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May 28, 2020

Mr. Dennis G. Cowan
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via e-mail dcowan@plunkettcooney.com
and first-class mail

Re: Clarification on Legal Services Engagement

Dear Mr. Cowan:

At a meeting on May 12, 2020, the Warren City Council purportedly engaged your law firm to perform legal services for city council under the premise that it vacated the office of city attorney.

Your firm was not engaged in the manner prescribed by the City of Warren ordinances or charter. The action exceeded the scope of the Council's authority.

As a professional courtesy, we are notifying you that legal services performed by your firm in connection with the action of City Council on May 12, 2020 are not eligible for payment by the City of Warren. Any invoices for legal services of Plunkett Cooney will not be processed for payment by the Warren City Controller.

This is in no way a reflection on your firm, or our high regard for your expertise. At any such time your firm is engaged according to lawful procedures, we would welcome the opportunity to work with you.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ethan Vinson".

Ethan Vinson
City Attorney

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Michaels".

Mary Michaels
Chief Assistant City Attorney

cc: Mayor James R. Fouts
Richard Fox, Controller