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April 7, 2026

Alexander Costa

Re: OPRA Request 0646-26

Dear Mr. Costa:

I am in receipt of your recent OPRA request, whereby you requested the following:

1. Any and all records indicating the year in which Pemberton Township purchased the New Lisbon water tower from the Burlington County Commissioners.
2. Any and all records reflecting the purchase price paid by Pemberton Township for the New Lisbon water tower.
3. Any and all records related to the sale of Buttonwood Hospital (Block 812, Lot 9.05) to Aspen Hills, including:
 - a. The year of sale
 - b. The sale price
 - c. The date of settlement
4. Any and all records indicating the date on which a water meter was installed by Pemberton Township at the Aspen Hills property (Block 812, Lot 9.05).
5. Copies of any and all water bills issued to Aspen Hills? Button Wood Hospital has been on the property identified as Block 812, Lot 9.05, for the past five (5) years.

Please be advised that a search of our files indicates that there are no documents or records made, maintained or kept on file by the County of Burlington responsive to items 4 and 5 of your request. Please be further advised that there may be documents or records responsive to these parts of your request on file with the local municipality and/or the utility company which are separate entities from the County of Burlington with their own Records Custodians.

Additionally, please be advised that items 1 and 2 of your request seek information and do not identify specific government records. As such, your request is an invalid OPRA request. When a request is "complex" because it fails to specifically identify the documents sought, then that request is not "encompassed" by OPRA. See New Jersey Builders Association v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J.Super. 166, 180 (App. Div. 2007). A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all of an agency's documents. See Bent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J.Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005).

Further, item 3 of your request for "Any and all records related to the sale of Buttonwood Hospital" is impermissibly overbroad and lacks specificity. OPRA is not intended to be used as a research tool to force

government officials to identify and provide useful information. MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005). Rather, the OPRA's purpose is to make identifiable government records "readily accessible for inspection, copying or examination." Id. (quoting N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1). "OPRA does not require record custodians to conduct research among its records for a requestor and correlate data from various government records in the custodian's possession." MAG Entertainment, 375 N.J. Super. at 546-47 (quoting Reda v. Twp. of West Milford, GRC Complaint No. 2002-58 (January 17, 2003)).

Notwithstanding the above attached please find a bill of sale, asset purchase agreement and deed related to the New Lisbon water tower. Additionally, attached is a bill of sale for Buttonwood Hospital. Please be advised that redactions were made to protect the privacy interests of the individual with regard to information relating to medical, psychiatric or psychological history, diagnosis, treatment or evaluation. See, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1; Executive Order No. 26 (McGreevey 2002).

I am also obligated to inform you that if you believe I have erred in withholding documents, you have the right to bring an action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, or to appeal to the Government Records Council. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at Government.Records@dca.nj.gov, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc.

We now consider our response complete. Thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dina Rocco".

DINA ROCCO
Custodian of Public Records
Burlington County

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