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Laura Godette  
Deputy Village Clerk  
Village of Tinley Park  
16250 S. Oak Park Avenue  
Tinley Park, IL 60477

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 12973

Dear Ms. Godette:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Tinley Park of its intention to deny disclosure of certain emails pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*

Specifically, on January 20, 2011, Mr. Randy Justin submitted a FOIA request to the Village, seeking several categories of records pertaining to the fire alarm signal monitoring. In its written notice, the Village asserts that responsive emails have been withheld from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f)). On April 12, 2011, the Village provided a representative copy of the withheld records for our review.

**Determination**

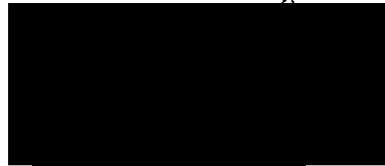
Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” *Id.*

The Village’s use of Section 7(1)(f) exemption with regard to the withheld emails is **approved**. Based on a review of the records provided by the Village, we have determined that the withheld emails constitute pre-decisional materials in which opinions and recommendations were expressed. Further, there is no indication that these emails have been publicly cited or identified by the Village’s President. Accordingly, the Village has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the withheld emails are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (312) 814-6437.  
This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,



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