakow - Downers Grove <brakow@shawmedia.com>

Thanks!

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From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Your article from October 25, 2017 re: peer jury
Date: October 25, 2017 at 9:43:55 PM CDT
To: Bob Rakow - Downers Grove <brakow@shawmedia.com>

I think you may have inadvertently lifted a quote from the outline proposal from Bill that I sent you.

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From: Bob Rakow - Downers Grove <brakow@shawmedia.com>

Date: 10/25/17 6:06 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Subject: Re: Your article from October 25, 2017 re: peer jury

I'm happy to have my editor run a clarification next week. Sorry for the misleading information. However, I think the story also lays out some of the ways that the program, if approved, would be very different than in the past. Again, sorry to create any confusion.

Bob Rakow

Reporter

Downers Grove Suburban Life

708-441-9855

From: "Bob Rakow - Downers Grove" <brakow@shawmedia.com>
Subject: Re: Your article from October 25, 2017 re: peer jury
Date: October 25, 2017 at 6:06:38 PM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Your article from October 25, 2017 re: peer jury
Date: October 25, 2017 at 2:33:51 PM CDT
To: Bob Rakow - Downers Grove <brakow@shawmedia.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com, trustee@dgtownship.com

The proposal Bill White and I will discuss, you accurately reported as "very

preliminary”.

I was taken by surprise, however, by the first sentence of paragraph four, which contains two errors of significance.

The article says:

"The peer jury program, meanwhile, would resume under much the same framework as it did prior to its discontinuation in April."

The first error is it states a foregone conclusion that all will be as it was... when that has never been guaranteed to anyone at any time. Ask Mr. Grammich, Mr. White, or any of the folks who have emailed me, mistakenly thanking me for making everything like it was. The second error is the program was discontinued near the end of July, not April.

A correct sentence would have read "There is no plan, meanwhile, to resume the program under much the same framework as it did prior to its suspension at the end of July." Our press release is still online here, and is still accurate. <http://www.dgtownship.com/?p=8896>

Many questions remain to be sorted out. I would reemphasize the proposal, which I sent you a copy of, is very preliminary in nature.

Again, the proposal Bill White and I will discuss, you accurately reported as "very preliminary".

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: More on a peer jury proposal
Date: October 26, 2017 at 8:57:53 AM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Allan Alongi <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com, markthoman@gmail.com

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.

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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Subject: Re: Remarks tonight

Date: October 25, 2017 at 4:24:03 PM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtnowship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtnowship.com

FYI if I forgot to send this. Cliff Grammich's extended remarks.

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Subject: Re: Remarks tonight
Date: October 25, 2017 at 10:27:30 AM CDT
To: Art Donner <art.donner@dgtownship.com>

Thanks for the feedback. I will be combining questions together. Others have also pointed out what I handed out is an idea more than anything else, and they would need considerably more detail. I hope to have additional information for Trustees today, but so far nothing from the concerned parents.

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From: Arthur Donner <art.donner@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Remarks tonight
Date: October 25, 2017 at 8:22:06 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Hi Mark-

Can you ask Cliff the following questions on the peer Jury Proposal he mentioned at the last meeting?

1) Is there a detail to the \$36,000 budget figure?.

I will need to understand if there will be any payroll tax and benefit obligations we are committing to on a forward basis.

2) Has there been any Legal research as to the Special revenue fund it relates to townships?

We would have to budget the 36k of costs back into our budget without the grant. This may be required

even if there is projected revenue from Individual and Municipal Donations and fees.

If there is a leak of minor case information , who would be liable? If there is a private entity (llc)

Involved we will need to make sure there is E and O Liability coverage . Is this possible with in the 36k budget?

3) Is there any effort or outreach going on (or should we) to have the State Grant reinstated by us and or the Peer Jury citizens and parents?

4) How many dollars have been committed by the various Police departments and or the municipalities?

5) At my first meeting the one person in the audience mentioned she could raise over 100k or so to keep the program going.

What happened with that donation and the 501 c 3 that was to be formed?.

Last my experience with muni's governments and 501 c 3's requires them to be "either or". so it may not be possible to have a combined gov entity and a 501 c 3.

Look forward to discussing after you meeting with Cliff

Art Donner

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On Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 4:24 PM, Mark Thoman

<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:

Follow up from Cliff Grammich. I'm meeting with Bill White Wednesday at 7pm so any questions or comments about the peer proposal in your folder let me know. Thanks!

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Remarks tonight
Date: October 23, 2017 at 4:24:55 PM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

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From: Clifford Grammich <cagrammich@gmail.com>

Subject: Remarks tonight

Date: October 19, 2017 at 9:20:50 PM CDT

To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Mark,

Below are the remarks I originally prepared tonight. As I mentioned, most were made superfluous by your commitment to meet about the Special Revenue Fund idea, so I truncated accordingly.

I think the consensus among parents who have been most involved with this and most seek a resolution with as little controversy as possible is that we simply seek a commitment to work with us (through Bill White) at this time. Obviously lots of details need to be worked out, but meeting with Bill within the next week, as you promised to do, would address our concerns for now.

Thanks for your consideration.

Cliff Grammich

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Downers Grove, IL 60516

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Supervisor Thoman and honorable Trustees,

My name is Clifford Grammich. I live at nue in Downers Grove.

At your August 3rd meeting, Supervisor Thoman asked Karen Kobialka, who is here tonight, Peg Chaidez, and myself to consider ways to continue the Peer Jury program that the township had discontinued for lack of funding. Since then, we have met with several other parents to explore the possibilities.

Earlier this week, the supervisor received the outline of a proposal for a Special Revenue Fund, which we believe the most-feasible means to re-launch the program at this time. My understanding is that he has shared this outline with the trustees, for which I thank him. Under this Fund, the Township would collect monies from third parties to pay for the program.

We have already discussed a variety of means to raise non-township revenues for this Fund and ensure the township incurs no expense for it.

These include increased fees for offenders, contributions from participating municipalities, and donations from the community. Our best estimate is that the program can operate in this way on a budget of \$36,000 per year, which we believe is a reasonable fundraising goal. Ms. Chaidez is making plans to meet with several corporate donors who would be amenable to making year-end donations to this cause.

This Fund would also provide a structure that is satisfactory to area police departments, the state's attorney, and local courts. Area police and civic leaders that we have briefed on this proposal to date have all expressed support for it. This Fund would, in short, continue the good work of Peer Jury on both reducing youth recidivism and involving jurors in helpful community service under the good name but no other involvement of Downers Grove Township government.

I come here tonight to ask you to consider this proposal and approve it as soon as possible. I understand that not all details can be ironed out tonight, but all the parents who have worked on this proposal, as well as, I'm sure, several others here tonight, are ready to do what we can to expedite this and to ensure we find a solution that does not tax township resources in any way. I understand the supervisor has expressed willingness to meet about this as early as next week, for which I also thank him. I ask the trustees to join him tonight in this commitment to identify a way to relaunch the program under the name but without the resources of the township.

Our goal is to re-launch the program within two months, which we believe feasible given community support for it and the infrastructure that still stands for it. We believe this program too critical to let lapse or languish. Finding a way to relaunch without taxing the resources of our township will demonstrate to residents concerned about the program that the township government has heard their concerns and can act creatively to address them. The Special Revenue Fund can provide a win for township government seeking to be good stewards of taxpayer resources and a win for residents seeking to work with township government to improve our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer Jury questions
Date: October 25, 2017 at 1:19:31 PM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

Thank you for your draft feedbacks. I spoke with Karen Monday and she had mostly the same concerns. Please note that the two of the documents attached are drafts, not documents for forwarding or publication.

I need to know what efforts the residents have made to organize and establish a "beachhead" with communities, asking how they could help their own community get a program up and running. There is a DuPage Juvenile Officers Association, so the idea of community based court diversion programs run by the JO's is not unknown.

I spoke with Officer Hawkins of the Elmhurst Police Department (pop 40,000), and Office Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department (pop 20,000). Both communities run in-house programs.

- Meetings: both meet once a month.
- Number of cases: both cited heavy case loads from last month, Elmhurst 4 new, 3 finals (the second, and last meeting appearance); Bloomingdale 1 new, 4 finals, 2 who blew off the previous month.
- Jurors: both have 20-25 jurors they interview and pick.
- Force Training: Both had one meeting for all officers laying out decision ladder for putting a first time juvenile offender into the peer jury

program. First timers only. Retail theft and curfew the usual.

- Levels: both said they can use "interior station adjustments", and Elmhurst also said they use "adjudication tickets" to sidestep the courts. Parents pay the fines on "adjudication tickets".
 - Meeting place: Both at Village Hall meeting rooms.
 - Community service: Both use a predetermined list of agencies that provide service hour opportunities. They make a call and say they have a person, both require the offender to contact the agency, schedule the hours, get it done on their own. Papers about what they did usually required. Parents bought into process, both very much like community policing.
 - Costs: Both overtime if required for Juvenile officers.
 - Food/snacks: Elmhurst Pizza at end of jury night for the attendees (usually 10-12); Bloomingdale snacks cookies for attendees monthly, pizza at end of year, polo shirts supplied and are required uniforms that must be kept clean and neat and worn to meetings.
- There seems to be little call for the Township. It's not mentioned once in any part of 705 ILCS 405.

I've interviewed employees and found that the program began when the Human Services had seven and at times eight full-time employees. They were searching about for something to do, and Peer Jury was something to do. As a comparison, we currently provide the same services seven full-time employees provided in 1987, with two full-time and one part-time employee.

Attached are the questions.

Attached is what I came up with for a replacement program for residents to try and execute.

Attached also is pages 14 and 15 of the DGT Peer Jury Manual I found, from 2011. Note the first section clearly lays out that the police departments are responsible for everything, and that the Township is an afterthought add-on, looking for something to do to justify being involved. '

I look at the meeting as a listening session and an opportunity to press for much more specificity as expressed by the questions. Thank you for your help.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury
Date: October 25, 2017 at 10:20:12 AM CDT
To: Joan Landry <>
Bcc: trustee@dgtownship.com, chris.west@dgtownship.com

Dear Mr. and Ms. Landry,

This is turning into a copy/paste response, so bear with me.

First, thank you for your email. I received an outline proposal Tuesday of last week, and distributed it to the Trustees to study and get feedback. Two have been "on the job" over three months now, one started in August, and one last week, and I've inundated them all with emails and a ton of information about this type of program from multiple sources, as well as court diversion programs in general as covered by state law (705 ILCS 405 if you like REALLY dry reading).

The outline proposal as presented recognizes the need to change a court diversion program from what it was, into something it can sustainably be on a continuing basis. It's now clear to all this will require some creative thinking, so upon receiving the proposal I agreed to meet and discuss it off-line.

Some people have indicated willingness to financially support an effort, and if you are I ask that you contact Mr. Grammich.

Mr. Grammich also spoke at Thursday's monthly board meeting about it, again last Thursday. That meeting, with my and his comments (near the beginning) are on our meeting video which is posted on our transparency page here:

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Thanks again,

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From: Joan Landry <>
Subject: Peer Jury
Date: October 24, 2017 at 10:01:31 PM CDT
To: Mark.Thoman@dgtownship.com

Dear Mr Thoman,
We are so pleased to hear that every effort is being considered in reinstating the Peer Jury program. It is such an important community program for our youth. It allows our youth to engage & collaborate in turning peers poor choices into positive learning experiences. We are hopeful that the program will be supported & running soon.
Thank you for your time & consideration.
Joan & John Landry
Parents of present & past peer jurors

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury
Date: October 25, 2017 at 9:47:12 AM CDT
To: Suzanne Austin <>
Bcc: trustee@dgtownship.com, chris.west@dgtownship.com

Dear Ms. Austin,

This is starting to look like a copy/paste response, so bear with me.

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Thanks again,

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From: Suzanne Austin <>
Subject: Peer Jury
Date: October 24, 2017 at 5:40:50 PM CDT
To: Mark.Thoman@DGTownship.com

Hi Mark,

My name is Suzanne Austin and I am a parent of a peer juror who has served for several years. He felt that his role as a juror was an extraordinary experience for himself and certainly for the offenders who came before the peer jury. He gave each case before him a lot of thought and made a monthly commitment every single month to be there for four hours.....all while he had homework and sports commitments calling to divide his attention.

Teens can make very unfortunate split second decisions that can cause many problems. Coming before the peer jury to receive justice and a second chance is meaningful to their experience and frankly, sets an example and reminder for everyone of what NOT to do.

I urge you to reinstate the Peer Jury program at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this very worthy program.

Suzanne Austin
Cell # 708-764-5212

"A negative mind will never give you a positive life."

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Thoughts on Peer Jury Proposal
Date: October 25, 2017 at 9:11:28 AM CDT
To: David Van Der Laan <dave.vanderlaan@dgtownship.com>

Thanks for the feedback. I will be combining questions together. Other s have also pointed out what I handed out is an idea more than anything else, and they would need considerably more detail. I hope to have additional information for Trustees today, but so far nothing from the concerned parents.

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From: David Van Der Laan <dave.vanderlaan@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Thoughts on Peer Jury Proposal
Date: October 24, 2017 at 8:41:40 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Mark,

I've reviewed the peer jury proposal submitted last week. While the peer jury program strikes me as worthwhile, such that we should explore options to support its continued viability, the proposal submitted is severely lacking in detail. I'd need answers to at least the following questions in order to understand whether or not I can support the proposal:

1. How much money is needed to fund the peer jury program? One citizen verbally indicated at the meeting that it would take \$36k per year, but I would need to know the basis for that figure.
2. Who will do the work of raising the money for the Special Revenue Fund? Someone has to write grants, solicit donations, plan fundraising events, etc. Do the proponents expect Township employees to handle this?
3. Who bears ultimate responsibility for adequately funding the proposed Special Revenue Fund? If the fundraising falls short, would the Township be responsible for paying the difference into the Special Revenue Fund?
4. On what basis do the proponents of this plan believe that sufficient money for the Special Revenue Fund can be raised? What grants (if any) are available? Have any area police, municipalities, or schools committed to making contributions (or even expressed an interest in doing so)? As for private donations, I recognize that several parents have indicated their willingness to donate, but we don't know the amount of those intended donations and whether other citizens would be willing to donate.
5. Is there an existing private entity that is willing and able to "provide services needed to offer the peer jury program"? If not, who bears the responsibility for creating such an entity or convincing an existing entity to expand into this type of service? And once the entity is in place, will the Township have any oversight responsibilities to ensure that the money from the Special Revenue Fund is being well-managed?
6. On a more basic level, why does this plan need the Township? It seems to me that interested parents (or other interested citizens) could privately establish a fund to raise money for the peer jury program, and then use that money to pay the "private entity" described in paragraph 3 of the proposal. I don't see what the Township's "sponsorship" adds to this proposal, aside from needless complexity.

I'm happy to discuss this matter further with the Board and with interested citizens. But any plan for continuing the peer jury program will need to have greater detail, especially with respect to the ongoing expectations for Township involvement and responsibilities.

Regards,
Dave

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Please Support Peer Jury
Date: October 24, 2017 at 12:10:07 PM CDT
To: Galinda Tunney <>
Bcc: trustee@dgtownship.com, chris.west@dgtownship.com

Dear Ms. Tunney,

Thank you for your email. I received a proposal outline one week ago last Tuesday, and heard from Mr. Grammich at Thursday's monthly board meeting, also last week. That meeting, my and his comments (near the beginning) are on our meeting video which is posted on our transparency page here:

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From: Galinda Tunney <>

Subject: Please Support Peer Jury

Date: October 24, 2017 at 10:52:47 AM CDT

To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com, art.donner@dgtownship.com, abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com, karen.kelly@dgtownship.com

Hello,

I would like to express my thoughts about the Peer Jury program. My daughter, Maya, is a senior at Downers Grove South. She is a peer juror. I

am blessed with such a great girl. She is an honors student, has been captain of the girls' golf team for two seasons, volunteers everyday in the deans office at school, actively participates in our church youth group and regularly babysits. Presently, she is completing her essays for various college applications. A common subject for her essays has been Peer Jury. She has to explain (in 650 words or less) what her most influential extracurricular is. She has explained how Peer Jury has made her aware of her community. She respects the program that gives her peers a second chance. She values the training she received from her township leaders, law enforcement officers, and community mentors. She is proud that her village values the voice of its younger members. One college application asked how she would solve one world problem. She was able to reference Peer Jury. She sees how being involved in this small, but influential, program has made a positive change in her world.

Please find a way to continue this valuable program. I hope you will choose a way to support Peer Jury, a program that gives young people, like my daughter, a way to serve their community and feel like they matter. More importantly, Peer Jury gives the defendants such a positive view and respect for the judicial system that almost all of them never repeat their offenses. My daughter is one of my greatest pleasures. It is a highlight to see her becoming a responsible and caring young adult. This program is an avenue for her to practice the tenets that most of us hold as important in our society. I ask that you support this program by taking all ideas into consideration to reinstate the program in our community.

I appreciate the group of parents that have been working tirelessly on finding ways for you and your other council members to easily reinstate Peer Jury. I have not been involved thus far (other than attending the last township meeting this past week), but hope that every voice counts as you consider this next step. I know that the proposal ahead of you includes fundraising. My family is dedicated to donate to the funds necessary to meet the need of the program. What a great lesson you can teach my daughter! Leaders, regardless of their differences, can work together to get the job done. She is anxious to start serving again before she heads off to college and represents her community as a responsible, respectful and empathic young adult that will share what she has learned from Peer Jury.

Thank you for your time,

Galinda Tunney

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury
Date: October 24, 2017 at 9:20:29 AM CDT
To: Stacy Kinnas <>
Bcc: trustee@dgtownship.com

Dear Ms. Kinnas,

Thank you for your email. I received an outline proposal Tuesday and heard from Mr. Grammich at Thursday's monthly board meeting, all last week. That meeting, my and his comments (near the beginning) are on our meeting video which is posted on our transparency page here:
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From: Stacy Kinnas <>
Subject: Peer Jury
Date: October 23, 2017 at 10:56:39 PM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Dear Mr. Thoman,

I'm so pleased to hear that significant consideration is being given to reinstituting the Peer Jury Program!
For the past two years, it's been an important volunteer opportunity for my son and we were sad to see the program terminated.

It is my hope that Peer Jury will be functioning as of January 2018, so I hope action can be taken at the November 21st township meeting. My family is willing to offer financial support should it be needed. We believe strongly in the good work of Peer Jury.

Thank you for your efforts!

Warmly,

Stacy Kinnas

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury
Date: October 23, 2017 at 3:42:23 PM CDT
To: Mary Newton <>
Bcc: trustee@dgtownship.com, chris.west@dgtownship.com

Ms. Newton,

Thank you for your feedback and your comments and support for the program.

The loss of state funding compelled a complete reorganization of the Human Services offered by the Township. Primary concern was maintaining the reach of positive programs to the widest number of Township citizen recipients. The Peer Jury program reached 100 offenders and involved 200 jurors each year. The Youth Education and Life Skills programs reach 3,400 students across 21 schools each year. Senior services reach over 20,000 senior households each year. Descriptions of the continuing youth programs are on our website pages here: http://www.dgtownship.com/?page_id=203 and here: http://www.dgtownship.com/?page_id=3305 Senior services are described here: <http://www.dgtownship.com/?cat=25>

I've focused on provided resource material and direction to the parental group. Included is information from the Illinois Attorney Generals office, as well as information on existing programs here in DuPage County that can be adopted, getting a program up and running. Cliff Grammich appeared last week Thursday at our monthly meeting and spoke for consideration of a proposal I received via email, also last week. His comments are also on line here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yh->

[v3HPOWqU&feature=youtu.be](#)

Thank you again for your time to write and express your support.

Sincerely,

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

Mark S. Thoman - Supervisor

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From: Mary Newton <>
Subject: Peer Jury
Date: October 23, 2017 at 2:19:57 PM CDT
To: "mark.thoman@dgtownship.com"
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Mr. Thoman,
I was extremely upset when I learned Peer Jury had been summarily ended. I was further upset when I learned more details such as the actual budget vs. the numbers you used to end the program.
I sincerely hope that after all the work done by others to reinstate the program - including funding without tax dollars - you will do the minimum requested which is to structure the program under the Township in a special fund.
The program existed for 17 years. It provided a valuable service to the entire Township. This is not something you should end.
Thank you. Mary Newton

From: "Bob Rakow - Downers Grove" <brakow@shawmedia.com>
Subject: Re: Bill White's email
Date: October 23, 2017 at 11:07:13 AM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Thanks

Bob Rakow
Reporter
Downers Grove Suburban Life
708-441-9855

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Bill White's email
Date: October 23, 2017 at 10:19:38 AM CDT
To: Bob Rakow - Downers Grove <brakow@shawmedia.com>

This was received by me on my Township email on Saturday Oct 14th. It isn't marked as a draft or working copy which would infer confidentiality. I read it when I got back (from being out of town for a wedding) on Tuesday last week. I forwarded this to Trustees asking for input, and will meet with Bill later this week.

I'm still working on my own questions and concerns. Cliff Grammich was at the Oct 19th meeting and commented additionally on the topic. We don't have the video up yet, but should shortly.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Re: Peer jury

Date: October 23, 2017 at 10:21:06 AM CDT

To: Bill White <>

Yep see you then.

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From: Bill White <>
Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: October 23, 2017 at 9:43:07 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Emmetts works well. 7 p.m.?

On Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 9:37 AM, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:
Emmett's is my usual default. We can get a booth and have a beer. I'll do
my best to get Trustee questions and concerns by then.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: October 23, 2017 at 9:37:08 AM CDT
To: Bill White <>

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From: Bill White <>
Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: October 23, 2017 at 9:31:15 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Wednesday evening works well for me. When and where?

On Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 9:29 AM, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:

Monday and Tuesday I'm booked. Wednesday night and Thursday night I appear to be open. 7pm anywhere you like either day. Still waiting for Trustee feedback.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: October 23, 2017 at 9:29:59 AM CDT
To: Bill White <>

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From: Bill White <>
Subject: Peer jury
Date: October 23, 2017 at 8:27:18 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtdtownship.com>

Hi Mark -

When can we meet to discuss peer jury?

Bill White

From: dgtppeerjuryfriends@gmail.com
Subject: Peer Jury Update: 10/22/17
Date: October 22, 2017 at 7:07:09 PM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

Many thanks to those who attended the township board meeting this past Thursday!

I'm happy to report that the township supervisor has agreed to meet with a representative of our group to discuss details of a Special Revenue Fund proposal. The parents who have been meeting on this seek to have the township board act on the proposal at its next meeting, November 21.

Assuming it does, then we plan to have Peer Jury functioning again in January 2018.

If you wish to help us in the meantime, then please consider sending a message of support for our efforts to the township supervisor at mark.thoman@dgtownship.com. You might note your support of our efforts and of his promise to meet on our proposal, and your hope that a proposal may be finalized by the time of the next township meeting. We are also going to need to have some initial fundraising efforts, so, if you are inclined, it would be good to note your willingness to support such efforts.

Please continue to follow our email and Facebook updates for further news. Thanks to all of you for your support!

Cliff Grammich

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You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "DGTPeerJuryFriends" group.

To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to DGTPeerJuryFriends+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.

To post to this group, send email to DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com.

To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/DGTPeerJuryFriends/00391ce7-fba8-4a77-8e18-d3a6164df516%40googlegroups.com>.

For more options, visit <https://groups.google.com/d/optout>.

From: DGT PeerJuryFriends <dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Peer jury update

Date: October 19, 2017 at 5:28:49 PM CDT

To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtnowship.com>
Cc: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>, karenkobialka@aol.com,
jowens3285@aol.com, margaret.chaidez@gmail.com, , , Cindy Go
<> ,

Mark,

Many thanks for your note. I am encouraged to hear you plan to meet with Bill White about the proposal.

I don't have any questions, but was planning to make something like the following statement this evening. I'm hopeful that by making this statement at the beginning of public comment we can cut down on repetitive comments, especially if, on behalf of the township, you were able to commit to a meeting in the next week and to any follow-up discussion and action on the plan at the next township board meeting on November 21.

All those signed the original message (and copied on this message) concur with most elements of this statement. That said, Karen Kobialka will add a brief statement on the township role in the program, and others may have their own personal perspective. Unfortunately, I was in DC for work most of this week, and couldn't coordinate messaging beyond this. I'm hoping this suffices for getting our plan on the record and serving as a prompt for future discussion and action.

The current statement draft, which may change but which I send to you now as a courtesy, follows.

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Supervisor Thoman and honorable Trustees,

My name is Clifford Grammich. I live at nue in Downers Grove.

At your August 3rd meeting, Supervisor Thoman asked Karen Kobialka, who is here tonight, Peg Chaidez, and myself to consider ways to continue the Peer Jury program that the township had discontinued for lack of funding. Since then, we have met with several other parents to explore the possibilities.

Earlier this week, the supervisor received the outlines of a proposal for a Special Revenue Fund, which we believe the most-feasible means to re-launch the program at this time. My understanding is that he has shared this outline with the trustees, for which I thank him. Under this Fund, the Township would collect monies from third parties to pay for the program. The Township would incur no expenses beyond the minimal ones needed to administer the fund.

We have already discussed a variety of means to raise non-township revenues for this Fund. These include increased fees for offenders, contributions from participating municipalities, and donations from the community. Our best estimate is that the program can operate in this way on a budget of \$36,000 per year, which we believe is a reasonable fundraising goal.

This Fund would also provide a structure that is satisfactory to area police departments, the state's attorney, and local courts. Area police and civic leaders that we have briefed on this proposal to date have all expressed support for it. This Fund would, in short, continue the good work of Peer Jury on both reducing youth recidivism and involving jurors in helpful community service under the good name but not the financial involvement of Downers Grove Township government.

I come here tonight to ask you to consider this proposal and approve it as soon as possible. I understand that not all details can be ironed out tonight, but all the parents who have worked on this proposal, as well as, I'm sure, several others here tonight, are ready to do what we can to expedite this. I understand the supervisor has expressed willingness to meet about this as early as next week, for which I also thank him. I ask the trustees to join him in this commitment tonight. Our goal is to re-launch the program within two months, which we believe feasible given community support for it and the infrastructure that still stands for it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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On Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 1:48 PM, Mark Thoman

<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:

The meeting date is correct but it is tonight. I ask that a single spokesperson be designated. Any questions should be submitted in writing via email.

To the point of the original email and FYI — I received an emailed proposal from Bill White this week that I copied and put in the Trustee packets for them to read and digest. He asked for a meeting and I will try to accommodate him next week but want Trustee feedback first. Interested parties should also read over Elmhurst and Bloomington internal court diversion programs. Information is available on their websites.

Thank you.

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Subject: Fwd: Peer jury update
Date: October 19, 2017 at 1:49:11 PM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

FYI forgot to copy. The proposal is in your folders.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury update
Date: October 19, 2017 at 1:48:14 PM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com
Cc: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

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From: dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com
Subject: Peer jury update
Date: October 19, 2017 at 9:23:50 AM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

We wanted to update everyone on our efforts to have Peer Jury reinstated.

A small committee of parents (listed below) have been working with Lori Wrzesinski to come up with a plan to keep Peer Jury under the DG Township umbrella, but in a self-sustaining manner, without use of tax dollars. Earlier this week we sent the township supervisor a preliminary proposal for a Special Revenue Fund. Under this, the township, at least temporarily, would collect monies from third parties to pay for the program. The township would not provide any support beyond that needed to administer the Fund.

Lori Wrzesinski has prepared a proposed budget that shows that Peer Jury can operate in this way with an annual budget of \$36,000 (not \$118,000 as previously represented by the township supervisor). We have several ideas for raising this money, but need a structure in place first. The Special Revenue Fund would provide a structure that satisfies area police, prosecutors, and courts. We have briefed several police chiefs and civic leaders on this plan, and all support it.

We will present further details during public comments at the township board today this evening meeting tomorrow, Thursday, October 19, 7:30 pm., at 4340 Prince St., Downers Grove. It is extremely important for the DG Trustees to understand that we all still support Peer Jury and have been working diligently to reinstate it. Please join us to hear further details of the plan, and to offer support for it during public comment. It is our hope that the program can be reinstated within 2 months.

Questions? Feel free to ask by email to DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com, on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PeerJuryFriends/>, or at the meeting tomorrow.

Thanks for your continuing support of this program and our community!

Cliff Grammich

Michael Campo

Peg Chaidez

Cindy Go

Kim Hogan

Karen Kobialka

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From: Bill White <>

Subject: Re: A plan for peer jury

Date: October 19, 2017 at 3:11:30 PM CDT

To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtdtownship.com>

Thanks, Mark. All this is fine with me . I think we can sort through the details in a way that works for everyone but we can't do that today, or even this week.

Cliff, Karen & I all strongly support finding a way to make peer jury work but we also are looking to moderate some of the more vocal and less disciplined advocates for peer jury. Many of us are looking to reestablish peer jury as quickly and efficiently as possible with as little public controversy as possible. Of course, there may be others who seek controversy more than solutions and it's not easy to calm down those who are seeking controversy.

Please know I do appreciate the challenges of chairing a public meeting. On Tuesday, Tully was out of town and as mayor pro tem I had to face a fairly large number of homeowners angry at flooding from this past weekend. I think I got a fairly good response by assuring the residents that

- They truly did have our attention;
- There really wasn't anything we could do (or vote on) that evening; and
- Please be assured all of this will be looked into further.
- Assuring people that early speaker have been heard and asking that people not repeat what has already been said did seem to reduce the number and intensity of speakers.

Something like this might work for you this evening. I attach a few possible talking points you could present before public comment. Use what you like and toss any you don't like.

I'm not trying to tell you what to do, just sharing an approach that worked well for me this past Tuesday.

Best regards (and good luck!)

Bill White

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Subject: Re: A plan for peer jury

Date: October 19, 2017 at 2:31:26 PM CDT

To: Bill White <>

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: A plan for peer jury
Date: October 17, 2017 at 10:51:01 AM CDT
To: Bill White <>

I should have a chance to read this later today. Thank you.

Mark

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From: Bill White <>
Subject: Fwd: A plan for peer jury
Date: October 14, 2017 at 12:13:59 PM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Forwarded, as requested . . .

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From: **Bill White** <>
Date: Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 10:17 AM
Subject: A plan for peer jury
To: Mark Thoman <markthoman@gmail.com>

Hi Mark -

Attached is a plan to reinstate peer jury. In essence, the Township creates a checking account devoted only to peer jury - only peer jury related funds go into the account and only peer jury related expenses leave the account.

The current projected annual budget is \$35,000 to \$40,000 and I'm being told private donors are lined up to cover the first year with pro rata police contributions in subsequent years.

David Olsen and Larry Forssberg from Westmont Chamber (among others - including area police chiefs) have been briefed on this idea and see no downside for the Township. Township gets to sponsor peer jury without budgeting money or spending staff time on the program.

Let me know when would be a good time to talk about this.

Bill White

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer Jury and tomorrow night
Date: October 19, 2017 at 1:52:46 PM CDT
To: Clifford Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com, trustee@dgtownship.com

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Thank you.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Support for Downers Grove Peer Jury
Date: October 19, 2017 at 1:39:57 PM CDT
To: >
Cc: , cagrammich@gmail.com

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From: >

Subject: Support for Downers Grove Peer Jury

Date: October 19, 2017 at 10:55:11 AM CDT

To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Cc: , cagrammich@gmail.com

Good morning, Mark.

I am a Downers Grove resident and the parent of 2 peer jurors. I would like to reiterate my support for the reinstatement of the Peer Jury program.

It is hard to begin the thoughts on how important the Peer Jury program is. This is a program that helps kids. It is a program that helps kids that otherwise may end up in trouble. Once a kid is labeled "a bad kid" they will often settle into that role. What this program does is it gives kids who have made a mistake a chance to make amends. It gives them a chance at redemption, a second chance.

The kids who are able to enter this program almost always stay out of future trouble. Once they are given the chance, they appreciate that chance and they do not commit a crime again. This is a benefit to our whole society.

There are many people who feel passionately about giving their time to this program. That passion has only strengthened with the thought that the program may go away. I ask you please to consider reinstating this program. There are enough people that will take on the work and the

roles that need to be filled in order to make the program successful.

This program is something that helps young people become more positive members of society. Why would we want to get rid of a program that does that?

Thank you for your time and consideration. I implore you to help to do what it takes to bring this program back.

Please feel free to contact me directly if I can provide any information.

Annie Gaughan

From: dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com
Subject: Peer jury update---correction---township meeting is TONIGHT
Date: October 19, 2017 at 10:15:44 AM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

Greetings, all,

Unfortunately, the update sent earlier (and corrected below) noted the township meeting "tomorrow, Thursday, October 19." It is TONIGHT, Thursday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m., at 4340 Prince St., Downers Grove.

If you are unable to attend, please consider a message of support for our proposal to mark.thoman@dgtownship.com.

Thank you!

We wanted to update everyone on our efforts to have Peer Jury reinstated. A small committee of parents (listed below) have been working with Lori Wrzesinski to come up with a plan to keep Peer Jury under the DG Township umbrella, but in a self-sustaining manner, without use of tax dollars. Earlier this week we sent the township supervisor a preliminary proposal for a Special Revenue Fund. Under this, the township, at least temporarily, would collect monies from third parties to pay for the program. The township would not provide any support beyond that needed to administer the Fund.

Lori Wrzesinski has prepared a proposed budget that shows that Peer Jury can operate in this way with an annual budget of \$36,000 (not \$118,000 as previously represented by the township supervisor). We have several ideas for raising this money, but need a structure in place first. The Special Revenue Fund would provide a structure that satisfies area police, prosecutors, and courts. We have briefed several police chiefs and civic leaders on this plan, and all support it.

We will present further details during public comments at the township board meeting tonight, Thursday, October 19, 7:30 pm., at 4340 Prince St., Downers Grove. It is extremely important for the Trustees to understand that we all still support Peer Jury and have been working diligently to reinstate it. Please join us to hear further details of the plan, and to offer support for it during public comment. It is our hope that the program can be reinstated within 2 months.

Questions? Feel free to ask by email to DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com, on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PeerJuryFriends/>, or at the meeting tomorrow.

Thanks for your continuing support of this program and our community!

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From: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Subject: Re: 2011 Peer Jury Manual

Date: October 6, 2017 at 2:50:17 PM CDT

To: Karen Kobialka <karenkobialka@aol.com>, Mark Thoman

<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Reply-To: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Thanks, Mark.

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: 2011 Peer Jury Manual

Date: October 6, 2017 at 10:18:38 AM CDT

To: Clifford Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>, Karen Kobialka
<karenkobialka@aol.com>

Bcc: trustee@dgtownship.com, chris.west@dgtownship.com

In the process of looking for documents in the basement for a FOIA, I found this 2011 Peer Jury Manual. Don't know if it might help, but attached is a scan of the manual.

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Subject: Fwd: Update--9/28/17
Date: October 2, 2017 at 8:37:27 AM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

FYI-

We continue to wish them well as they move forward. It doesn't appear the individual Chiefs have contacted Elmhurst and/or Bloomingdale to see how

those municipalities run their internal program.

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Subject: Update--9/28/17
Date: September 28, 2017 at 6:36:41 PM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

Hello all.

I spoke to Jim Gunther, Westmont Chief, today. The chiefs met after their monthly all-county chiefs meeting. The crux of this remains structure, liability and then funding.

The chiefs were all given "homework" assignments to look into questions that were raised as they relate to operating peer jury. For instance, Itasca-Roselle operates a program and it is done in-house by their own personnel. I did advise them of this as well as how Wheeling Township and Vernon Hills Township run their peer jury.

The structure and liability issues must be addressed before anything can move forward. Chief Gunther said that the chiefs all agree that the program is valuable. They also felt that given the situation and the questions to be answered, including what each department would be willing to "kick in" once the issue of structure and liability are addressed, the earliest they see this getting up and running again would be the beginning of the next school year.

I will continue to update you as appropriate. Thanks for your continued support!

Lori

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From: dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com
Subject: Update, 9/25
Date: September 25, 2017 at 6:45:02 PM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

Good afternoon, everyone. Lori here with a brief update.

Chief Krueger from Oak Brook will be talking with the other Chiefs of the departments that were part of peer jury. That conversation will occur this Thursday after their monthly Chiefs' meeting.

Right now the biggest question to be answered is the structure which of course is important for sustainability in the future. Hopefully I'll hear back from Chief Krueger sometime Thursday or Friday after that meeting occurs to discuss what questions and concerns were brought up so they can be addressed.

Thanks for your continued support.

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Date: September 19, 2017 at 8:53:28 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com, trustee@dgtownship.com

Update on Community-based organization to run Peer Jury.

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Subject: 9/18 meeting follow-up
Date: September 19, 2017 at 7:20:33 AM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

Hello, all,

Good evening all. Here is an update from the meeting that I (Lori) had on Monday, 9/18, with some of the chiefs and/or designees from the police departments.

1) A formal structure needs to be put into place that would assure that the liability for running the program is addressed. Chief Krueger from Oak Brook suggested that the best format for this would be an IGA

(Intergovernmental Agreement) between the departments. This is important not only for liability but for checks that would be written to fund the program.

2) Funding is the challenge right now. All of the departments have a fiscal year that runs on the calendar year. For 2018, their budgets are being finalized now and the reality is, since there is no formal structure right now to operate peer jury under, putting funds in for the program is just not possible at this time. A Downers Grove officer suggested that we approach school districts for funding. There was quite a bit of back and forth discussion on that suggestion. I would love to hear your thoughts on that idea.

3) Another issue regarding the budget: some departments expressed a question about the amount they would put in based on how many kids they referred to the program in the past. Some discussion centered around departments working a little more on making sure the officers understand the program more which could impact their referrals. This is something that would have to be discussed more once a IGA was formed which means on principle, the departments have said they are supportive of getting the program up and running under that structure.

4) The budget that I presented included fees collected from offenders and the SMS class and those fees have the potential to fund 1/3 of the budget.

Next steps: 1) Chief Krueger from Oak Brook was going to e-mail all the chiefs (only 2 chiefs of the 8 departments were present and the rest were designees) to determine if they are supportive in principle and would be willing to participate in forming an IGA so we could proceed with addressing funding; 2) Whatever departments are willing to participate in an IGA, I would work with the chiefs, likely Krueger and Gunther (Westmont) to develop the language and structure; 3) Funding: the community could begin to talk about coming up with initial funding to get the program up and running in 2018 under the IGA, this would allow time for the departments to discuss what they would be willing to put in for FY 2019. It is important to understand that this would be an annual process so making sure that community funding would be an element of the budget would be important.

I will follow up with Chief Krueger on Wednesday if I don't hear from them to learn what feedback he received from the other chiefs. I am also asking that the parent group that formed get together to begin to discuss possible fund raising efforts once the issue of a formal structure is settled with the departments.

Thank you for the letters of support that you sent. I gave everyone at the meeting copies.

Lori

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Update--and request for your help
Date: September 14, 2017 at 11:49:09 AM CDT
To: DGT PeerJuryFriends <dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com>

Got it.

Thanks

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From: DGT PeerJuryFriends <dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Update--and request for your help
Date: September 13, 2017 at 5:44:50 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Hi, Mark,

I'm the only one managing this address. I did forward your email to Lori's personal address.

Cliff Grammich

On Wed, Sep 13, 2017 at 3:49 PM, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:

Hi Lori,

Good to see things are moving along.

Do you have. User name and password for the FFDGTS website? Who is the current provider?

Thanks in advance for any help you can give.

Mark

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Date: September 13, 2017 at 3:49:39 PM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com

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Mark

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Subject: Fwd: Update--and request for your help
Date: September 13, 2017 at 12:18:06 PM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

It appears from the email below that the community based group has moved ahead, and that former Township Peer Jury Coordinator Lori Wrzesinski is on board. We and they can now move forward down our separate paths. Thank you all for your help on this.

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From: dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com
Subject: Update--and request for your help
Date: September 11, 2017 at 6:26:15 PM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

Hello all,

I know it's been nearly 2 months since the Township Supervisor eliminated peer jury. But, because of all of you, it was clearly communicated how valuable the program has been to the communities it serves.

One of the most important things we need right now is patience. That is because we want to make sure that all the right steps are taken, the right questions are asked so that solid answers are given.

Here is the status of where things are right now:

1) I am waiting to hear back from Chief Gunther of Westmont. He is sending out an e-mail to all of the chiefs so he can convene a meeting the week of 9/18. That will happen either on the 18th or 19th.

2) I met with Sgt. Kadolph of Oak Brook to put together an agenda and also shared with him the budget that I put together. That budget is just under \$36,000 per year.

3) At the meeting, we need to address any concerns the chiefs may have

regarding the value of the program as it relates to any funding they would put into it. Sustainability is important so we need to make sure that all departments are on board and would continue to sustain future funding at whatever level they would agree to at the very beginning.

Here is where you all can help. Please send an e-mail to DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com that speaks to your feelings about the program and its value, be it from the parent of a juror or a juror perspective. It would be helpful to have such email by this Friday, September 15, so that I can have them all printed and ready for the meeting.

I will report back to everyone once the meeting happens to let you know the results and what steps need to be taken next to move forward.

I am so honored to know all of you. Your participation in peer jury has shaped me in so many ways and you inspire me!

Lori

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From: dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com
Subject: Update--and letter deadline

Date: September 14, 2017 at 10:27:48 AM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

Hi, everyone,

Thanks to the many of you who have sent email regarding your feelings about the Peer Jury program and its value! We are compiling these and will present them to a meeting of area police chiefs on Monday, September 18.

If you have not yet sent an email in support of the program but still wish to do so, please write to DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com by this Saturday, September 16. We need to receive letters by Saturday so that we have time to compile and print them for Monday's meeting.

We should have more news to share with you next week.

Thanks for your continuing support!

Cliff Grammich

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From: "Ginamarie Rodgers" <groddgers@shopliftingprevention.org>
Subject: RE: Y.E.S. Program License and Termination Agreements
Date: September 13, 2017 at 10:15:33 AM CDT
To: "'Mark Thoman'" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Hi Mark,

No problem! Thanks for sending. I have attached the executed copy of the Termination Agreement.

Thank you for working with us in closing out Human Services' license with NASP. I truly hope that we will be able to set up the program with the new Peer Jury once they get started.

I hope to speak with you again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Gina Marie Rodgers
Director of Court Services
National Association for Shoplifting Prevention
Office: 1-800-848-9595 | CAP: 1-888-466-2299
groddgers@shopliftingprevention.org

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From: Mark Thoman [mailto:mark.thoman@dgtownship.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Ginamarie Rodgers <groddgers@shopliftingprevention.org>
Subject: Re: Y.E.S. Program License and Termination Agreements

Sorry for the delay.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Y.E.S. Program License and Termination Agreements
Date: September 13, 2017 at 9:09:14 AM CDT
To: Ginamarie Rodgers <groddgers@shopliftingprevention.org>

Sorry for the delay.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: "Ginamarie Rodgers" <groddgers@shopliftingprevention.org>
Subject: FW: Y.E.S. Program License and Termination Agreements
Date: September 12, 2017 at 1:50:30 PM CDT
To: <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Hi Mark,

I hope this email finds you well.

Just checking in to see if you have had the chance to review the attached Termination Agreement. When you have a moment, if you

could kindly sign and send it back by email or fax, that would be most appreciated. Our fax number is 631-923-2743.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Gina Marie Rodgers
Director of Court Services
National Association for Shoplifting Prevention
Office: 1-800-848-9595 | CAP: 1-888-466-2299
grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org

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From: Ginamarie Rodgers [mailto:grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:05 PM
To: 'mark.thoman@dgtownship.com'
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Y.E.S. Program License and Termination Agreements

Hi Mark,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today! Thanks so much for returning my call and for putting me in touch with Mr. Grammich.

As we discussed, I have attached a copy of our most recently signed License Agreement with Human Services. I have also attached a Termination Agreement so that we can close out the open License. When you have a moment, please review and sign back the attached Termination Agreement. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thanks again for your time and assistance today! I am hopeful that once the peer jury is up and running we will be able to once again provide the Y.E.S. Program to the juveniles caught shoplifting in Downers Grove.

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From: "Ginamarie Rodgers" <grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org>
Subject: Y.E.S. Program License and Termination Agreements
Date: August 24, 2017 at 2:05:07 PM CDT
To: <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Hi Mark,

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Re: FOI Request
Date: September 8, 2017 at 8:08:19 AM CDT
To: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>

The personnel decisions, which a few have seized upon, were secondary to the decision of which programs would continue to benefit the largest group of constituents.

The program will continue if the municipalities wish it to be so, and Mr. Grammich and his group will play a crucial role in those decisions.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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Subject: Re: FOI Request
Date: September 7, 2017 at 12:29:40 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

One last question, I want to make sure I have all the facts correct. Did Ms. Wrzesinski's job consist of just being the director of peer jury, or did she have other roles in the township? Thank you!

-Sidney Lee

On Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 11:46 AM, Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org> wrote:

I never received Ms. Grimsby's original email, but I have that information now. Thank you for all your help!

Sidney Lee

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: FOI Request
Date: September 6, 2017 at 10:24:18 AM CDT

To: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>
Bcc: lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com,
chris.west@dgtownship.com, c.grammich@comcast.net

I wanted to follow up with you that you did receive the Township responses we put together. I had this email on Friday morning, but your follow up emails it wasn't clear you got it.

There is follow up in that there is an active group of residents, many who provided feedback, working on a community-based organization to continue forward with a youth court diversion program. Cliff Grammich is the key contact. He has okayed my giving out his email and you may want to contact him for a follow-up article.

c.grammich@comcast.net

He now has a google group to keep everyone updated, and a Facebook page. Several municipalities have expressed an interest in continuing with the diversion program.

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Subject: Fwd: FOI Request
Date: September 6, 2017 at 9:38:11 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Date: September 7, 2017 at 1:34:57 PM CDT

To: Mark Thoman <markthoman@gmail.com>

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Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: September 5, 2017 at 3:24:38 PM CDT
To: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program

Date: September 5, 2017 at 3:20:09 PM CDT
To: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>

See below

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From: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>
Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: September 5, 2017 at 1:10:45 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

One more quick question, does the \$128,000 cost to run the program factor in Ms. Lori Wrzesinski's salary, or is that a separate additional cost? Thank you!

On Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 12:40 PM, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:

A bit over \$128,000 when most of the known costs are factored in. The three remaining Human Services programs (Youth Education, Life Skills, Senior Services) each have a wider reach and each cost less.

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Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: September 5, 2017 at 1:03:16 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Was the decision to cut Peer Jury based on the difference in these budgets (because the three remaining Human Services programs cost less)?

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: September 5, 2017 at 12:42:04 PM CDT
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

We sent the FOIA response, yes? He says he never got it.

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Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: September 5, 2017 at 12:40:45 PM CDT
To: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com,
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From: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>

Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program

Date: September 5, 2017 at 12:19:45 PM CDT

To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

I am stilling waiting for the FOIA, but if it is easier, the crucial information I need is how much the Peer Jury program costed the township to run last year. Thank you for your help.

-Sidney

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: September 5, 2017 at 11:21:20 AM CDT
To: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>

I'm driving back today. If you can send any questions I'll try and get to them.

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From: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>
Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: September 5, 2017 at 6:16:59 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Hi Mr. Thoman,

I wanted to quickly follow up my FOIA request. The Omega goes to print on Thursday the 7th and I believe the information in the FOIA would be very beneficial to the article. Thank you for understanding my time constraints.

Sidney Lee

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: August 28, 2017 at 9:36:11 AM CDT
To: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>

I need to get the FOIA requested info together and get it to you. Hope to have that done Friday, if not I will request an extension.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>
Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: August 28, 2017 at 8:55:08 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Thank you, I appreciate that! Is there any way I could also interview you for additional information for the article?

-Sidney Lee

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: August 28, 2017 at 8:18:44 AM CDT
To: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com, c.grammich@comcast.net

We received your FOIA request this morning. Thank you. We'll get everything together and over to you.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Sidney Lee <slee0466@csd99.org>
Subject: Article about Peer Jury Program
Date: August 27, 2017 at 8:25:08 PM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Hi Mr. Thoman,

My name is Sidney Lee. I am the Editor in Chief of Downers Grove North's student newspaper, The Omega. I am currently writing an article about the suspension of the Peer Jury program. I was hoping to interview you for the article to get more information about the decision to suspend the program and the budget cuts relating to it. Let me know if this is possible.

Thank you!

-Sidney Lee

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: FOIA request advice
Date: August 30, 2017 at 10:34:25 AM CDT
To: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

Dear Ms. Pratt,

We received a FOIA request asking for "Any documents relating to or regarding the decision to suspend the Peer Jury program." This entails research that covered budgets, independently audited Annual Financial Reports, personnel payroll information, meeting minutes, and monthly expense audit reports.

I've worked very hard since taking office to get all of this on-line on a transparency page, and it all is, here:
http://www.dgtownship.com/?page_id=7130

My question is, should I send all of the files that I researched relating to or regarding the decision, or can I send the requester the links to the documents. Again, so far everything I researched is already on-line.

The FOIA request was sent Sunday evening 8/27 at about 6:30pm, so by my reckoning I have until on or before Friday to respond to the FOIA request. Is that correct?

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Text
Date: August 28, 2017 at 11:19:43 AM CDT
To: Elena Baroni <>
Bcc: cathy.rager@dgtownship.com, chris.west@dgtownship.com,
lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com

Township participation in the Peer Jury Peer Jury was suspended.

I'm not sure who would have sent out a text — we normally do emails so it leaves a record in our system. Cathy Rager has been winding up cases on an individual basis, but I'm unaware of any jury schedules being texted out to anyone.

The possibility exists the community based organization that is forming may have moved into implementing a schedule?

Very odd. Sorry I can't be of more help.

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From: Elena Baroni <>
Subject: Text
Date: August 28, 2017 at 11:09:28 AM CDT
To: "mark.thoman@dgtownship.com"
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Hi,
I am a peer jury parent and just receive md a text about peer jury schedules. I thought peer jury had been terminated? Not sure what is going on?
Thanks,
Elena Baroni

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Letter sent to all participants
Date: August 28, 2017 at 9:36:51 AM CDT
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

Letter sent to all participants. I guess this could be considered a document relating to Peer Jury.

Minutes of 8/3 meeting and video of the meeting — all five parts — are on-line.

Appropriation is on-line 15/16 here:

http://www.dgtownship.com/docs/so/twp/Township_Budget_Ordinance_15-16.pdf

16/17 here:

http://www.dgtownship.com/docs/so/twp/Township_Budget_Ordinance_16-17.pdf

The front page shows Human Services and that also includes Senior Services.

Peer Jury was one of four areas addressed by Human Services, and one of three that addressed Youth Services. Descriptions of the two continuing youth programs

Life Skills are here:

http://www.dgtownship.com/?page_id=203

Educational programs are here:

http://www.dgtownship.com/?page_id=3297

Specific authorization for what entities can do youth court:

(705 ILCS 405/5-315)

Sec. 5-315. Teen court. The county board or corporate authorities of a municipality, or both, may create or contract with a community based organization for teen court programs.

(Source: P.A. 90-590, eff. 1-1-99.)

So we support residents who are currently creating a community based organization for teen court programs, and have forwarded them as much information as we have. We can have Amanda pull all my emails to Cliff to include emails sent to resident organizers if you wish.

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From: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: National Shoplifting Prevention Program
Date: August 24, 2017 at 11:05:04 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, Ginamarie Rodgers <grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org>
Reply-To: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Thanks much! I'll keep you posted as events warrant.

On August 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM Ginamarie Rodgers
<grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org> wrote:

Thanks Mark!

Clifford, when you have some time, I'd love to speak with you about the program to see how it might fit in with the juvenile court diversion program once it is up and running. Please feel free to call me at your convenience- 800-848-9595.

I look forward to speaking with you!

Sincerely,

Gina Marie Rodgers
Director of Court Services
National Association for Shoplifting Prevention
Office: 1-800-848-9595 | CAP: 1-888-466-2299
grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org

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From: "Ginamarie Rodgers" <grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org>
Subject: RE: National Shoplifting Prevention Program
Date: August 24, 2017 at 11:00:33 AM CDT
To: "'Mark Thoman'" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>, "'Clifford Grammich'" <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Thanks Mark!

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I look forward to speaking with you!

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From: Mark Thoman [mailto:mark.thoman@dgtownship.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Clifford Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>
Cc: grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org
Subject: National Shoplifting Prevention Program

Geena Rodgers (sp) from the YES program can provide program information, options, and materials for juvenile court diversion cases involving petty theft and shoplifting.

Her email is in the cc line. I briefly outlined your groups efforts to coordinate among municipalities for a juvenile court diversion program, and told her I'd pass her info on to you. Her organization does have a website with info on the YES program here:

<http://www.shopliftingprevention.org/what-we-do/self-help-and-support-center/education-programs-for-juveniles/>

Ms Rodgers number is 1-800-848-9595

Lori Wrzesinski participated with this as a component of Peer Jury.

Thank you,

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: National Shoplifting Prevention Program
Date: August 24, 2017 at 10:26:37 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Cc: grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org
Reply-To: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Thank you very much!

CG

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: National Shoplifting Prevention Program
Date: August 24, 2017 at 10:13:17 AM CDT
To: Clifford Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>
Cc: grodgers@shopliftingprevention.org

Geena Rodgers (sp) from the YES program can provide program information, options, and materials for juvenile court diversion cases involving petty theft and shoplifting.

Her email is in the cc line. I briefly outlined your groups efforts to coordinate among municipalities for a juvenile court diversion program, and told her I'd pass her info on to you. Her organization does have a website with info on the YES program here:

<http://www.shopliftingprevention.org/what-we-do/self-help-and-support-center/education-programs-for-juveniles/>

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From: DGT PeerJuryFriends <dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury Program
Date: August 23, 2017 at 2:03:54 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Dana Jacobson <>

Thanks, Mark. I have heard from Dana and added her to the group.

CG

On Tue, Aug 22, 2017 at 10:32 AM, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:
Yes. Resident Cliff Grammich is coordinating interested residents. Cliff's email is

c.grammich@comcast.net

He also has set up a google group that makes it easy for him to update everyone:

DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com

They are currently organizing a Community Based Organization that a municipality can contract with for a Peer Jury program, authorized by state law. The IL AG has a lot of info about the court diversion programs here:

<http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/communities/youthadvocacy/iyca.html>

Thank you!

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury Program
Date: August 22, 2017 at 10:32:15 AM CDT
To: Dana Jacobson <>
Cc: DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com

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c.grammich@comcast.net

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From: Dana Jacobson <>
Subject: Peer Jury Program
Date: August 22, 2017 at 7:16:32 AM CDT
To: supervisor@dgtownship.com

Hello, I saw a recent news article about the suspension of the Peer Jury program and efforts to try to continue the program. Is there a way residents can help? If you could point me in the right direction it would be greatly appreciated.

Dana Jacobson

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Greetings and welcome!
Date: August 15, 2017 at 2:53:01 PM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com
Cc: Clifford Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>, Dan Fitzpatrick <dfitzpatrick@downers.us>

I'm sending this email so both Cliff Grammich and Dan Fitzpatrick can capture each others email addresses.

Cliff, Dan at the Village of Downers Grove schedules the Council Chamber usage, so you'll need to reach out to him at the appropriate time.

Thank you.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtnowship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Greetings and welcome!
Date: August 15, 2017 at 2:25:01 PM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtnowship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtnowship.com

FYI - They are moving forward!

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From: dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com
Subject: Greetings and welcome!
Date: August 14, 2017 at 9:42:09 PM CDT
To: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>

Greetings!

Many thanks for accepting our invitation to join this email list. In coming weeks, we will use it to inform you of developments in efforts to reinstate Peer Jury in Southeast DuPage County. Please feel free to invite others to join by having them write DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com.

We are working with a group of parents and other supporters of the program to explore a variety of public and private means for its future support. In particular, we are working with Lori Wrzesinski to determine costs of the program outside township support. She is working with local police to gauge possible support from individual municipalities.

We may hold a informational session or fundraiser in September. We will use this email list to announce these events.

In the meantime, you may also follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/PeerJuryFriends/>. We will use this site for discussions and to share and generate ideas about future efforts.

Should you have any questions, you may write us at DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com.

Thanks again for your support! Working together, we can help ensure the continuation of this program which has served our community for the past 17 years.

Cliff Grammich (Peer Jury parent)

Cindy Go (Peer Jury moderator and parent)

Kim Hogan (Peer Jury moderator and parent)

Karen Kobialka (Peer Jury parent)

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To post to this group, send email to DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com.

To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/DGTPeerJuryFriends/cf31caa5-ef71-4b67-925a-2b0e55ba7103%40googlegroups.com>.

For more options, visit <https://groups.google.com/d/optout>.

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Youth ed stuff

Date: August 11, 2017 at 11:30:59 AM CDT

To: Lauren Aramburu <lauren.aramburu@dgtownship.com>

With decision making, skills development, anti-drug/alch, how many of the annual 3,400 students that get exposed to this info do you think are kept off the path of becoming juvie offenders that would have gone through the Peer jury program? What's our guesstimate? 5% 10%?

Art Donner asked the interesting question of avoided costs to the peer jury program via the ounce of prevention costs of the two other youth education programs we continue with.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Re: Peer jury front page article

Date: August 10, 2017 at 9:52:02 AM CDT

To: Arthur Donner <art.donner@dgtownship.com>

10 am is fine.

mt

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From: Arthur Donner <art.donner@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury front page article
Date: August 10, 2017 at 8:15:26 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Hi Mark-

do you have a copy of the article you can send or give me tomorrow ?

how does 10 am look for Friday to meet?

thanks

Art

On Wed, Aug 9, 2017 at 9:28 AM, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer jury front page article
Date: August 9, 2017 at 9:28:13 AM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Cc: Allan Alongi <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com

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From: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends+noreply@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Invitation to join DGTPeerJuryFriends
Date: August 9, 2017 at 10:17:42 AM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtdownship.com

DGTPeerJuryFriends

Google Groups

Hi mark.thoman@dgtdownship.com,
dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com invited you to join the
DGTPeerJuryFriends group.

Message from dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com

Please accept this invitation to join the dgtpeerjuryfriends Google Group.

About this group

For news and exchange of views on the Downers Grove Township Peer Jury Program.

Google Groups allows you to create and participate in online forums and email-based groups with a rich community experience. You can also use your Group to share documents, pictures, and calendars invitations.

If you do not wish to be a member of this group or believe this group may contain spam, you can [report](#) the group for abuse. For additional information see our [help center](#).

Accept this invitation

If you do not wish to be added to Google Groups in the future you can opt out [here](#).

[Start](#) a new group. [Visit](#) the help center.

From: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Subject: Re: Youth diversion links
Date: August 8, 2017 at 2:04:32 PM CDT
To: karenkobialka@aol.com, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Reply-To: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Thanks, Mark. I'll defer to Karen on legal and statutory materials, but the fact sheet, and the citations behind it, may offer some leads for what I'll call marketing.

Cliff Grammich

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Youth diversion links
Date: August 8, 2017 at 1:38:41 PM CDT
To: Clifford Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>, karenkobialka@aol.com
Bcc: chris.west@dgtownship.com, trustee@dgtownship.com

Dear Mr. Grammich and Ms. Kubialka,

This is the section of the ILCS statutes that regulates youth court programs. The language on who has corporate authority is plain and specific, and includes pathways for funding.

<http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/iycayouthcourt.html>

This is the ILAG page with general headings.

<http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/youthcourtsfactsheet.pdf>

A general fact sheet put together by Lisa Madigan's Office in collaboration with the Illinois Youth Court Association.

http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/youth_courts_fact_sheet.pdf

I don't know if this would be of help but it talks about funding and cost factors.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/pdo/ppw/SESAP/Documents/SCHOOL%20RJP%20GUIDEBOOK.pdf>

This is a guide to Restorative Justice, and discusses specifically Peer Jury pathways.

I believe you two and Ms. Chaidez are perfect for the core of a 501(c)(3) to move forward.

I won't speak for them, but we have two Trustees that are Certified CPA's with about 80 years experience between them, so there's possible but not guaranteed support setting up bookkeeping and audit procedures to get a 501(c)(3) up and running as an independent community based organization. I believe Karen K. has experience with paperwork for foundations. If not, our Township attorney might steer you to the proper forms.

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From: Abby Ferguson <abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer jury
Date: August 8, 2017 at 9:13:14 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Mark,

Please send over the break down of the \$118,000, once you've completed.

Thanks,

Abby

On Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 8:51 AM, Mark Thoman

<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com> wrote:

So far we're confirming the Peer Jury was the most expensive youth program addressing the fewest youth. My pencil on napkin figuring remains pretty solid but we'll take a closer look to see if there are any more significant costs undiscovered.

Should the folks who attended the 8/3 meeting wish to proceed we should be able to give them some reasonable idea of what costs may be. A community based program funded by charitable donations should come in for far less than the Township program funded by taxpayers. Similarly, the oversight of a independent board focused singly on the program will be better.

The reporting history of the program seems nonexistent beyond budget numbers. I have no idea of the efficacy of the program, nor of the history/ breakout of how many annual participants and where they came from. I will be getting a report on the 50 or so that are in files.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer jury

Date: August 7, 2017 at 8:51:00 AM CDT
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.white@dgtownship.com

So far we're confirming the Peer Jury was the most expensive youth program addressing the fewest youth. My pencil on napkin figuring remains pretty solid but we'll take a closer look to see if there are any more significant costs undiscovered.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury update
Date: August 8, 2017 at 8:47:22 AM CDT
To: Bill White <>
Bcc: trustee@dgtownship.com, chris.west@dgtownship.com

Dear Mr. White,

Thank you for your comments. As one experienced in local government, you know the majority of the cost of govt is personnel, and when major funding is lost it's never a matter of buying fewer paper clips.

I am still putting together information for Karen and Cliff. I believe they can be an effective core to startup a 501(c)(3). I am waiting on information as to which communities used the Peer Jury most, but I suspect DG and Hinsdale, and possibly Westmont and Darien as a second tier, would be most likely interested in supporting a community based organization.

Elmhurst has a well documented municipal program also. Don't overlook them as a source for information and size structure.

Two Trustees are CPA's and one has professional experience as an independent auditor. Between them setting up a NFP books is something they could readily do so the 501 has good accounting and auditing oversight right out of the box. That may matter to potential "subscriber" municipalities.

Thanks again. We'll be in touch.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Bill White <>
Subject: Peer Jury update
Date: August 8, 2017 at 7:41:43 AM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Hi Mark -

Over the weekend I send Tully and Fieldman an email to inquire whether the Village can or would consider being a sponsors of the peer jury program, either by itself or as one of several collaborating municipalities.

Fieldman responded that he will discuss the matter with his staff and he, Marty and I can talk about it at our weekly

mayors meeting this Friday 8/11.

Also, please know that Lori has prepared a budget for peer jury that shows a total cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. I suggest being cautious about throwing around the \$120,000 figure.

I'll let you know what we discuss Friday morning.

Bill White

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury Cases
Date: August 7, 2017 at 2:37:03 PM CDT
To: Catherine Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>

Good. Do we know what communities — how that breaks out? I would think the communities that have a higher number of cases might be more motivated to participate right out of the box.

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From: Cathy Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer Jury Cases
Date: August 7, 2017 at 12:21:02 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

21 are released. 30 more in process.

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From: "Bob Rakow - Downers Grove" <brakow@shawmedia.com>
Subject: Peer Jury
Date: August 7, 2017 at 11:34:44 AM CDT
To: supervisor@dgtownship.com

Was hoping to chat with you today about the status/future

of peer jury. I've had some people contact me about it and I know it came up at the meeting. Please call me at 708-441-9855. Thanks.

Bob Rakow
Reporter
Downers Grove My Suburban Life
630-427-6259

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Agenda Item for first meeting in Spetember
Date: August 7, 2017 at 10:48:53 AM CDT
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: aalongi@alongilawoffice.com, trustee@dgtownship.com

Discussion about how we can help residents get an independent community based organization 501(c)(3) up and running to contract with and oversee a Peer Jury program for municipalities choosing to participate. Note that the corporate authority to create or contract with a community based organization clearly rests with the county or a municipality.

(705 ILCS 405/5-315)

Sec. 5-315. Teen court. The county board or corporate authorities of a municipality, or both, may create or contract with a community based organization for teen court programs.

(Source: P.A. 90-590, eff. 1-1-99.)

More direction, information, and regulations here at Lisa Madigan's IL AG website:

<http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/>

iyca_youthcourt.html

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Community Based NFP focused on Peer Jury
Date: August 7, 2017 at 8:07:16 AM CDT
To: Karen Kobialka <karenkobialka@aol.com>

When I have time today I will forward some links for info. FYI I did not get the letter in time to mail out Friday, but have a draft on my desk this morning.

Do you know Peg Chaidez?

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From: karenkobialka@aol.com
Subject: Re: Community Based NFP focused on Peer Jury
Date: August 4, 2017 at 3:56:23 PM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Thanks, we are all in learning mode.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
To: Karen Kobialka <karenkobialka@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Aug 4, 2017 12:27 pm
Subject: Re: Community Based NFP focused on Peer Jury

Not my best night. LOL. I'm still too used to being on the other side. I've gotten plenty of advice not to answer questions, but sometimes I can't help but try. THAT didn't work out well at all for me last night. Live and learn!

Cliff seems pretty set too. Ms. Chaidez saying she could find the money, the only thing missing is an accountant, and Trustee Art Donner already called and maybe would at least get the accounting paperwork up and running as a short term gratis until you could plug in your own guy.

I asked Lorraine to put you three on the agenda for the first meeting in September when we should have room, so we can have a bit of a

focused discussion. That also gives us time to go through and address a couple issues, and for you guys to meet and get rolling.

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On Aug 4, 2017, at 10:55 AM, karenkobialka@aol.com wrote:

Thank you for the follow up and yes I would like to stay involved. I do appreciate that you let everyone speak last night and did express thanks to you and the Board in my follow up post on Nextdoor.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

To: Cliff Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>; Karen Kobialka <karenkobialka@aol.com>; Peg Chaidez <margaret.chaidez@gmail.com>

Sent: Fri, Aug 4, 2017 9:45 am

Subject: Community Based NFP focused on Peer Jury

Thank you for attending last night's meeting and I apologize for losing control of it. I appreciated the comments in support of the program, and did not appreciate the refusal to accept answers, given in good faith, to repeated questions. Live and learn. Two of you know I was on the other side of the podium in the past fighting for resident protections, tree protections, and adequate planning at the Village of Downers Grove, a big reason I let people speak and try to answer their questions.

From my notes:

1) No one has been contacted/please send out a letter thanking jurors. All jurors were notified by Cathy Rager and I have instructed her to put together a letter I can sign to mail to the complete list today.

2) No police officers were contacted. Cathy will also provide me with a complete list of current participant municipalities in the program. The list I contacted is not accurate or complete. At that time I will again contact all Mayors and Police Chiefs that are in the program to determine their status and apprise them of the current status of any efforts undertaken.

3) What's happening to defendants in the program. On Monday I will have a report on the status and numbers of cases disposed and

remaining. We will not release personal information on jurors or defendants under any circumstance as they are minors.

4) Yes send us the list of attendees. Attached is a scan of the attendees for your use.

5) We don't believe your budget numbers. The budget numbers on state funding are exactly that and are available on our transparency page. I will not revisit public figures, and I did not understand why those funding numbers were challenged. The funding numbers represent costs reimbursed from the state.

6) We don't believe your cost of the program. Office support is putting together our landed costs so you have a solid number on what annual fundraising goals might be. I scratched together what I could find on short notice for last night and that lowball was rejected. My intention is to give you a good faith number of what a program like Peer Jury will cost on an annual basis. For point of reference we had two full time employees that put in extended hours, and apparently at least three volunteers running the program. I was not aware of any volunteers until last night when they introduced themselves.

7) Feed them less pizza. My experience is teens do not eat less pizza, they eat more pizza...

I will reach out to you three when I have the remaining program numbers and a firm cost. Hopefully early next week.

If any of you have a change of heart and want to opt out of this let all of us on this email know.

I ask your permission now to forward your contact information later, if and when appropriate, to any Mayors or Chiefs of Police. Please respond via email so there is a record.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: RE: Peer Jury Letter
Date: August 4, 2017 at 5:27:48 PM CDT
To: Cathy Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>

Cool see your Monday.

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From: Cathy Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>
Date: 8/4/17 4:21 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer Jury Letter

Hi Mark,

Please take a look at the draft of the letter I am attaching to this email. Let me know what you think. I have also created a document about the Peer Jury Program. I am just waiting for Cindy's response to find out how long she has been with us. I should be able to give you that by Monday. Cathy

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Date: August 4, 2017 at 4:21:48 PM CDT

To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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From: Becky Campbell <>
Subject: Re: Aug. 3rd Meeting
Date: August 4, 2017 at 12:52:57 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtnowship.com>
Reply-To: Becky Campbell <>

Thanks for the quick response! Career politicians aren't always the answer anyway! ;)

Becky Campbell
Campbell Design

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." - Dali Lama

On Friday, August 4, 2017 12:47 PM, Mark Thoman
<mark.thoman@dgtnowship.com> wrote:

Not my best night. LOL. I've gotten plenty of advice not to answer questions, but sometimes I can't help but try. THAT didn't work out well at all for me last night. Live and learn! I think I made it clear I'm not a career politician.

I know two of the three who I kept circling back to, and if Ms. Chialdez can do the fundraising there's a real opportunity for those three to be the core of a 501(c)(3) community group that would work as a provider to municipalities' juvenile diversion programs.

If you signed in I forwarded that list to Cliff Grammich as he requested, so he's reaching out to see about putting a framework together.

Thank you for attending and for your kind words.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Aug. 3rd Meeting
Date: August 4, 2017 at 12:47:49 PM CDT
To: Becky Campbell <>

Not my best night. LOL. I've gotten plenty of advice not to answer questions, but sometimes I can't help but try. THAT didn't work out well at all for me last night. Live and learn! I think I made it clear I'm not a career politician.

I know two of the three who I kept circling back to, and if Ms. Chialdez can do the fundraising there's a real opportunity for those three to be the core of a 501(c)(3) community group that would work as a provider to municipalities' juvenile diversion programs.

If you signed in I forwarded that list to Cliff Grammich as he requested, so he's reaching out to see about putting a framework together.

Thank you for attending and for your kind words.

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From: Becky Campbell <>
Subject: Aug. 3rd Meeting
Date: August 4, 2017 at 10:58:35 AM CDT
To: "supervisor@dgtownship.com" <supervisor@dgtownship.com>
Reply-To: Becky Campbell <>

Mr. Toman-

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your efforts to address all the concerns at last night's meeting. I also appreciated the communication you had on Next Door. It was a heated conversation at the end, for sure, but I think your efforts to allow everyone to be heard, answer their questions (even supplying your quickly calculated financial notes!), and willingness to try to work towards saving the program were all evidence of good leadership.

I didn't speak last night, but my daughter, too, was part of the peer jury program 4-5 years ago. You noted that there were no negative comments regarding the peer jury program and I'm sure there in lies the reason for so much passion from the public who attended last night. I think there was some confusion that added to the mix as well.

Thanks for sticking with it! Public office these days is especially tough and those who question (sometimes loudly and impassioned) are important to the process too. Don't lose your sense of humor and thanks again for your efforts to come up with a solution for our township!

Becky Campbell

Becky Campbell
Campbell Design

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." - Dali Lama

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer Jury Elimination
Date: August 4, 2017 at 11:02:04 AM CDT
To:

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From: karenkobialka@aol.com

Subject: Re: Community Based NFP focused on Peer Jury

Date: August 4, 2017 at 10:55:05 AM CDT

To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Thank you for the follow up and yes I would like to stay involved. I do appreciate that you let everyone speak last night and did express thanks to you and the Board in my follow up post on Nextdoor.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

To: Cliff Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>; Karen Kobialka <karenkobialka@aol.com>; Peg Chaidez <margaret.chaidez@gmail.com>

Sent: Fri, Aug 4, 2017 9:45 am

Subject: Community Based NFP focused on Peer Jury

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From my notes:

1) No one has been contacted/please send out a letter thanking jurors. All jurors were notified by Cathy Rager and I have instructed her to put together a letter I can sign to mail to the complete list today.

2) No police officers were contacted. Cathy will also provide me with a complete list of current participant municipalities in the program. The list I contacted is not accurate or complete. At that time I will again contact all Mayors and Police Chiefs that are in the program to determine their status and apprise them of the current status of any efforts undertaken.

3) What's happening to defendants in the program. On Monday I will have a report on the status and numbers of cases disposed and remaining. We will not release personal information on jurors or defendants under any circumstance as they are minors.

4) Yes send us the list of attendees. Attached is a scan of the attendees for your use.

5) We don't believe your budget numbers. The budget numbers on state

funding are exactly that and are available on our transparency page. I will not revisit public figures, and I did not understand why those funding numbers were challenged. The funding numbers represent costs reimbursed from the state.

6) We don't believe your cost of the program. Office support is putting together our landed costs so you have a solid number on what annual fundraising goals might be. I scratched together what I could find on short notice for last night and that lowball was rejected. My intention is to give you a good faith number of what a program like Peer Jury will cost on an annual basis. For point of reference we had two full time employees that put in extended hours, and apparently at least three volunteers running the program. I was not aware of any volunteers until last night when they introduced themselves.

7) Feed them less pizza. My experience is teens do not eat less pizza, they eat more pizza...

I will reach out to you three when I have the remaining program numbers and a firm cost. Hopefully early next week.

If any of you have a change of heart and want to opt out of this let all of us on this email know.

I ask your permission now to forward your contact information later, if and when appropriate, to any Mayors or Chiefs of Police. Please respond via email so there is a record.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Re: Community Based NFP focused on Peer Jury
Date: August 4, 2017 at 9:55:08 AM CDT
To: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Thanks.

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From: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Fwd: Community Based NFP focused on Peer Jury
Date: August 4, 2017 at 9:53:02 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Reply-To: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

ETA: plan to dig more into enterprise funds this weekend.

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Date: August 4, 2017 at 9:52:21 AM CDT
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Received. Thanks again!

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To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Reply-To: CLIFFORD GRAMMICH <c.grammich@comcast.net>

Thanks, Mark. Message received (for the record). Fine to forward "real" and "electronic" address (., DG 60516) and phone (1-630-541-5306) as appropriate.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
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Date: August 4, 2017 at 9:49:01 AM CDT
To: Cliff Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>, Karen Kobialka <karenkobialka@aol.com>, Peg Chaidez <margaret.chaidez@gmail.com>
Bcc: aalongi@alongilawoffice.com, chris.west@dgtownship.com

...and here' she attachment with the attendees.

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Date: August 4, 2017 at 10:47:31 AM CDT
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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Peer Jury
Date: August 4, 2017 at 10:11:45 AM CDT
To:

Cathy Rager forwarded me your email re: your support of Peer Jury and disappointment at it being suspended.

Lori is no longer with us. The program is suspended. Both were difficult decisions to make, and many residents came to our meeting to express their support and disappointment. Youth Services has been reconfigured to focus on in school ISBE accredited youth learning across a wide spectrum.

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From: Cathy Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Township Peer Jury Program Ends

Date: August 4, 2017 at 8:56:38 AM CDT

To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

I am forwarding this email to you from a parent. I don't feel it is correct for me to answer this. Let me know what you want me to do. Cathy

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From: DGTPeerJuryFriends
<DGTPeerJuryFriends+noreply@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Invitation to join DGTPeerJuryFriends

Date: August 4, 2017 at 12:05:23 AM CDT

To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

DGTPeerJuryFriends

Google Groups

Hi mark.thoman@dgtownship.com,

dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com invited you to join the

DGTPeerJuryFriends group.

Message from dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com

Greetings! Thanks to all who attended the August 3 meeting of the Downers Grove Township Board to support the Township Peer Jury Program! There is obviously a good deal of passion for this program. Working together, I am confident we can find a way to continue it. As a first step of working together for this program, I invite you to join this group. I will use emails to it to apprise members of developments and information on efforts to continue the group, including, in coming weeks, how to generate support throughout the township community for it. For those of you unable to attend the August 3 meeting, I note there were multiple recordings made of it. As soon as one becomes publicly available, I will send notice to this group. I will also pass along any official news I receive about peer jury. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to write to me at DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com or to call me at 1-630-541-5306. Thanks for your support! Cliff Grammich

About this group

For news and exchange of views on the Downers Grove Township Peer Jury Program.

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From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: RE: Fwd: Peer Jury Elimination
Date: August 4, 2017 at 12:01:12 AM CDT
To:

Thank you for your feedback. It was a lively discussion and residents were passionate in their appreciation of the program. The path forward may involve three residents who seem to have the complimentary skill sets for fundraising, technical acumen, and communication.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@gmail.com>
Date: 8/3/17 11:34 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Peer Jury Elimination

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Kim Anderson" <>
Date: Aug 3, 2017 4:34 PM
Subject: Peer Jury Elimination
To: "mark.thoman@gmail.com" <mark.thoman@gmail.com>
Cc: "Yvonne Mayer" <ymayer@msn.com>, "Lori Wrzesinski" <dgtpeerjury@gmail.com>

Mr. Thoman,

I just learned about the elimination of the Downers Grove Township Peer Jury program. This program has been such an important element of the justice system at the local high schools that we were shocked and saddened to learn that it was eliminated without any consideration for alternative funding options. My daughter Hannah and I are unable to attend the meeting this evening, but would like to share our feelings and concerns with you since you are the one that eliminated the program.

Hannah is a senior at Hinsdale Central and she has participated in the peer jury program for the last two years. She has learned a tremendous amount from the program and feels passionately about pursuing a career in criminal justice or law largely as a result of peer jury. Although we would support this program being moved to another area of the city or county government, unilaterally disbanding this long-standing and successful program with no discussion of alternatives seems very unprofessional. Furthermore, the abrupt way that you terminated Lori Wrzesinski without considering alternative options is highly offensive to Lori and how well she handled her role as the person overseeing the PeerJury program.

Having worked for 20+ years in the financial services industry I am very familiar with budget cuts. Without knowing all of the numbers, I have to believe that putting this responsibility back on the local police departments and/or high schools is going to end up costing the taxpayers SIGNIFICANTLY more than keeping the Peer Jury program in place. I would venture to guess that Lori's salary is equivalent to a rookie police officer. In our high school we have Officer Lille who has many years of experience and thus a high price tag. I highly doubt that Officer Lille alone has the ability to handle the number of cases our school sees each year.

I urge you to reconsider this decision and hope that there can be a well thought out transition plan for the program. As a taxpayer I do not want rash decisions that are going to create long term consequences. Thank you for your time.

Kim Anderson

From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Proposed Organizational chart and Peer Jury feedback
Date: August 3, 2017 at 11:00:03 PM CDT
To: Abby Ferguson <abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com>

I'll send out an update to all Trustees. It'll be higher. Thank you for stepping in. I lost control of the meeting. You pulled it back. We'll done.

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From: Abby Ferguson <abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com>

Date: 8/3/17 3:58 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Re: Proposed Organizational chart and Peer Jury feedback

Mark,

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To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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From: Arthur Donner <art.donner@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Proposed Organizational chart and Peer Jury feedback
Date: August 3, 2017 at 9:25:32 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Proposed Organizational chart and Peer Jury feedback
Date: August 3, 2017 at 8:37:36 AM CDT

To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtdtownship.com>
Bcc: chris.west@dgtdtownship.com

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From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: RE: Support of peer jury
Date: August 3, 2017 at 10:55:32 PM CDT
To: Sharon <>

Thank you for your comments in support of Peer Jury and the continuing education programs. Many people came and spoke in support.

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From: Sharon <>
Date: 8/3/17 5:46 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com
Subject: Support of peer jury

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Sharon Boris

From: Sharon <>
Subject: Support of peer jury
Date: August 3, 2017 at 5:46:20 PM CDT
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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: Peer Jury

Date: August 3, 2017 at 1:18:44 PM CDT

To: Lisa Falconer <>

Cc: Catherine Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>

Youth Services operated in large part with the help of state funding. We were notified in late July that our funding was no more, hence the funding cut that effectively eliminated two of our three full time positions, and one of our two part time positions.

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Our Township focus for Youth Services in prevention and education, in cooperation with local schools, will continue. Those programs reach 3,400 students in 20+ schools in our Township. This is "ounce of prevention" education rather than "pound of cure" corrective adjudication. Our remaining full time employee and part time employee are hard at work wrapping up course work for school that starts in roughly two weeks.

We have information on the programs that are ready for the upcoming school year, and you can read about them on our website here: http://www.dgtownship.com/?page_id=203 and here: http://www.dgtownship.com/?page_id=3297

Most people are aware Township government is limited government with limited resources. The municipalities of Elmhurst and Bloomingdale run in-house court diversion programs, but every unit of government has intense budget pressure and are facing quite a few unknowns.

It's our intention to apply for funding again next year but there's no reason to expect funding will come back. We've talked to legislators, county departments, a few municipalities, but extra budget money is just not there.

That said, I do appreciate you sending in your comments. They have all

been overwhelmingly positive about how the program helped them. As I said above, this was a difficult decision.

Thank you.

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From: Lisa Falconer <>
Subject: Peer Jury
Date: August 3, 2017 at 11:33:27 AM CDT
To: "mark.thoman@dgtownship.com"
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Cc: "cathy.rager@dgtownship.com" <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>
Reply-To: Lisa Falconer <>

Dear Mark and Cathy,

Thank you both for the communication via Next Door and to my son regarding the status of the Peer Jury program. My son, Robert Falconer, just completed his participation in the program when he graduated from DGN in June. I am writing to you both today to express hope and support to continue the program so others may benefit as Robert and our family did.

We learned of the program over 5 years ago from a DGN teacher as well as a student currently involved in the program. To be quite frank, at the time it seemed like an excellent opportunity to add to the college resume. Boy were we wrong! What we found was a program which helped young offenders answer to and learn from their mistakes in addition to teaching the juror participants what service, empathy and being a community member means. Kids can find service hours anywhere but THIS program provided character building on "both sides of bench", a trait more important than ever in this country today. It also gave kids hope that although they did something bad, there IS a way to recover. In a time when more and more kids in our community are taking their own lives, a way to recover from a mistake is an option we need to give them.

I also want to mention Lori who administered the program. I never met Lori, but was copied on all the communications that went to the jurors and

their families. I don't think you would have found a better champion of the program and individual to run it. I was in awe by what I saw. I was also impressed by the parent meetings we attended, the swearing in ceremony and the overall enthusiasm and caring she had for the groups of students.

I unfortunately cannot attend the meeting this evening but I hope as you listen to the various community members share their stories, you will be open to ways to salvage this program. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. If budgets cannot be found through state resources, perhaps the private sector can help. Private law firm sponsorship, donations from private citizens, even juror participant fees may be the answer.

Thank you for your time,

Lisa Falconer

From: Bill White <>

Subject: Peer jury thoughts - moving forward

Date: August 3, 2017 at 10:48:58 AM CDT

To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com, supervisor@dgtownship.com

Hi Mark -

Here are a few thoughts for moving forward.

Perhaps the Township could investigate what it would cost to run peer jury as an enterprise fund, with peer jury revenue and expenses segregated from township general revenues and expenses. Having Lori sign on as an independent contractor without benefits or payroll taxes should reduce the total cost.

If a hypothetical or pro forma enterprise fund budget were prepared, we would know how much money needs to be raised from outside sources to continue the program.

As you know there is considerable interest within the police community to find a solution and if every municipality and high school district kicked in some money perhaps an enterprise fund could balance without Township general revenue. A grant from the county might be feasible as well.

Any which way, a willingness to investigate an enterprise fund solution would likely be well received by the public this evening.

Going forward, if it proves not to be feasible for the Township itself to run peer jury as an enterprise fund, having a general idea of what an enterprise fund budget would look like (and knowing the required funding targets) would facilitate other entities picking up the ball and running with it.

Best regards,

Bill White

From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: RE: Peer Jury support
Date: August 3, 2017 at 12:13:57 AM CDT
To: stacia mcdonald <>

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Date: 8/2/17 8:35 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: supervisor@dgtnowship.com
Subject: Peer Jury support

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From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: RE: Peer Jury
Date: August 3, 2017 at 12:08:52 AM CDT
To: Jennifer Miller <>

I forgot. The \$8,000 was for snacks, drinks and pizza for jurors. At the risk of offending, 250 teens eat a lot in a year. Sam's Club buying in bulk for most, and we got a break on pizza. That was offset by \$6,000 in fees. We didn't get any share of court imposed costs.

Mark

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Best regards,

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From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: RE: Peer Jury
Date: August 3, 2017 at 12:02:44 AM CDT
To: Jennifer Miller <>

Dear Ms. Miller,

A large part of Youth Services was funded by a state grant. That state grant was cut. We were given next to no notice, and have been scrambling ever since. It effectively eliminated two of our three full time and one of our two part time employees from Youth Services.

We couldn't continue funding all that we do in Youth Services because of this. Suspending our participation in Peer Jury was a very difficult decision.

There were 50 youth offenders in the program at the end of July to be adjudicated through the end of November. Those cases will be addressed and resolved individually.

Our Township focus for Youth Services in prevention and education, in cooperation with over 20 schools and teaching 3,400 student, will continue. More information on these prevention efforts can be found under Youth Services on our website at www.dgtownship.com

Thank you for voicing your support for Peer Jury. As I said above it was not an easy decision for us.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Re: Peer Jury

Date: August 2, 2017 at 10:16:28 PM CDT

To: Stacy Bogdanski <>

Any fines or payments defray court costs -- we didn't receive any of that. There are municipalities like Elmhurst and Bloomingdale that run a smaller scale program for themselves.

Thanks again for the feedback. Hope to see you tomorrow night.

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Date: 8/2/17 9:44 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Re: Peer Jury

Thank you for responding Mark. I guess what I'm not understanding is the weighing of the relatively small cost of Peer Jury (I believe most costs are funded by offender fees?) vs. the huge cost of putting all these juvenile offenders through the court system? Were the police forces of all 5 communities involved in Peer Jury consulted in this decision? They were great supporters of the program and will be greatly impacted by this decision. It seems that this program is important enough to maintain through other funding, if necessary. My family will be at the meeting tomorrow night to discuss.

Thank you,

Stacy Bogdanski

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Re: Peer Jury

Date: August 2, 2017 at 3:47:52 PM CDT

To: Stacy Bogdanski <>

Bcc: cathy.rager@dgtownship.com

We were compelled to reorganize Human Services due to state funding

cuts. My guess is it will get worse before it gets better.

Cathy Rager is working through the list of cases and is working through contacting participants on both sides of the bench. Thank you for your support of the program.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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Subject: Peer Jury
Date: August 2, 2017 at 2:20:57 PM CDT
To: supervisor@dgtownship.com

I just heard, via Nextdoor, that Peer Jury has been suspended without notice. My daughter is a current peer juror, and has yet to be notified. Is this true?

I am unsure of the details behind the suspension, but this is such a worthwhile community program that my daughter has thoroughly enjoyed taking part in. It is essential for helping community teens (and their families) take responsibility for their actions and realize meaningful consequences. And it provides wonderful experience to the jurors, who are able to serve their community and gain valuable insight into peer behavior, psychological analysis and motivation, and legal processes. It would be a shame for this program to be taken away from our community.

I am unable to attend the meeting on Thursday night as I just had surgery, but I wanted to voice my support for the program. This is a program that our community truly needs.

Thank you!

Stacy Bogdanski

From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: RE: Elimination of Peer Jury
Date: August 2, 2017 at 10:34:28 PM CDT

To: Lisa Lockerby <>

Dear Ms. Lockerby,

I apologize for the lateness of my response. This was not an easy decision to make, and was arrived at with no joy. Yes the funding cut was sudden. The program had about 50 cases through November, and 200 peer jurors. Each case is being addressed.

We're working very hard to get ready with our smaller Youth Services staff to continue prevention education and skills training for roughly 3,400 students at 20+ schools in our Township. That all starts in about two weeks. You can read about those on our website under Youth Services at www.dgtownship.com

Thank you for your response. See you tomorrow night.

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From: Lisa Lockerby <>

Date: 8/2/17 10:03 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Subject: Elimination of Peer Jury

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Thank you for your time - I look forward to your comments tomorrow evening along with further clarification as to how you arrived at this sudden decision.

Regards,

Lisa Lockerby

From: Lisa Lockerby <>
Subject: Elimination of Peer Jury
Date: August 2, 2017 at 10:03:23 PM CDT
To: "mark.thoman@dgtownship.com"
<mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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From: "mark.thoman" <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: RE: Support of the peer jury program

Date: August 2, 2017 at 9:55:28 PM CDT

To: Joan Landry <>

Dear Ms. Landry,

I agree with what you are saying that it was a worthwhile program. There were 50 juveniles in process through November when we had to make this very difficult decision. Each case is in the process of being addressed. There were 200+ peer jurors involved in the program that lost the opportunity for community service hours and character building, as well as a very worthy item on college applications.

The Township is not ending youth services. With a reduced staff we will continue to address over 3,400 students in our Township with accredited prevention programming delivered to over 20 schools.

I'm putting together a handout for residents who attend tomorrow night. This information is also on our website under Youth Services.
www.dgtownship.com

I do appreciate hearing the feedback positive or negative. There are municipalities like Elmhurst that run the program for their own youth, but local Villages are also facing intense budget pressure.

Thank you again for your comments.

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From: Joan Landry <>

Date: 8/2/17 7:36 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: supervisor@dgtownship.com

Subject: Support of the peer jury program

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Thank you for taking the time to consider this option.

Sincerely,

Joan and John Landry

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From: Christopher Baumbach <>
Subject: Peer Jury Termination
Date: August 2, 2017 at 9:27:23 PM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com
Reply-To: Christopher Baumbach <>

Good morning Mr. Thoman:

I'm a 31 year resident in the Township.

Today I am contacting you regarding the elimination of what I feel is one of the most valuable programs that has been offered at the Township level - that is the Peer Jury program.

Both my daughter and son have benefited tremendously from this program, and it has reached far beyond our family with discussions about doing the right thing and consequences that occur from risky behavior. There is no better teacher than actual life lessons, and planting these peer jurors among their friends makes a huge difference in the community. Lori and Cathy have been champions not only of this program, but the continuing education that comes with it. This has also served as a great list for community service needs as opportunities arise and they have gone to these same kids to volunteer for other programs. I fear now that you are losing much more than this program.

As you may know, the brain does not reach full development until the age of 25. There have been many youths that have made a poor choice - this program allows them the opportunity to set themselves straight and to keep this out of the juvenile court system. Second chances at this age are very important.

I know municipal budgets are tight these days, but I would urge you to reinstate this program or at least look at the budget and see how much you are allocating to the youth in our community. We hear daily of the challenges of drugs out there, and we need to make sure we have advocates

among teen peers to make sure others understand how to make good choices.

Please let me know if there is any other things we can do to make sure this successful program continues. I can speak volumes of the benefits of this program with my two kids who have participated.

Thank you for your understanding.

Christopher Baumbach

Willowbrook, IL 60527

From: jowens3285@aol.com
Subject: Re: Township Peer Jury Program Ends
Date: August 2, 2017 at 8:12:51 PM CDT
To: ymayer@msn.com, cathy.rager@dgtownship.com, **a number of personal email addresses redacted** cpaladino@naperville203.org, , mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Dear Ms. Rager and Mr. Thoman,

I agree with the comments that Ms. Mayer has made in her e-mail below. My daughter and I are very disappointed that this wonderful program was eliminated with such short notice and with so little explanation. Not only did this program serve an invaluable service to the teens in our community, it also provided the jurors with an opportunity to give back to their peers, as well as to obtain needed volunteer hours. These students have devoted many years to this program and have sacrificed other obligations to do so. They have forgone other opportunities in order to be able to commit to the Peer Jury program, and have now lost the opportunity to plan for additional volunteer positions for the upcoming year. The bottom line is that they deserved the opportunity to be notified about the elimination of the program in a timely manner and in a way that shows respect for the service they have given to the community.

I strongly believe that the elimination of the Peer Jury program should be reconsidered and that other means of funding and/or supervision be explored. This important and impactful program should be expanded, not eliminated, and the township is making a mistake in doing so.

Sincerely,

Susan Owens

-----Original Message-----

From: Yvonne Mayer <ymayer@msn.com>
To: Cathy Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>; **a number of personal email addresses redacted** cpaladino <cpaladino@naperville203.org>; ; mark.thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Sent: Wed, Aug 2, 2017 7:14 pm

Subject: Re: Township Peer Jury Program Ends

Dear Ms. Rager and Mr. Thoman:

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Regards,

Yvonne Mayer

From: Cathy Rager <cathy.rager@dgtownship.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:53 PM
To: *a number of personal email addresses redacted*
Subject: Township Peer Jury Program Ends

Dear Jurors and Parents,

It is with regret that I inform you that the Township is suspending the Peer Jury program **effective immediately**. The return hearing on July 25th was our last one. We are doing our best to notify all of our current jurors and candidates.

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Again, a big thank-you to all of our wonderful Peer Jurors and their supportive parents. Good luck in all your future endeavors!

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Cathy Rager - Prevention Specialist
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From: Jennifer Miller <>
Subject: Peer Jury
Date: August 2, 2017 at 5:15:33 PM CDT
To: mark.thoman@dgtownship.com

Mr. Thoman,

I am extremely disappointed to hear that Peer Jury has been suspended. My daughter would have been starting her 2nd year as a juror and she too is upset that it is gone. We thought it was a great idea from both sides of the jury - teenagers who committed an offense had a chance to learn from their mistake without having a record through the court system, they learned coping skills if they were to find themselves in a situation again and the jurors felt part of an adult society all the while helping kids their age make the right choices.

I've looked over the Township's financials and notices that Peer Jury's budget was only \$8,000. I understand that there could be other expenses in other categories, such as salaries and other overhead that would have been part of the full Peer Jury expense. However, \$8,000 seems to be a small amount to be cut. And being fairly new to the program, I don't know what else is involved with coordinating with the other Towns for space, officers, etc.

Will this be discussed at the Township meeting on Thursday night?

Is there another way to continue Peer Jury? Perhaps it can be funded by donations. But then there is the problem of who would run the program.

Please let me know if there is any other information that you can disclose or anything we can do to help get this program funded. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Jennifer Miller

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Re: SO: Message from Website
Date: August 2, 2017 at 4:45:54 PM CDT
To: Tiffany Myers <>

We were compelled to reorganize Human Services due to state funding cuts. This was a difficult decision to make.

We're working through the list of cases and are working through contacting participants on both sides of the bench. Thank you for your support of the program.

At present, Elmhurst and Bloomingdale run a similar diversion program at the municipal level.

Thank you for your feedback. I understand the frustration of seeing a program go away that helped youth stay on a productive life path.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Tiffany Myers <>
Subject: SO: Message from Website
Date: August 2, 2017 at 2:51:53 PM CDT
To: supervisor@dgtownship.com

Name: Tiffany Myers

Email:

Mailing Address: Downers Grove, IL 60515

Please send me the following information:

Other information I would like:

Comments, suggestions or questions: I am incredibly disappointed to learn the Peer Jury program has been suspended. My daughter has enjoyed being in the program and supporting her community in this way. Can you explain the capital impact this program had on the township budget and what effort were made to save this program? What alternatives are in place? What options do first time offending juveniles have now in lieu of criminal records? I have so many questions and feel there was no notice that this program was in jeopardy prior to the quiet and sudden decision to suspend the program. I greatly appreciate a response.

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This mail is sent via the Supervisor's contact form on Township website.

From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Re: Peer Jury

Date: August 2, 2017 at 4:37:18 PM CDT

To: RAINBOW PRINTING <>

Lori is no longer with Downers Grove Township. We wish her well in her future endeavors, and I am ready to provide a positive recommendation for the next step in her career, wherever it may take her.

We were compelled to reorganize our Human Services offerings due to loss of state funding. It was a painful decision.

Thank you for writing.

Mark Thoman, Supervisor

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From: Joan Nichols <joan.nichols@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Fwd: Peer Jury
Date: August 2, 2017 at 3:16:55 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

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From: RAINBOW PRINTING <>
To: Lori Wrzesinski <lori.wrzesinski@dgtownship.com>;
supervisor@dgtownship.com <supervisor@dgtownship.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 2:50:12 PM CDT
Subject: Peer Jury

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I have witnessed your enthusiasm and seen the positive impact on your jurors. For many of the kids, this is their first opportunity to Serve their community.
We need more of that.

My son Jack looked forward to his duties and feels that his participation not only helped his peers , but helped him develop into a better adult.

Beth And I are quite happy that Jack was able to participate. We feel

that it is an incredible example of leadership and community service. Peer Jury is a wonderful addition to Jack's resume. Very important when applying to colleges. Jack has learned to speak up and ask tough questions and interact with authority figures, his peers and parents. All very helpful when interviewing for jobs or college.

I sincerely hope the The Board comes to understand the importance of the Peer Jury Program and finds a way to fund it in the very near future.

Thank You for All Your Efforts,

Patrick O'Neill

Downers Grove, IL

From: "'RAINBOW PRINTING' via Supervisor"
<supervisor@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Peer Jury

Date: August 2, 2017 at 2:50:12 PM CDT

To: Lori Wrzesinski <lori.wrzesinski@dgtownship.com>,
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From: Abby Ferguson <abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com>
Subject: Typo on FB post
Date: July 25, 2017 at 10:35:36 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

On the FB post that mentions the suspension on the peer jury there is a typo in participation. Should be updated.

From: Kevin Simpson <KSimpson@villageofhinsdale.org>
Subject: RE: Township Suspends Township Administration of Peer Jury program
Date: July 25, 2017 at 8:36:25 AM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Good morning Mark,
Understanding the success and popularity that surrounds this program this will be a huge loss. I'm curious of the budget impact of this program

is on the Township. Also, based on that impact, has any consideration been given to off-set the cost by passing those costs on via a fee to the participants?

Just curious to understand the background on this since the news is coming as a shock and without warning to many of the police departments.

Any insight is certainly appreciated. Thanks for your time.

Kevin

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Subject: Township Suspends Township Administration of Peer Jury program
Date: July 24, 2017 at 1:27:50 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: jmadden@burr-ridge.gov, mickey@mayormickey.com,

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July 24, 2017

For immediate release

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Township Suspends Township Administration of Peer Jury program
Date: July 24, 2017 at 2:30:50 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>
Bcc: ftrilla@willowbrook.il.us

Mayor Trilla,

Your email address was misspelled when entered. The following email has been sent to all Mayors and Police Chiefs in the Township about an hour ago, and our wrong email for you just kicked back.

Mark Thoman

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From: Cathy Rager <cathy.rager@dgtdownship.com>
Subject: Verbiage for the Email
Date: July 24, 2017 at 12:50:51 PM CDT
To: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtdownship.com>

Here you go Mark-

Verbiage:

Due to Human Service budget cuts, we have been forced to suspend the Peer Jury Program at the Township. After this evening's return cases, we will no longer be holding new or return hearings. Cathy Rager, Peer Jury Coordinator, will be calling and/or emailing the appropriate police

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The deadline for completion of the remaining sentence requirements will be August 31st. Cathy will try to clear as many of these cases as possible. She will again notify any departments by September 1st of any remaining cases that may be referred back to the departments. We are sorry for the inconvenience and most importantly the loss of this valuable program. We will do our best to follow the current case load to completion.

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From: Lori Wrzesinski <lori.wrzesinski@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Township Youth Services liaison

Date: June 9, 2017 at 11:51:01 AM CDT

To: Abby Ferguson <abby.ferguson@dgtownship.com>

Cc: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Good morning Abby. Mark let the Human Services staff that you would be a liaison to the board for youth services. One of the programs that I run is the peer jury program. I am going to attach a schedule for the hearings that we hold 3 times per month and I invite you to attend any of them that you like to observe. Just let me know if when you intend on coming so I can expect you. Also, you will need to sign a form that says you understand that the proceedings are confidential. I am also conducting a training of new jurors in August although I understand that you do have a full time job so it may not be possible for you to attend one of those to observe since it is during the day. You and the other trustees will receive an invitation to the swearing in ceremony that is being held on August 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Downers Grove Village Hall.

Let me know if you need anything or have any questions. I'll let you know when things are happening here.

Have a great weekend.

Lori Wrzesinski