

Note added by Michigan Plate Readers. Our email to the Township attorney of Clinton Township, October 19, 2026, 6:18 pm, a reply on the thread of the fee appeal of October 9, to her email of 4:30 pm. Text as sent; staff first names are given by role; the quoted thread is not copied. End of note.

Hi [the Township attorney],

Thanks for the update. I'd be happy to work with you on a resolution.

My appeal and the Captain's memo point to the same next step: revised estimates that charge only actual employee time, with the wage and hours shown and the unattended processing and download time the memo describes removed.

Without an itemization I can't tell how much of the original 22 hours was unattended processing and how much was labor, or what kind of labor. However, I have comparable requests from other agencies:

- Sumpter charged nothing for both requests and noted 15 minutes in total
- Auburn Hills charged 45 minutes and one hour (1.75 hours total) for both requests
- Bloomfield Township charged two hours in total
- Warren charged one hour of locating time for the system exports and has not yet answered on the documents

A public-interest waiver under MCL 15.234(2), which both requests asked for and the appeal renewed, would also resolve this. Failing that, as an offer to settle and without conceding any ground of my appeal of October 9, I would accept one hour of employee time per request at the \$7.00 per quarter hour on the Township's fee sheets, \$28.00 each and \$56.00 in all, with no device or mailing charge. The \$92.00 deposit I paid on October 9 under reservation already covers that, with \$36.00 to refund. If the Township agrees, revised fee notices at those figures would settle it, and I will withdraw the appeal in writing. Either way, I'd rather the deposit be accepted and work on the exports begin now than wait while we settle the fee.

On the exports, I've asked [the Records Clerk] to drop the license plate column, and the files can come to me as the system exports them, to the folder I offered on October 7.

My understanding is that under MCL 15.240a(3) the Board is considered to have received the appeal at its October 19 meeting, so its ten business days to act on it run from that date. I would much rather settle this with you well before then.

Thanks,
Chance