

**From:** [Kim Berry](#)  
**To:** [Gary Kovalainen](#)  
**Cc:** [Eric Buckman](#); [Joe Thompson](#); [Janice Frizzell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Formal FOIA Request: Redact PII from Online BOR Minutes  
**Date:** Monday, March 17, 2025 12:01:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [FOIA Request 2025-07 Response Letter 03-17-2025.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Mr. Kovalainen,

Please find attached the response to your FOIA request below, identified by the City of Gladstone as FOIA Request 2025-07.

Kimberly Berry  
Gladstone City Clerk, MiPMC  
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**From:** Gary Kovalainen <[gkovalainen@gmail.com](mailto:gkovalainen@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 7, 2025 7:06 AM  
**To:** Kim Berry <[KBerry@gladstonemi.gov](mailto:KBerry@gladstonemi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Formal FOIA Request: Redact PII from Online BOR Minutes

<b>FOIA Request</b>
<b>To:</b> City Clerk Kim Berry, City of Gladstone ( <a href="mailto:kberry@gladstonemi.gov">kberry@gladstonemi.gov</a> ) <b>CC:</b> City Manager Eric Buckman ( <a href="mailto:ebuckman@gladstonemi.gov">ebuckman@gladstonemi.gov</a> ), Mayor Joe Thompson ( <a href="mailto:jthompson@gladstonemi.gov">jthompson@gladstonemi.gov</a> ), Assessor Janice Frizzell ( <a href="mailto:jfrizzell@gladstonemi.org">jfrizzell@gladstonemi.org</a> ) <b>Date:</b> March 7, 2025
Dear Ms. Berry,
I am submitting this formal request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.231 et seq.) to address the public disclosure of my personal identifying information (PII) in the City of Gladstone's Board of Review (BOR) minutes online.
These minutes (e.g., 2020-2024) include my name (Gary Kovala), address (1108 Lake Shore Dr.), and disabled veteran tax exemption status, posing privacy risks. I request:
1. Redaction of my name, address, and disability tax status from all online BOR minutes (2020-2024), as permitted under MCL 15.243(1)(a).

2. A written explanation of the legal basis for publishing this PII.

I have requested this since August 2024, including on October 21, 2024, but no action has been taken. Please respond within 5 business days per MCL 15.235, or provide notice of an extension. Contact me at [gkovalainen@gmail.com](mailto:gkovalainen@gmail.com)

Sincerely,  
Gary Kovala