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Via Email (chairman@townofwaukesha.us) and U.S. Mail

December 4, 2012

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meeting that could be called on less than 24 hours' notice. That is still an issue, but we are willing to place this issue on the back burner pending a resolution of the Open Records issue.

Please advise if this proposal is acceptable to you and the process can then be initiated. I believe this is a reasonable resolution, and I appreciate Attorney de la Mora's time in meeting and attempting to resolve this issue in the most efficient manner possible.

Thank you for your courtesies in this matter.

Sincerely,

BUCHER LAW GROUP, LLC

s/ Paul E. Bucher

Paul E. Bucher Attorney at Law

PEB/sac

Cc: Everett German

Attorney Hector de la Mora via email (hdlm@delamoralaw.com)

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# FW: Supervisor German - Open Records Review

Hector de la Mora [Hdlm@delamoralaw.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 11:09 AM

**To:** Jamie Salentine **Cc:** Angie E. Van Scyoc

FYI...no word as of this time.

Hector de la Mora

From: Paul Bucher [mailto:PBucher@bucherlawgroup.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 10:57 AM

To: Hector de la Mora

Subject: Re: Supervisor German - Open Records Review

Let me send this to him and will advise. Tx

Paul E. Bucher
Attorney at Law
Court Commissioner
Bucher Law Group, LLC
262-303-4916
www.bucherlawgroup.com
Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2013, at 10:36 AM, "Hector de la Mora" < Hdlm@delamoralaw.com > wrote:

Hello Paul-

Here is the schedule provided by Jamie Salentine, Waukesha Town Clerk for next week.

Can you confirm what days and times Mr. German would like to come in and review records?

Please note that the week after next is a challenging one. More information will follow on that one.

Hector de la Mora

**From:** Jamie Salentine [mailto:Clerk-Treasurer@townofwaukesha.us]

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2013 2:01 PM

To: \* Everyone

Subject: Supervisor German - Open Records

Attorney de la Mora,

Below are my available hours for the week of February 4<sup>th</sup>:

Tuesday, Feb.  $5^{th}$ : 8:30am - 12:30pm

Thursday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>: 8:30am – 12:30pm

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**From:** Evgerman@aol.com [mailto:Evgerman@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 5:47 PM

To: Paul Bucher Subject: open records

Paul,

Have you had time to review my email in regards to having records picked up from town hall. It is becoming a very hostile environment due to chairwoman and town clerk. I do not feel comfortable reviewing these records at town hall or accepting a stall tactic on availability of clerk or anyone else to be present as I review. That is totally unacceptable.

Thanks, Everett www.fasebook.com/BucherLawGnoorLLC



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From: Hector de la Mora [mailto:Hdlm@delamoralaw.com]

Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 12:59 PM

To: Paul Bucher

Subject: RE: open records

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From: Paul Bucher [mailto:PBucher@bucherlawgroup.com]

Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 12:50 PM

**To:** Hector de la Mora **Subject:** FW: open records

Is this possible for my client??

Paul E. Bucher Attorney at Law and Court Commissioner Bucher Law Group, LLC 355 Austin Circle, Suite 110 Delafield WI, 53018 P - (262) 303-4916 www.fasebook.com/BucherLawGnoorLLC



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Jamie Salentine

Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 8:57 AM

**To:** De La Mora Law **Cc:** Angie E. Van Scyoc

Attorney de la Mora,

Please see Supervisor German's email below regarding the secured open records request.

Sincerely,

Janie Salentine Clerk/Treasurer Town of Waukesha 262-542-5030

Fax: 262-S42-7870

Email: clerk-treasurer@townofwaukesha.us

Website: www.townofwaukesha.us

**From:** Evgerman@aol.com [mailto:Evgerman@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 8:27 AM

**To:** Jamie Salentine **Subject:** open records

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**From:** Evgerman@aol.com [mailto:Evgerman@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 2:28 PM

**To:** Jamie Salentine **Subject:** open records

Good Afternoon,

I had emailed a request over to you this morning and have not yet heard from you. As a board member I am making a specific request of the town clerk. Please respond to me as to what the problem is in regards to my request to pick up 4 boxes of emails pertaining to my open records request and the reasoning that you feel you do not have to acknowledge me.

Sincerely,

Everett German Your Town of Waukesha Supervisor

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February 5, 2013

Attorney Hector de la Mora de la Mora & de la Mora 15255 Watertown Plank Road Elm Grove, WI 53122

Re: My client, Everett German

Dear Hector:

I am contacting you relative to the continue controversy regarding my client's valid Open Records request. As you are aware, Mr. German's Open Records request complied with Wisconsin law. Further, Mr. German remitted the \$300 fee for the retrieval of the records. Shockingly, the amount of records delivered is simply overwhelming. I cannot believe a public official would generate such a voluminous amount of emails in such a short period of time. I think that needs to be re-examined, but so be it. The procedure set up at present is for my client to go in for a short period of time to review the records with the county clerk. When he locates a record he wants, it is removed and then examined for redaction and returned. This procedure is simply not acceptable to my client.

Therefore, since my client has made a valid Open Records request and paid the retrieval costs, he is demanding that the records in question be turned over to him within a reasonable period of time. If that means, unfortunately, that each and every record must be reviewed for redaction, so be it. Per the recent Supreme Court decision, the costs of redaction cannot be charged to my client. I realize you are extremely busy and there are a great deal of records are involved. Certainly, a reasonable amount of time is appropriate for review and redaction.

Please advise when the requested records are ready for pick up by my client.

Sincerely,

BUCHER LAW GROUP, LLC

Paul E. Bucher Attorney at Law

PEB/sac

Cc: Everett German

# FW: open records/town attorney's direction

Jamie Salentine

Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 7:16 AM

**To:** De La Mora Law **Cc:** Angie E. Van Scyoc

Attorney de la Mora,

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From: Evgerman@aol.com [mailto:Evgerman@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 9:43 AM

To: Jamie Salentine

Cc: pbucher@bucherlawgroup.com

Subject: open records/town attorney's direction

Jamie,

It amazes me that I as a supervisor cannot contact or get a legal opinion from the town attorney although when I ask you as town clerk for specific information in regards to 5 Diamonds that you have not responded to and I have not received. Then in regards to open records that are laying in the town hall I inform you that I will be picking up for my review and the town attorney tells you not to reply to a town supervisor so you feel no need to respond to me.

Look at this picture and what do you see wrong with this scenario?

My request for 5 Diamonds I will be stopping in and I guess will have to file another open records. And as far as the town attorney a hired vendor is telling town clerk not to respond to a town supervisors request, what gives our attorney the right to make such a statement?

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