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July 6, 2020

Ms. Gina Mellenthin
4N150 Pine Grove
Bensenville, Illinois 60106

Re: June 26, 2020 FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Mellenthin,

Thank you for writing to the Village of Bensenville with your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* Your FOIA request seeks copies of records reflecting "any and all contractors and their address that were in on the zoom bidding on June 26, 2020 With regards to The White Pines water main replacement project."

Your FOIA request is hereby denied. The requested information is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(h) of FOIA, which exempts from inspection and copying "[p]roposals and bids for any contract, grant, or agreement, including information which if it were disclosed would frustrate procurement or give an advantage to any person proposing to enter into a contractor agreement with the body, until an award or final selection is made. Information prepared by or for the body in preparation of a bid solicitation shall be exempt until an award or final selection is made." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(h).

You have a right to have this matter reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You may file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Ms. Sarah Pratt
Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Corey Williamsen', written over a diagonal line.

Corey Williamsen
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Bensenville