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Patrick Duff

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RE: OPRA #2024-72

Dear Mr. Duff,

The Township of Tabernacle received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on 3/30/2024. The Custodian of Records received your OPRA Request on 04/01/2024. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is 4/10/2024. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 7th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

You have requested the following:

1. "Any shared service agreement for EMS services from 2020 through 3/30/24.
2. Communications regarding the EMS service merger with Lumberton to or from any employee and or elected official of Tabernacle from July of 2023 through 3/30/2024.
3. All communications with Jamie Wood with Lumberton to or from any employee and or elected official of Tabernacle from July 2023 through 3/30/24.
4. All payments made to Lumberton Emergency Squad for the merger of the Tabernacle EMS with Lumberton, as well as all payments made since July 2023 through 3/30/24.
5. All payments made to Medford EMS from July 2023 through 3/30/24."

The following records are responsive to your request:

1. Lumberton shared service final (attached) & Shared service – EMS (attached)
2. Please see below for extension request
3. Please see below for extension request
4. No responsive records
5. No responsive records

Your request requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to fulfill because of the size of the request. OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, "the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the Custodian fails to respond by that time, access shall be deemed denied."

Your request requires an extension of time until April 26, 2024.

These records are being transmitted to you via opra+request-60122-dd5f5c11@requests.opramachine.com as per your request. If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Township of Tabernacle to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. 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 grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

Maryalice Brown
Township Administrator/ Clerk