



Rural Development

July 26, 2017

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Mr. Vern Best

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2017-RD-05215-F REVISED

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Dear Mr. Best:

This letter is a final response to your revised FOIA requested received in this office on July 20, 2017 regarding electronic copies of documents relating to the Village of Bear Lake proposed water system improvement project and the Village of Bear Lake snow plow purchase. Specifically your revised request was:

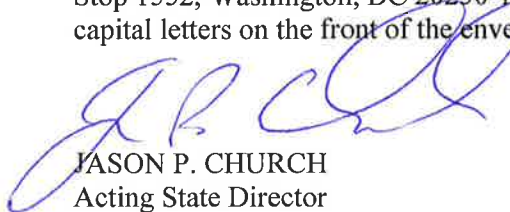
- 1. We are requesting a copy of the official letter guaranteeing a grant/loan has been awarded in FY 2017-18.*
- 2. We are requesting a USDA RD Listing of where the Village of Bear Lake water system upgrade fall in the preferred priority list for Michigan*
- 3. As the Village stated, that engineering plans have been approved, we request a copy of the official letter stating that.*

For request #1, this is in regards to the Village of Bear Lake snow plow purchase. Please be advised that no records were located responsive to your request because the status of the grant/loan for Village of Bear Lake to purchase a snow plow has not been obligated and therefore no letter of guarantee would be issued.

For request #2, this is in regards to the Village of Bear Lake proposed water system improvement project. Please be advised that no records were located responsive to your request because the loan was obligated in Fiscal Year 2016.

For request #3, this is in regards to the Village of Bear Lake proposed water system improvement project. One record was found that is responsive to your request and a copy of the letter is attached.

The FOIA provides you the right to appeal this determination. Any appeal must be made in writing to the Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 1552, Washington, DC 20250-1522. The phrase "FOIA APPEAL" should be placed in capital letters on the front of the envelope.



JASON P. CHURCH
Acting State Director

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May 17, 2017

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SUBJECT: Village of Bear Lake Water System Improvements Project
Contract Document Review for Bidding

Dear Mr. Mlcek,

We have received your letter of May 16, 2017 regarding the revisions to the plans and specifications. With the changes made as described in your letter, the plans and specifications are acceptable. The final executed copy of the plans and specifications will be hard copies, sealed, signed and dated. Defer submittal of the hard copies until after the project is bid, awarded, and the contracts are signed by all parties.

If there are any last minute changes that are needed prior to bidding, that weren't in our review, please make us aware of them. During bidding, we need to approve any addenda. You are reminded to work with Blake Smith, of our Traverse City area office in completing the remaining requirements (e.g. legal and title work, etc.) before bidding. Under no circumstances can an advertisement for bids be published without area office approval.

If you have any questions, or need additional information please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,

Andrew H. Granskog, P.E.
State Engineer

cc Blake Smith, Area Specialist – Traverse City A/O (by email) ✓
Village of Bear Lake (by email) ✓

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