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Via email

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Re: Open Public Records Act (“OPRA”) Request

Dear Mr. Petrolino:

Our office represents the Borough of Englishtown (“Borough”). Please accept this correspondence in response to the Open Public Records Act (“OPRA”) request you submitted to the Borough.

Your request seeks the following records:

Any and all documents - including meeting minutes - involving Councilman Brenden Sharkey and his involvement and/or removal from any finance committee(s). Please include minutes and all votes related to removal/censure discussions of Councilman Sharkey.

Your request is denied, as the request for any and all documents, is overly broad and overly vague. Under OPRA, a valid request must seek specifically identifiable government records. Requests for “any and all documents” without a defined subject matter limitation or timeframe are not proper OPRA requests, as they require the custodian to conduct research, analyze records, and determine responsiveness, which is beyond the scope of OPRA. See N.J. Builders Ass’n v. N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J. Super. 166 (App. Div. 2007), (holding that an OPRA

request for “any and all documents and data” was overly broad and the agency had no duty under OPRA to respond to the request); see also Bent v. Stafford Police Dep’t, 381 N.J. Super. 30 (App. Div. 2005). Additionally, the request does not include any timeframe, which further renders it overly expansive and does not reasonably identify particular records.

In order to correct this deficiency in your OPRA request, you may resubmit your request by identifying specific records (e.g., particular meeting minutes, resolutions, or correspondence); and providing a reasonable timeframe (e.g., specific dates or date ranges). Upon receipt of a revised request that reasonably identifies the records sought, the Borough will process it in accordance with OPRA.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Veronica A. Acevedo
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