

Borough Clerk

From: Borough Clerk
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Nicole Koch
Subject: FW: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Minotola Fire Company Personal Property
Attachments: INV#32784 11-3-2021 CHAPMAN.pdf; MINOTOLA FD CLASS A CHAPMAN, K. 9-21-2021.pdf; MINOTOLA FIRE HABERSHAM, T. 07-14-2021 ELBECO.pdf; MINOTOLA HABERSHAM, B. 6-22-2021 BLAUER.pdf; INV#32538 HABERSHAM, T 07-12-2021.pdf; MINOTOLA FIRE DIXON, C 02-02-2022 ELBECO.pdf; INV#32492 06-22-2021 EMBLEMS.pdf; INV#32879 02-02-2022 DIXON C..pdf; IMG_0001.jpg; MINOTOLA FD CLASS A DROGO, J ASST CHIEF 03-03-2023.pdf; MINOTOLA FD CLASS A NARDONE, L. DEP CHIEF 03-03-2023.pdf; MINOTOLA FD CLASS B UNIFORM CROWELL R 10-13-2023 ELBECO.pdf; MINOTOLA FD CLASS A LAPORTA , S 03-10-2023.pdf; MINOTOLA FD CLASS A UNIFORM KASPAR, J CHIEF 03-02-2023.pdf

From: Minotola Fire <minotola112assistantchief@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:42 PM
To: Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Steve Laporta <minotola112president@gmail.com>; Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>; Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Minotola Fire Company Personal Property

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Councilman Adams,

Thank you for your timely reply to this email as well as taking the time to speak to me today. As I hope you can tell, I am trying to assist you and make this transition as smooth as possible in regards to the property and belongings.

Let me begin by answering a few of the questions in your response to my e-mail. I am working with President LaPorta now to send out a letter to our current and past members over the years requesting that any and all company or district property be returned immediately. A copy of this letter will be provided to you.

As per our phone conversation, please allow us some time to investigate the discrepancy regarding the number of radios left at the Wheat Road location. This will take some time and research; we will be in touch regarding this matter.

When the members of the Minotola Fire Company left the property on December 18th, years of records and receipts were left in boxes at the station. We are in possession of the company checkbook and do have access to some electronic copies which are attached to this email.

UNIFORMS: No class A or class B uniforms have ever been purchased with district money. Receipts over the last few years are attached.

TV MEETING ROOM: This TV was purchased by the company membership after a breakfast fundraiser by Justin Lilla and Brian Ewan. I am aware there are several TVs in the building; some of which are from the Arbor Ave Property. This is the only TV owned by the Minotola Fire Company

PC COMPUTER TOWER MEETING ROOM: This computer attached to the above TV (printer, wireless mouse and keyboard) is a membership computer and purchased by the company and has membership login accounts only. The computers in the office are property of the district.

COUCHES: Throughout the years, members have donated old personal couches for company meeting room.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION FILING CABINET: This cabinet is locked in the meeting room and has years of files for the relief association.

STEREO SYSTEM: This stereo/receiver head in the apparatus bay was donated to the Minotola Fire Company by Mark Dixon.

BLACK METAL WORK BENCH: This work bench was purchased at Home Depot (by myself and Frank Lupperger) over 7 years ago with the company credit card and records are in the fire house.

WORKSTATION/STEREO HOLDER: This workbench was built by Brian Ewan and donated to the Fire Company.

ICE MACHINE: This was donated to the Minotola Fire Company by Jeff Pace.

FLAT TOP GAS GRIDDLE: This was donated to the Minotola Fire Company by Spike English

COUNTER TOP MICROWAVE: This microwave was purchased at Home Depot (by myself and Frank Lupperger) over 7 years ago with the company credit card and records are in the fire house.

FOUR 6" STAINLESS STEEL MIXING BOWLS: Purchased with company money by myself at South Jersey Paper for use by the Minotola Fire Company

FOUR 9" STAINLESS STEEL MIXING BOWLS: Purchased with company money by myself at South Jersey Paper for use by the Minotola Fire Company

TWO ELECTRIC GRIDDLES: Purchased with company money from Walmart for use by the Minotola Fire Company

WEBER GAS GRILL: Purchased with company money from LaTorre Hardware-Receipt attached

KITCHEN UTENSILS: Purchased with company money at various times for use by the Minotola Fire Company

YELLOW 5 GALLON WATER COOLER: Purchased with company money for use by the Minotola Fire Company

CRAFTSMAN TOOLBOX AND TOOLS: Purchased throughout the years by various members. Company understanding has been that any tools on the trucks belong to the district and all tools in the toolbox belong to the company. This is vouched for by our most senior members, Tony Abriola and Joe Lombardo, who have over 40 years of service.

MEAT SLICERS: Donated by Ronnie and Frank Ciruolo over 20 years ago. We understand that there is a discrepancy that the Landisville Fire Company believes that some/all may have come from the Arbor Ave building. That is not our understanding, however, we are willing to leave all the slicers behind for future fire company use.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Joseph E. Drogo
Head Trustee/Assistant Chief

On Wed, Jan 31, 2024 at 5:54 AM Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org> wrote:

Joe,
Thank you for the list.

In order to be fiscally responsible, we, the Boro, along with advice from Counsel, ask that MFC provide copies of receipts or copies of checks from your checking account on the purchases of these items. If the items were donated please provide the name of the Donator.

Also in the previous email I asked for the return of ALL items that may not have been turned in by your members.

We are in the process of a complete inventory of the entire contents of the building.

Again, I ask to please copy all of your members with this email so they can return anything they may have overlooked. Items like flashlights (large and small), portable radios, pagers, gear, cordless tool batteries, magnets, tables, chairs, kitchen equipment, tools, Class A Uniforms, etc. All items can be turned in at Boro Hall Clerks Office, receipt upon request.

Thank You

Douglas E. Adams
Council President / Director of Public Safety
Douglas.Adams@BuenaBoro.org
856.982.2980



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616 Central Ave
Minotola NJ 08341

<http://www.BuenaBoro.org/>



From: Minotola Fire <minotola112assistantchief@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 7:16 PM
To: Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>
Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** Minotola Fire Company Personal Property

Dear Councilman Adams

As you are aware, the members of the Minotola Fire Company voluntary ceased providing firematic service to the residents of Buena Borough on Tuesday December 18th at 7:00pm, one week after the second reading of Ordinance 741. Our members have remained professional throughout this time. We made the conscious decision to leave Minotola Volunteer Fire Company's property in the Station on Wheat Road to avoid the appearance of impropriety. We are aware some folks with sinister intent were watching the Station to capture video of our Members removing our property. As we have made you aware over the past several weeks, the Members did not want to be accused of removing property from the Station that could have been misconstrued or misrepresented as our unauthorized removal of District/Borough/Taxpayer property. As you are aware, our Company did not vacate the property in a caravan loaded down with our property, but purposefully left empty handed. Given the recent events of the past week, it has become obvious to the Members of the Minotola Volunteer Fire Company that we will not be going back into service. The time has come for the Members to remove our property. This property consists of items which have been donated and/or purchased by the Members of the Minotola Volunteer Fire Company over the last 100 years. Following is our list of property currently in the Wheat Road Station:

- 50" TV (Meeting Room)
- PC Computer/Keyboard/Mouse (Meeting Room)
- Couches (Meeting Room)
- Relief Association Filing Cabinet (Meeting Room)
- Stereo System (Apparatus Bay)
- Black Metal Workbench (Apparatus Bay)
- Workstation/Stereo Holder (Apparatus Bay)
- Ice Machine (Apparatus Bay)
- Flat Top Gas Griddle (Under Stairs)
- Countertop Microwave (Kitchen)
- Four 6" Stainless Steel Mixing Bowls (Kitchen)
- Four 9" Stainless Steel Mixing Bowls (Kitchen)
- 2 Electric Griddles (Kitchen)
- 5 Meat Slicers (Kitchen)
- Weber Gas Grill (Kitchen)
- Kitchen utensils (Kitchen drawers)
- Yellow 5gallon water cooler (under stairs)
- Craftsman Toolbox and Tools (Tool Room)

Please respond with some dates and times that we can meet at the Wheat Road Station to retrieve our property. Thank you!

Sincerely
Joseph E Drogo
Head Trustee/Assistant Chief

Invoice

Invoice : 32785
 Customer: MINO01
 Inv Date:11.30.21
 Page Num: 1
 Order :

Bill-to:

MINOTOLA VOL. FIRE CO
 255 WHEAT RD
 MINOTOLA, NJ 08341-0523

Ship-to:

MINOTOLA VOL. FIRE CO
 255 WHEAT RD
 MINOTOLA, NJ 08341-0523

Customer PO Number:CHAPMAN, K

 Ship Date :Drp:Resle:Terms :Ship Via :SlSpr Num:Due Date :
 11.30.21 : N : N :NET 10 : : 2 :12.10.21 :

Qty Ordered	Qty Shipped	Item Number	Unit	Price	T	Extended
	Backord	Description			X	Amount
1	0	1 38804-56R NV DB POLY DRESS COAT	285.00		N	285.00
1	0	1 38200 NAVY PANT	95.00		N	95.00
1	0	1 P877 LS WH POL/COT SHIRT	85.00		N	85.00
1	0	1 HAT-BELL NV F303NV	85.00		N	85.00
1	0	1 2905-1 BK 1 3/4" PANT BELT	40.00		N	40.00
1	0	1 5055 ROTHCO UNIFORM OXFORD	50.00		N	50.00
1	0	1 BADGE N/A	80.00		N	80.00
1	0	1 BADGE N/A	80.00		N	80.00
1	0	1 BADGE N/A	70.00		N	70.00
1	0	1 BADGE N/A	70.00		N	70.00
1	0	1 NAMEBAR N/A	16.00		N	16.00

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Invoice

Invoice : 32785
 Inv Date:11.30.21
 Page Num: 2
 Order :

Customer:MINO01-MINOTOLA VOL. FIRE CO
 PO Number:CHAPMAN, K

 Ship Date : :Terms :Ship Via :SlSpr Num:Due Date:
 11.30.21 : :NET 10 : : 2 :12.10.21:

 Qty Ordered :Qty Shipped:Item Number :Unit : :T: Extended
 :Qty Backord:Description :Price : :X: Amount

 Subtotal : 956.00 : LANDSMAN UNIFORMS INC
 Sales Tax : 0.00 : 6206 BLACK HORSE PIKE
 Freight : 0.00 : EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ 08234
 Invoice Total: 956.00 : www.landsmanuniforms.com
 Payment : 0.00 :
 Balance : 956.00 : 609-909-1000

Invoice

Invoice : 32492
 Customer: MINO01
 Inv Date:06.21.21
 Page Num: 1
 Order :

Bill-to:

Ship-to:

MINOTOLA VOL. RESCUE SQUAD
 255 WHEAT RD
 MINOTOLA, NJ 08341-0523

Customer PO Number:

 Ship Date :Drp:Resle:Terms :Ship Via :Slspr Num:Due Date :
 06.21.21 : N : N :NET 10 : : 2 :07.01.21 :

Qty Ordered	Qty Shipped	Item Number	Unit	T	Extended
	Backord	Description	Price	X	Amount
1	1	DEPOSIT			
	0		1000.00	N	1000.00

Subtotal	:	1000.00	:	LANDSMAN UNIFORMS INC
Sales Tax	:	0.00	:	6206 BLACK HORSE PIKE
Freight	:	0.00	:	EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ 08234
Invoice Total:	:	1000.00	:	www.landsmanuniforms.com
Payment	:	0.00	:	
Balance	:	1000.00	:	609-909-1000

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EMPLOYEE		JANET	CC #:		BILLING ADDRESS			EXP. DATE:		CCV CODE:		
TODAY'S DATE		3/3/23		SHIPPING ADDRESS								
CHARGE FREIGHT		NO										
PAYMENT METHOD		Bill to Company										
FREIGHT METHOD		PICK-UP										
DEPARTMENT		MINOTOLA FIRE		PO #:		INVOICE #:						
NAME S. LAPORTA ND J. ABBA						PHONE #:						
ORDER PLACED BY:						CELL PHONE:		4/14/23				
NOTES/DESCRIPTION		ITEM #	QTY	COLOR	SIZE	VENDOR	SET ASIDE	S/A QTY	PO #	DATE	PRICE	TOTAL
CLASS A												\$0.00
JACKET 38804			1	DK NAVY	46R NO ALTERATIONS		RCVD	04-14A	28746		\$285.00	\$285.00
SILVER FD					TRY ON 1ST		RCVD	04-14A			\$100.00	\$100.00
DEPT EMBLEM L-S, BW FLAG R-S							RCVD	04-14A				\$0.00
PANT 38200			1	DK NAVY	38X26		RCVD	04-14A	28746		\$95.00	\$95.00
RCVD							RCVD	04-14A			\$0.00	\$0.00
LS P877			1	WHITE	17.5 X33		RCVD	04-14A	28752	3-14	\$85.00	\$85.00
DEPT EMBLEM L-S, BW FLAG R-S							RCVD	04-14A			\$0.00	\$0.00
HAT BELL HAT			1	NAVY	7 1/8		RCVD	04-14A			\$85.00	\$85.00
RCVD							RCVD	04-14A			\$0.00	\$0.00
BELT 2905-1			1		40		RCVD	04-14A			\$40.00	\$40.00
NV CO TIE			1	R			RCVD	04-14A			\$10.00	\$10.00
RCVD							RCVD	04-14A			\$0.00	\$0.00
SHOES 5055			1		9.5M		RCVD	04-14A	28755	3-14	\$50.00	\$50.00
SL NAME BAR S. LAPORTA			1			LEVEL7	RCVD	04-14A	28756	3-14	\$16.00	\$16.00
SL NAMEBAR J. ABBA			1				RCVD	04-14A	28756	3-14	\$16.00	\$16.00
TOTALS											\$0.00	\$0.00
ALTERNATION FORM		ITEM	QTY	DEPT. EMB.	FLAG	NAMES STRIP	BADGE	OTHER	OTHER INFO		DATE NEEDED	
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LINE 3												
LINE 4												

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Invoice

Invoice : 32879
 Customer: MINO01
 Inv Date:02.02.22
 Page Num: 1
 Order :

Bill-to:

MINOTOLA VOL. FIRE CO
 255 E. WHEAT RD
 MINOTOLA, NJ 08341-0523

Ship-to:

MINOTOLA VOL. FIRE CO
 255 E. WHEAT RD
 MINOTOLA, NJ 08341-0523

Customer PO Number:DIXON; COLLAR PINS

 Ship Date :Drp:Resle:Terms :Ship Via :Slspr Num:Due Date :
 02.02.22 : N : N :NET 10 : : 2 :02.12.22 :

Qty Ordered	Qty Shipped	Item Number	Unit	T	Extended
	Backord	Description	Price	X	Amount
1	0	1 E2804R MIDNIGHT NV TEK3 PANT	90.00	N	90.00
1	0	1 G934 SS SHIRT	85.00	N	85.00
1	0	1 G924N LS NV TEK2 SHIRT	95.00	N	95.00
1	0	1 2905-1 BK 1 3/4" PANT BELT	25.00	N	25.00
2	0	2 NAMESTRIP N/A	14.00	N	28.00
3	0	3 MISC-NONTAXABLE HORNS	6.95	N	20.85

 Subtotal : 343.85 : LANDSMAN UNIFORMS INC
 Sales Tax : 0.00 : 6206 BLACK HORSE PIKE
 Freight : 0.00 : EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ 08234
 Invoice Total: 343.85 : www.landsmanuniforms.com
 Payment : 0.00 :
 Balance : 343.85 : 609-909-1000

Invoice

Invoice : 32538
 Customer: MINO01
 Inv Date:07.12.21
 Page Num: 1
 Order :

Bill-to:

MINOTOLA VOL. FIRE CO
 255 WHEAT RD
 MINOTOLA, NJ 08341-0523

Ship-to:

MINOTOLA VOL. FIRE CO
 255 WHEAT RD
 MINOTOLA, NJ 08341-0523

Customer PO Number:T. HABERSHAM

Ship Date :Drp:Resle:Terms :Ship Via :SlSpr Num:Due Date :
 07.12.21 : N : N :NET 10 : : 2 :07.22.21 :

Qty Ordered	Qty Shipped	Item Number	Unit	T	Extended
	Backord	Description	Price	X	Amount
1	0	1 G934 SS SHIRT	95.00	N	95.00
1	0	1 E2804R MIDNIGHT NV TEK3 PANT	100.00	N	100.00
3	0	3 NAMESTRIP N/A	14.00	N	42.00
1	0	1 G924N LS NV TEK2 SHIRT	100.00	N	100.00

Subtotal	:	337.00	:	LANDSMAN UNIFORMS INC
Sales Tax	:	0.00	:	6206 BLACK HORSE PIKE
Freight	:	0.00	:	EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ 08234
Invoice Total:	:	337.00	:	www.landsmanuniforms.com
Payment	:	0.00	:	
Balance	:	337.00	:	609-909-1000

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EMPLOYEE	JANET	CC #:		EXP. DATE:		CCV CODE:					
TODAY'S DATE	2/2/22	BILLING ADDRESS									
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PAYMENT METHOD	Bill to Company										
FREIGHT METHOD	PICK-UP	PO #:		INVOICE #:	32879	COMP/CONTACTED					
DEPARTMENT	MINOTOLA FIRE	PHONE #:		PHONE #:		TEXTED	DENNIS				
NAME	C. DIXON	CELL PHONE									
ORDER PLACED BY:		EMAIL:									
NOTES/DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	QTY	COLOR	SIZE	VENDOR	SET ASIDE	S/A QTY	PO #	DATE	PRICE	TOTAL
CLASS B PANT	E2804R	1		35X29	ELBECO	RCVD	2-12	28061	2-3	\$90.00	\$90.00
CLASS B SS	G934	1		LR	ELBECO	RCVD	2-12	28061	2-3	\$85.00	\$85.00
CLASS B LS	G924	1		LR	ELBECO	RCVD	2-12	28061	2-3	\$95.00	\$95.00
LEATHER BELT	2905-1	1		36	ARTCRAFT	RCVD	2-12			\$25.00	\$25.00
DEPT EMBLEM LS, BW FLAG RS, GD BADGE EMBLEM LC, BK NAMESTRIP RC											
NAMESTRIP		2								\$14.00	\$28.00
C. DIXON			YELLOW-SEE EMBLEM FOR CORRECT COLOR								
										\$0.00	\$0.00
										\$0.00	\$0.00
										\$6.95	\$20.85
										\$0.00	\$0.00
										\$0.00	\$0.00
1	1 G934				95.00		N		95.00		\$0.00
0	SS SHIRT										\$0.00
1	1 E2804R						N		100.00		\$0.00
0	MIDNIGHT NV TEK3 PANT				100.00						\$0.00
3	3 NAMESTRIP				14.00		N		42.00		\$0.00
0	N/A										\$0.00
1	1 G924N						N		100.00		\$0.00
0	LS NV TEK2 SHIRT				100.00						\$0.00
ALTERATION FORM											
TOTALS							0				\$343.85
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LINE 2											
LINE 3											
LINE 4											

Vineland, NJ 08360
Phone: (856) 691-9468
Fax: (856) 696-1750

Payment #: 10030
Account #: 1238
Page: 1 of 1
Date: 10/15/2018
Time: 8:27:25 AM
Cashier: VJR
Register #: 1

Bill To: MINOTOLA FIRE CO.
P.O. BOX 176
MINOTOLA, NJ 08341
856 697-2626

Ship To: MINOTOLA FIRE CO.
P.O. BOX 176
MINOTOLA, NJ 08341
856 697-2626

Reference	Invoice Date:	Due Date:	Invoice Amount:	Balance Due:	Payment:
TR-132247	9/21/2018	10/25/2018	\$795.00	\$0.00	\$795.00

Total Payments	\$795.00
Paid Check	\$795.00
Check #:1510	

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Dear Buena Borough,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

*All communications, in physical or electronic form, between the Borough of Buena and the NJ Division of Fire Safety regarding fire service in the Borough of Buena including discussions regarding Landisville Fire & Rescue Co and Minotola Fire Co *This request shall include communications sent or received (including cc or bcc) from or to borough employees, elected officials, consultants and/or professionals that may have sent or received a communication from a borough employee, elected, appointed official, consultant or the NJ Division of Fire Safety regarding fire service in the Borough of Buena including Landisville Fire & Rescue Co and Minotola Fire Co *The timeline for this search shall be from November 2023 to present.

Yours faithfully,

Rich Jenkins

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
opra+request-57703-10dc416b@requests.opramachine.com

Is boroclerk@buenaboro.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Buena Borough? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=buena_borough

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View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/communication_with_nj_division_o

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

Borough Clerk

From: Rick Tonetta
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:57 AM
To: Borough Clerk; Cindi Holland; Jorge Alvarez; Douglas Adams; Frank DeStefano; Joseph Baruffi; Marina Barsuglia; Maryann Coraluzzo; Patricia Andalaro; Richard Giovinazzi
Cc: Nicole Koch
Subject: RE: ***EXTERNAL*** OPRA request - Communication with NJ Division of Fire Safety

Categories: OPRA REQUESTS

Pam,

On this OPRA, you should have all of my correspondences as I have copied you and Doug, so if you have those, mine would be duplicative

Rick

-----Original Message-----

From: Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Cindi Holland <cfo@buenaboro.org>; Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>; Frank DeStefano <frank.destefano@buenaboro.org>; Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Marina Barsuglia <marina.barsuglia@buenaboro.org>; Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Patricia Andalaro <patricia.andalaro@buenaboro.org>; Richard Giovinazzi <Richard.Giovinazzi@buenaboro.org>; Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Nicole Koch <Nicole.Koch@buenaboro.org>
Subject: FW: ***EXTERNAL*** OPRA request - Communication with NJ Division of Fire Safety

Good afternoon,
I have forwarded this OPRA request. Please respond to me.

Pamela Johnston
Acting Borough Clerk, CMR
616 Central Avenue
Minotola, NJ 08341
856.697.9393 ext. 22
www.buenaboro.org
boroclerk@buenaboro.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Rich Jenkins <opra+request-57703-10dc416b@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 2:54 PM
To: Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** OPRA request - Communication with NJ Division of Fire Safety

Borough Clerk

From: Douglas Adams
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:17 AM
To: Minotola Fire
Cc: Steve Laporta; Joseph Baruffi; Maryann Coraluzzo; Rick Tonetta; Borough Clerk
Subject: Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Minotola Fire Company Personal Property

Its the highlighted items that are in question.

Update:

All your items are ready except for:

2 Electric Griddles (Kitchen) **Return to Membership**
so far these have not been located still looking

Also we boxed up all of the trophies for you.

Note: The Buena Historical Society mad an offer to Landisville FC and will make same to you, if you have any items and/or just 1-3 trophies that your FC would like to donate BHS would gladly take them

Also there is a multi shelf glass display cabinet that was donated, in the Arbor Ave building that now houses LVFC memorabilia, pics, etc

If MVFC would like to do the same at the Wheat Rd building I would seek approval from Council on your behalf. If interested let me know and we can discuss.

Douglas E. Adams
Council President / Director of Public Safety
Douglas.Adams@BuenaBoro.org
856.982.2980



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From: Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>

Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 12:59 PM

To: Minotola Fire <minotola112assistantchief@gmail.com>

Cc: Steve Laporta <minotola112president@gmail.com>; Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>; Borough Clerk

<boroclerk@buenaboro.org>

Subject: Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Minotola Fire Company Personal Property

Received. Thank you for the donations to BBVFD

Lets schedule for Saturday 2/10/24 at noon

If the weather is nice we will have all of your items waiting for you outside of bay door #1

Also Steve helped greatly with locating items that we are getting billed for.

Attached are the remaining items from MES that we can not locate. Any help you can offer would be great

Thanks

Douglas E. Adams

Council President / Director of Public Safety

Douglas.Adams@BuenaBoro.org

856.982.2980



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From: Minotola Fire <minotola112assistantchief@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 9:41 AM

To: Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>

Cc: Steve Laporta <minotola112president@gmail.com>; Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>; Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>

Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Minotola Fire Company Personal Property

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Good morning Councilman Adams

I have spoken to our members and verified the items that are wanted for return vs items we are willing to leave/donate. Please see below

50" TV (Meeting Room) **Return to Membership**

PC Computer/Keyboard/Mouse (Meeting Room) **Return to Membership**

Couches (Meeting Room) **Will Leave/Donate**

Relief Association Filing Cabinet (Meeting Room) **Return to Membership**

Stereo System (Apparatus Bay) **Will Leave/Donate**

Black Metal Workbench (Apparatus Bay) **Return to Membership**

Workstation/Stereo Holder (Apparatus Bay) **Will Leave/Donate**
Ice Machine (Apparatus Bay) **Return to Membership**
Flat Top Gas Griddle (Under Stairs) **Return to Membership**
Countertop Microwave (Kitchen) **Return to Membership**
Four 6" Stainless Steel Mixing Bowls (Kitchen) **Return to Membership**
Four 9" Stainless Steel Mixing Bowls (Kitchen) **Return to Membership**
2 Electric Griddles (Kitchen) **Return to Membership**
5 Meat Slicers (Kitchen) **Will Leave/Donate**
Weber Gas Grill (Kitchen) **Return to Membership**
Kitchen utensils (Kitchen drawers) **Will Leave/Donate**
Yellow 5gallon water cooler (under stairs) **Return to Membership**
Craftsman Toolbox and Tools (Tool Room) **Will Leave/Donate**

Please advise on arrangements for pickup. Myself and two others are able to help collect these items and return them as appropriate. For your convenience I have provided several dates that we would be available

Saturday 2/3/24 (Morning)
Monday 2/5/24
Tuesday 2/5/24
Friday 2/9/24
Saturday 2/10/24

Thank you for your time
Joe Drogo
Head Trustee/Assistant Chief

On Fri, Feb 2, 2024 at 1:56 AM Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org> wrote:

Joe
Great work. Thank you for the info.
I'm sure I'll get consent from Council and let you know.
Also had a meeting today with the Mayor, Laporta, Abba and myself right after your email was received. Great timing.
We discussed your email pretty thoroughly.
We want to thank you for the donation of the slicers.
With consent we will provide all the other items to MFC. There was discussion that even though we recognize these items to be yours, are they actually wanted and do your members have room and really want them?
If so I will make sure they are all made available for pick up. If not all just let me know what items you want returned.
As for the portable radios, we came to a conclusion and believe LFC bought 5 and 4 were handed in and MFC bought 2 and 2 were handed in. That equals the six we currently have. So we are good.
Thanks again for your work

Thank you

Douglas E. Adams
Council President
Director of Public Safety
Douglas.Adams@BuenaBoro.org
856.982.2980

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From: Minotola Fire <minotola112assistantchief@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:42:17 PM

To: Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>

Cc: Steve Laporta <minotola112president@gmail.com>; Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>; Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>

Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Minotola Fire Company Personal Property

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Councilman Adams,

Thank you for your timely reply to this email as well as taking the time to speak to me today. As I hope you can tell, I am trying to assist you and make this transition as smooth as possible in regards to the property and belongings.

Let me begin by answering a few of the questions in your response to my e-mail. I am working with President LaPorta now to send out a letter to our current and past members over the years requesting that any and all company or district property be returned immediately. A copy of this letter will be provided to you.

As per our phone conversation, please allow us some time to investigate the discrepancy regarding the number of radios left at the Wheat Road location. This will take some time and research; we will be in touch regarding this matter.

When the members of the Minotola Fire Company left the property on December 18th, years of records and receipts were left in boxes at the station. We are in possession of the company checkbook and do have access to some electronic copies which are attached to this email.

UNIFORMS: No class A or class B uniforms have ever been purchased with district money. Receipts over the last few years are attached.

TV MEETING ROOM: This TV was purchased by the company membership after a breakfast fundraiser by Justin Lilla and Brian Ewan. I am aware there are several TVs in the building; some of which are from the Arbor Ave Property. This is the only TV owned by the Minotola Fire Company

PC COMPUTER TOWER MEETING ROOM: This computer attached to the above TV (printer, wireless mouse and keyboard) is a membership computer and purchased by the company and has membership login accounts only. The computers in the office are property of the district.

COUCHES: Throughout the years, members have donated old personal couches for company meeting room.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION FILING CABINET: This cabinet is locked in the meeting room and has years of files for the relief association.

STEREO SYSTEM: This stereo/receiver head in the apparatus bay was donated to the Minotola Fire Company by Mark Dixon.

BLACK METAL WORK BENCH: This work bench was purchased at Home Depot (by myself and Frank Lupperger) over 7 years ago with the company credit card and records are in the fire house.

WORKSTATION/STEREO HOLDER: This workbench was built by Brian Ewan and donated to the Fire Company.

ICE MACHINE: This was donated to the Minotola Fire Company by Jeff Pace.

FLAT TOP GAS GRIDDLE: This was donated to the Minotola Fire Company by Spike English

COUNTER TOP MICROWAVE: This microwave was purchased at Home Depot (by myself and Frank Lupperger) over 7 years ago with the company credit card and records are in the fire house.

FOUR 6" STAINLESS STEEL MIXING BOWLS: Purchased with company money by myself at South Jersey Paper for use by the Minotola Fire Company

FOUR 9" STAINLESS STEEL MIXING BOWLS: Purchased with company money by myself at South Jersey Paper for use by the Minotola Fire Company

TWO ELECTRIC GRIDDLES: Purchased with company money from Walmart for use by the Minotola Fire Company

WEBER GAS GRILL: Purchased with company money from LaTorre Hardware-Receipt attached

KITCHEN UTENSILS: Purchased with company money at various times for use by the Minotola Fire Company

YELLOW 5 GALLON WATER COOLER: Purchased with company money for use by the Minotola Fire Company

CRAFTSMAN TOOLBOX AND TOOLS: Purchased throughout the years by various members. Company understanding has been that any tools on the trucks belong to the district and all tools in the toolbox belong to the company. This is vouched for by our most senior members, Tony Abriola and Joe Lombardo, who have over 40 years of service.

MEAT SLICERS: Donated by Ronnie and Frank Ciraolo over 20 years ago. We understand that there is a discrepancy that the Landisville Fire Company believes that some/all may have come from the Arbor Ave building. That is not our understanding, however, we are willing to leave all the slicers behind for future fire company use.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Joseph E. Drogo
Head Trustee/Assistant Chief

On Wed, Jan 31, 2024 at 5:54 AM Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org> wrote:

Joe,
Thank you for the list.

In order to be fiscally responsible, we, the Boro, along with advice from Counsel, ask that MFC provide copies of receipts or copies of checks from your checking account on the purchases of these items. If the items were donated please provide the name of the Donator.

Also in the previous email I asked for the return of ALL items that may not have been turned in by your members.

We are in the process of a complete inventory of the entire contents of the building.

Again, I ask to please copy all of your members with this email so they can return anything they may have overlooked. Items like flashlights (large and small), portable radios, pagers, gear, cordless tool batteries, magnets, tables, chairs, kitchen equipment, tools, Class A Uniforms, etc. All items can be turned in at Boro Hall Clerks Office, receipt upon request.

Thank You

Douglas E. Adams
Council President / Director of Public Safety
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From: Minotola Fire <minotola112assistantchief@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 7:16 PM
To: Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>
Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** Minotola Fire Company Personal Property

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Dear Councilman Adams

As you are aware, the members of the Minotola Fire Company voluntary ceased providing firematic service to the residents of Buena Borough on Tuesday December 18th at 7:00pm, one week after the second reading of Ordinance 741. Our members have remained professional throughout this time. We made the conscious decision to leave Minotola Volunteer Fire Company's property in the Station on Wheat Road to avoid the appearance of impropriety. We are aware some folks with sinister intent were watching the Station to capture video of our Members removing our property. As we have made you aware over the past several weeks, the Members did not want to be accused of removing property from the Station that could have been misconstrued or misrepresented as our unauthorized removal of District/Borough/Taxpayer property. As you are aware, our Company did not vacate the property in a caravan loaded down with our property, but purposefully left empty handed. Given the recent events of the past week, it has become obvious to the Members of the Minotola Volunteer Fire Company that we will not be going back into service. The time has come for the Members to remove our property. This property consists of items which have

been donated and/or purchased by the Members of the Minotola Volunteer Fire Company over the last 100 years. Following is our list of property currently in the Wheat Road Station:

50" TV (Meeting Room)
PC Computer/Keyboard/Mouse (Meeting Room)
Couches (Meeting Room)
Relief Association Filing Cabinet (Meeting Room)
Stereo System (Apparatus Bay)
Black Metal Workbench (Apparatus Bay)
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Weber Gas Grill (Kitchen)
Kitchen utensils (Kitchen drawers)
Yellow 5gallon water cooler (under stairs)
Craftsman Toolbox and Tools (Tool Room)

Please respond with some dates and times that we can meet at the Wheat Road Station to retrieve our property. Thank you!

Sincerely
Joseph E Drogo
Head Trustee/Assistant Chief

Borough Clerk

From: Maryann Coraluzzo
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 8:43 AM
To: Borough Clerk
Subject: OPRA request - Communication with NJ Division of Fire Safety

Pam,

Mine would be duplicative as well since I was only copied on what you've already received.

Maryann Coraluzzo
Borough Administrator
Borough of Buena
616 Central Avenue
Minotola, New Jersey 08341
Office: 856.697.9393 ext. 29
Cell: 856-416-9233

-----Original Message-----

From: Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:57 AM
To: Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>; Cindi Holland <cfo@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>; Frank DeStefano <frank.destefano@buenaboro.org>; Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Marina Barsuglia <marina.barsuglia@buenaboro.org>; Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Patricia Andaloro <patricia.andaloro@buenaboro.org>; Richard Giovinazzi <Richard.Giovinazzi@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Nicole Koch <Nicole.Koch@buenaboro.org>
Subject: RE: ***EXTERNAL*** OPRA request - Communication with NJ Division of Fire Safety

Pam,

On this OPRA, you should have all of my correspondences as I have copied you and Doug, so if you have those, mine would be duplicative

Rick

-----Original Message-----

From: Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Cindi Holland <cfo@buenaboro.org>; Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>; Frank DeStefano <frank.destefano@buenaboro.org>; Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Marina Barsuglia <marina.barsuglia@buenaboro.org>; Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Patricia Andaloro <patricia.andaloro@buenaboro.org>; Richard Giovinazzi <Richard.Giovinazzi@buenaboro.org>; Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Nicole Koch <Nicole.Koch@buenaboro.org>

Subject: FW: ***EXTERNAL*** OPRA request - Communication with NJ Division of Fire Safety

Good afternoon,
I have forwarded this OPRA request. Please respond to me.

Pamela Johnston
Acting Borough Clerk, CMR
616 Central Avenue
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856.697.9393 ext. 22
www.buenaboro.org
boroclerk@buenaboro.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Rich Jenkins <opra+request-57703-10dc416b@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 2:54 PM
To: Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** OPRA request - Communication with NJ Division of Fire Safety

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Dear Buena Borough,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

*All communications, in physical or electronic form, between the Borough of Buena and the NJ Division of Fire Safety regarding fire service in the Borough of Buena including discussions regarding Landisville Fire & Rescue Co and Minotola Fire Co *This request shall include communications sent or received (including cc or bcc) from or to borough employees, elected officials, consultants and/or professionals that may have sent or received a communication from a borough employee, elected, appointed official, consultant or the NJ Division of Fire Safety regarding fire service in the Borough of Buena including Landisville Fire & Rescue Co and Minotola Fire Co *The timeline for this search shall be from November 2023 to present.

Yours faithfully,

Rich Jenkins

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
opra+request-57703-10dc416b@requests.opramachine.com

Is boroclerk@buenaboro.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Buena Borough? If so, please contact us using this form:
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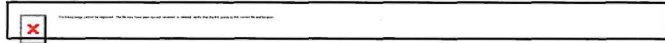
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If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

Borough Clerk

From: Maryann Coraluzzo
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:26 AM
To: Borough Clerk
Subject: FW: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: Fire Department Ordinance

Maryann Coraluzzo
Borough Administrator
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Cell: 856-416-9233



From: TJ and Stacey Cullen <ward_cullen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 6:58 PM
To: Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>; Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>; Patricia Andalaro <patricia.andalaro@buenaboro.org>; Marina Barsuglia <marina.barsuglia@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Frank DeStefano <frank.destefano@buenaboro.org>; Richard Giovinazzi <Richard.Giovinazzi@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Pam Johnston <pam.johnston@buenaboro.org>
Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: Fire Department Ordinance

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Rick,

Do we have a signed copy of the resolution for the FDID? Or does signing come after the second reading?

TJ

From: Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:12 PM
To: Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>; Patricia Andalaro <patricia.andalaro@buenaboro.org>; Marina Barsuglia <marina.barsuglia@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Frank DeStefano <frank.destefano@buenaboro.org>; Richard Giovinazzi <Richard.Giovinazzi@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Pam Johnston <pam.johnston@buenaboro.org>; TJ and Stacey Cullen <ward_cullen@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Fire Department Ordinance

All,

As the location of the fire house has changed from Arbor Ave to Minotola, I have amended the resolution to reflect the house will now be on Wheat Road Attached is the redlined and clean version. Please make sure this one is on the agenda.

Rick

From: Rick Tonetta

Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 11:02 AM

To: Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>; Patricia Andalaro <patricia.andalaro@buenaboro.org>; Marina Barsuglia <marina.barsuglia@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Frank DeStefano <frank.destefano@buenaboro.org>; Richard Giovinazzi <Richard.Giovinazzi@buenaboro.org>

Cc: Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Pam Johnston <pam.johnston@buenaboro.org>; TJ and Stacey Cullen <ward_cullen@hotmail.com>

Subject: Fire Department Ordinance

All,

I made one change to the Ordinance where I made it clear that Councils role is limited in scope as it deals with operations of the fire department. Council has general control and the chief has direct control Attached is the redlined and clean copy. Please make sure this one is on the agenda.

Rick

Borough Clerk

From: Joseph Baruffi
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 12:13 PM
To: Minotola Fire; Douglas Adams
Cc: Richard Giovinazzi; Jorge Alvarez; Marina Barsuglia; Patricia Andalaro; Frank DeStefano; Maryann Coraluzzo; Borough Clerk; Rick Tonetta; Joseph Kaspar; minotola112deputychief@gmail.com; Minotola Fire; minotola112vicepresident@gmail.com; Minotola Secretary
Subject: Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: Deadline not met

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From: Minotola Fire <minotola112president@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2024 4:13:11 PM
To: Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Joseph Baruffi <Joseph.Baruffi@buenaboro.org>; Richard Giovinazzi <Richard.Giovinazzi@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Marina Barsuglia <marina.barsuglia@buenaboro.org>; Patricia Andalaro <patricia.andalaro@buenaboro.org>; Frank DeStefano <frank.destefano@buenaboro.org>; Maryann Coraluzzo <administrator@buenaboro.org>; Borough Clerk <boroclerk@buenaboro.org>; Rick Tonetta <solicitor@buenaboro.org>; Joseph Kaspar <minotola112chief@gmail.com>; minotola112deputychief@gmail.com <minotola112deputychief@gmail.com>; Minotola Fire <minotola112assistantchief@gmail.com>; minotola112vicepresident@gmail.com <minotola112vicepresident@gmail.com>; Minotola Secretary <minotola112secretary@gmail.com>
Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: Deadline not met

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On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 4:02 PM Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org> wrote:
Please see attached.

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Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Douglas Adams
Cc: Joseph Baruffi; Richard Giovinazzi; Jorge Alvarez; Marina Barsuglia; Patricia Andoloro; Frank DeStefano; Maryann Coraluzzo; Borough Clerk; Rick Tonetta; Joseph Kaspar; minotola112deputychief@gmail.com; Minotola Fire; minotola112vicepresident@gmail.com; Minotola Secretary
Subject: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: Deadline not met
Attachments: MFC Response to Adams 012124.pdf

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minotolafirecompany.com



1/21/2024

Borough of Buena
Doug Adams
616 Central Avenue
Minotola, New Jersey 08341

Mr. Adams,

We are in receipt of your email regarding firematic services in the Borough of Buena. "Irreconcilable differences"? Interesting choice of words. We do not feel there were or are "Irreconcilable differences" that could not have been discussed and hammered out.

However, it has become clear to anyone outside of your group that this is nothing more than political pandering. You all ran on the "We will bring back the Landisville Fire Company" and now it's time to make good on those promises. It is truly a shame and a detriment to the community that political expediency is a higher priority than life safety.

The few "issues" we planned to workout with the Borough were the very real concerns of Fire Response Planning, Areas of Responsibility in the Borough (Zones?/Former District Lines?, etc), enhancing Membership, Mutual Aid planning, procedures for the dual station response plan and some other basic items pertaining to getting trucks on the road.

We felt it was necessary to cover all the bases prior to signing an MOA to avoid any misunderstandings and to prevent unfounded accusations that the Minotola Volunteer Fire Company will "quit again if they don't get their way." As politicians, you should know that only a fool signs a contract without reading it. Based on our recent negotiation history with the Borough, if you could even call what's been going on a negotiation, we felt it imperative to understand the entirety of the operational plans BEFORE we signed on and agreed to provide service.

Your unwillingness to meet and have actual discussions about real issues regarding the provisions of firematic services in the Borough, was not surprising, as we have felt all along this was your end goal. Punish those who've been painted as the responsible parties for all of Fire District 1 and Landisville Fire Company's woes. Your most recent action has shown your ignorance of the administration of fire services when you took a "solid and exemplary fire service" (not our words) off the board.

You will continue to announce that we quit, because, once again, for political expedience, it sounds great! But the truth is still the truth. You were disingenuous, at best, when you told the Minotola Volunteer Fire Company and the Local Finance Board that you had long-term plans that included the Minotola Fire Company, and nothing would change. The Borough said the relationship would be the same as it was under our Commissioners (who, by the way,

understood the fire service and all that's required to be effective) and we bought it hook, line and sinker! Well played!

Unfortunately for everyone involved, everything changed the moment dissolution was approved. You and the Borough's Solicitor, along with the Mayor-elect, pulling your strings behind the scenes, put us on a course that led, unavoidably, to where we are today.

Throughout this whole ordeal, the Minotola Volunteer Fire Company has remained steadfast, professional, and always willing to communicate, all while providing exceptional firematic services to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Buena Borough.

Please provide a date and time allowing us to vacate our property from the Station before services resume in the Wheat Road building.

Respectfully,

The Members of the Minotola Volunteer Fire Company

Borough Clerk

From: Douglas Adams
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2024 8:00 PM
To: Michael Donato
Cc: Maryann Coraluzzo; Joseph Baruffi; Cindi Holland; Borough Clerk
Subject: Fire Co

Mike

On Jan 16 M&C reinstated Landisville Volunteer Fire Co.

They are our only Fire co at this time.

All ties have been cut with Minotola Fir Co. They are out of service and inactive.

Please adjust our insurance information accordingly and advise what we need to do and what additional information u may need.

Thank you

Douglas E. Adams
Council President
Director of Public Safety
Douglas.Adams@BuenaBoro.org
856.982.2980

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Borough Clerk

From: Douglas Adams
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 12:30 PM
To: Joseph Baruffi; Richard Giovinazzi; Jorge Alvarez; Douglas Adams; Marina Barsuglia; Patricia Andalaro; Frank DeStefano; Maryann Coraluzzo; Borough Clerk; Cindi Holland
Cc: Ken Barbagli; Leonard C. Smith II
Subject: Ur invited

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Landisville Fire Co is having its first meeting tonight at the Wheat Rd building and they have invited M&C, Admin, Clerk , CFO for a quick meet and greet at 7pm before their meeting
Hope u can make it

Thank you

Douglas E. Adams
Council President
Director of Public Safety
Douglas.Adams@BuenaBoro.org
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Borough Clerk

From: Joseph Baruffi
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 4:15 PM
To: Douglas Adams; Ken Barbagli
Cc: lcsmithii61@gmail.com; Maryann Coraluzzo; Rick Tonetta; Borough Clerk; Nicole Koch
Subject: Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: Fire Co Proposal - Landisville

Categories: OPRA REQUESTS, Follow Up

This is really great news. I appreciate the company's willingness to provide fire protection for our community..

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From: Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 3:39:06 PM
To: Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: ***EXTERNAL*** Re: Fire Co Proposal - Landisville

Great News!

Of course this proposal is contingent upon Boro Council's approval.
We may take action at the Jan 16 Council Meeting at 7pm.
We look forward to working with Landisville Fire Company.

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Yes, we agree.

On Tue, Jan 9, 2024 at 2:25 PM Douglas Adams <douglas.adams@buenaboro.org> wrote:

Dear Fire Company,

As you know the Boro is currently in a 30 day emergency service contingency plan for fire protection until Jan 18. In an attempt to find fire service coverage Myself, Mayor Baruffi and Councilman DeStefano recently met with representatives from both Landisville and Minotola Fire Companies. Our goal is to find a fire company to provide service to our town.

After meeting with both Fire Companies, MVFC & LVFC, the Public Safety Committee along with a review by the Mayor make the following proposal:

We, the Boro will reactivate both Landisville and Minotola Fire Companies.

Minotola Fire Company is assigned to Wheat Road building as Buena Boro Fire Station 11-2. Station 11-2 will go into service immediately. The building and sign will be renamed Buena Boro Fire Station 11-2. "Minotola" will remain on the trucks and gear .

Landisville Fire Company is assigned to Arbor Ave building as Buena Boro Fire Station 11-1. Station 11-1 will have up to 45 days to get the balance of their members fully certified and be prepared to go in to service. Once members are certified Station 11-1 will be assigned truck 11-22 Engine and truck 11-24 Tender. The trucks will be renamed "Landisville Station 11-1". Station 11-1 will train with these trucks and go into service with in the same 45 days or sooner.

After both Companies are in full service, Gloucester County Communications will be advised to tone out both Buena Boro Fire Stations 11-1 & 11-2 for all fire related emergencies.

While this short term fire coverage is in place, Mayor & Council will be working toward the long term fire coverage of creating Buena Boro Volunteer Fire Department, as a municipal fire department. Once formed, it will be the sole fire department, membership will be open and we will encourage members of both Landisville and Minotola Fire Companies to join.

Attached is a modified draft Ordinance 741 and a modified draft of Fire Company Agreement that each Company will operate within.

Please respond to this email before noon on January 11, 2024, stating that your Company agrees with our proposal and will provide fire services to Buena Boro or that your company does not agree with our proposal and will not provide fire services to our Boro.

Please contact me with your response and any questions

Thank You

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