## Maria Pisz

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Laurie Cohen Saturday, December 8, 2018 5:56 PM Anne Gerwig Maria Pisz Re: Request for reimbursement for legal expenditures

Anne,

You're very welcome. We will place this item on the next agenda.

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On Dec 8, 2018, at 5:44 PM, Anne Gerwig <<u>AGerwig@wellingtonfl.gov</u>> wrote:

Dear Laurie,

First, thank you for your guidance through the process of defending myself from Mr. Margolis and Mr. Novack's complaints that were filed with the Florida Commission on Ethics beginning in April 2016. As you know, the defense was successful and I believe that I have furnished you the data needed to comply with the policy for defending ethics complaints. This is my official request for the amount that I have already spent with the Coates Law firm in the amount of \$6750. It is my understanding that the Insurance Coverage has already paid \$3415.36 to the Village. As you know, I was hesitant to hire an attorney since the accusations were baseless, but I followed your recommendation since the complaint was filed in Tallahassee. Again, thank you for helping me locate a firm that was satisfactory. I would recommend Mr. Mitchell to anyone that needs this type of representation. Looking at the policy, it appears that I could request other expenses but I am only requesting the actual legal fees that I paid, and not the additional expenses I incurred. This has been a very long process and the actual expenses are not even able to be accounted. From two trips to Tallahassee, countless hours of research to provide to the COE Investigator with bank statements, copies of contracts, etc. I am only seeking the legal fees. Thank you for your attention to this matter, Anne Gerwig

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