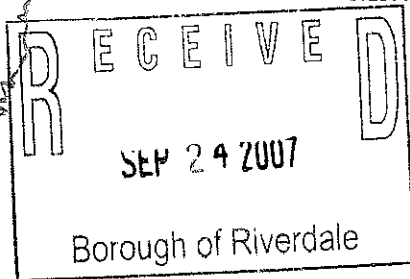


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September 20, 2007

Abigail Sanner, Director
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Re: Proposed New M.A.I.N. Inc. Membership Agreement

As many of you are aware, the Morris County Director of Library Services along with our Director of Library Information Systems, Legal Counsel and staff of this office are currently reviewing the M.A.I.N., Inc. Membership Agreement. It is anticipated that changes will soon be proposed that are intended to better recognize the County's significant contribution to M.A.I.N.

As the current agreement fails to address some ongoing operational issues, the anticipated recommended revisions will be designed to ensure fairness and equity to all participating members. Therefore, it is important to note that any action(s) taken in the interim by a member Library is done so at the Libraries own risk.

The goal of Morris County is to have all proposed modifications to the M.A.I.N. Executive Committee by early December.

Sincerely,

John Bonanni
County Administrator

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Cc: Joanne Kares, Director of Library Services
Jeremy Jedynek, Director of Library Information systems
Mayors of M.A.I.N. Libraries

BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

William Budesheim
Mayor

Carol Talerico
Registered Municipal Clerk



September 26, 2007

John Bonanni, County Administrator
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Re: Proposed New M.A.I.N. Inc Membership Agreement

Dear Mr. Bonanni:

In reviewing your recent letter to our library director I couldn't help but wonder what was the dynamics behind this apparently sudden need to review the M.A.I.N. Membership Agreement. I do have a few questions and comments, if I may.

I have been told recently that M.A.I.N. is a private corporation, totally outside of the control of the County administration and the Freeholders. That made me curious as to why the County Legal Counsel and your staff are reviewing these private agreements to make possible changes.

Now I may be somewhat sensitive, but I do sense in this action on the County's part a reaction to the proposed Riverdale/Bloomingdale shared services agreement. The timing could not be so coincidental. If this new agreement is to address and control shared services, I hope that the affected parties would have some sort of input before a final decision is made.

If your source of information upon which you are making these decisions is primarily the officers of M.A.I.N., then I must warn you that the final outcome may not be what you had hoped to achieve. This is not based on hearsay, but if just half of what has been said to me personally by those officers is your basis in the decision making, that decision will be flawed. You have no idea of some of the accusations leveled against Riverdale.

At a special meeting with the M.A.I.N. officers, Carol Novrit and her replacement, the Bloomingdale Mayor, two Bloomingdale councilpersons, the borough administrator and myself, a resolution was decided on, which I believe was attainable for our shared services agreement. If this is now going to be changed I believe that fairness and justice would let Riverdale have some input into this final outcome.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Very truly yours,

William Budesheim
Mayor

CC: Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders
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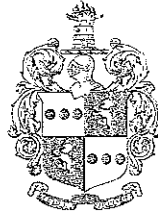
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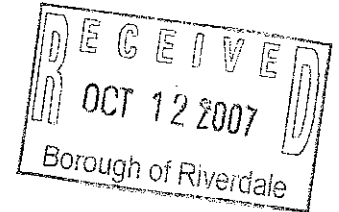
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October 11, 2007

William Budesheim, Mayor
Borough of Riverdale
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Dear Mayor Budesheim:

Thank you for your recent letter of September 26, 2007 in which you raised questions and concerns about the M.A.I.N. Membership Agreement and other library related issues as they relate to the Borough of Riverdale. As you know, these issues have been under discussion for some time, especially since the M.A.I.N. agreements have not been updated in almost five years. In fact, the original M.A.I.N. agreements, instituted in 1992, never anticipated some of the changes and new initiatives that we are faced with today (i.e., shared services, which the County wholeheartedly endorses, with the M.A.I.N. system being one of our best examples of an effective collaborative shared services system).

In the course of reviewing the current membership agreement, the County has identified areas of concern that we believe need to be addressed. Please know that the entire M.A.I.N. system is of great interest to the County as over \$4 million is invested by the County in operating and maintaining this system. M.A.I.N. is a private, not-for-profit entity and as per its articles of incorporation as a nonprofit, the County Library Director as well as the County Director of Human Services have permanent seats on that Board. Many of the libraries throughout the County have representation on the Board as well. The County has a great stake and interest in keeping the M.A.I.N. system functioning at full capacity, serving all in our County.

There are many issues and concerns to discuss in this process and we look forward to doing so. We will be working with the Board of M.A.I.N. to get input as to how to best go about revising the M.A.I.N. agreements and addressing these concerns. Our new Director of Human Services, Mary Jo Buchanan, is now in place as of October 1, 2007 and you and your representatives are welcome to meet with her, the County Director of Library Services and the Director of the Office of Library Information Systems, to discuss your concerns.

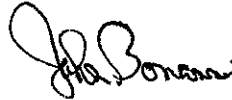
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While this process will take some time so as to encourage input, we hope to have a proposal for a revised and updated agreement to present to the M.A.I.N. Board at the end of the year.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns and we look forward to working together to best serve our residents.

Sincerely,



John Bonanni
County Administrator

JB:ks

cc: Mary Jo Buchanan, Director, Department of Human Services
Joanne Kares, Director of Library Services
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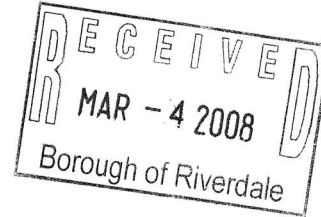


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February 28, 2008



William Budesheim, Mayor
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Dear Mayor Budesheim,

It is my understanding that you have recently expressed continuing concern to Freeholder Chegwiddden about the status of the M.A.I.N. membership agreement as well as other library related issues.

As mentioned in my previous letter of October 11, 2007, the M.A.I.N. agreements have not been revised for close to a decade and much has changed in the library system, as well as in library technology support services. As I am sure you understand, M.A.I.N. is an independent Not-For-Profit entity.

Currently the County is diligently sorting through the various issues that all of the M.A.I.N. libraries are now bringing to the table as it relates to a new agreement. While this process has been lengthy, as you noted in your letter to me in October, it is vital that we receive input from all of the many constituents and stakeholders, as well as the Freeholder Board who provide a significant portion of funding for the system.

We are now finalizing the language for County's agreement with M.A.I.N. and, after legal review, expect to be discussing it with the Freeholder Board in late March. At that time, we will meet with all of the libraries and provide an opportunity for discussion and finalization of the agreement.

As in my previous letter, let me reiterate the willingness of Mary Jo Buchanan, our Human Services Director and supervisor of this area, to meet with you at any time. She can be reached at the office at (973) 285-6863 or on her work cell phone at (973) 261-0807. Her email is mbuchanan@co.morris.nj.us.

Thank you for continuing to bring attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Bonanni".

John Bonanni
County Administrator

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