Landisville Fire

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landisville fire closeout.pdf;

Dear Mr. D'Alessandro,

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, The Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) is issuing the attached closeout letter via email correspondence to ensure the safety and health for all affected parties. Please select the "read receipt" option as a method of delivery confirmation.

Thank you,

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ROBERT ASARO-ANGELO
Commissioner

January 7th, 2020

Joseph Santagata, Chairman
Landisville Fire District # 1
P.O. Box 705
Landisville, NJ 08326

Re: Inspection Number: C 55-04-054
Inspection Date: October 16th, 2020
Inspection Site: Landisville Fire & Rescue

Dear Mr. Santagata:

This is to confirm the receipt of your correspondence regarding the violations on the above referenced Order to Comply.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the scheduled on-site follow-up inspection was waived to ensure the safety and health of all affected parties.

Please be advised that as a result of your correspondence, the violation identified on the Order to Comply are deemed to be abated.

Thank you for your cooperation and continuing concern regarding the safety of your employees.

Sincerely,

James G. Revak

James Revak, Assistant Chief
Office of Public Employees' Safety
Phone: (609) 984-1389
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JR/jg

cc: E. Coraluzzo Jr., B. Mason, B. Rowan, J. Alessandro III, C. Gazarra

Re: 11-1

Morgan, Diane <dmorgan@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Sun 1/10/2021 1:07 PM
To: Jones, Jay <jjones@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Cc: Hauck, James - Lieutenant <jhauck@co.gloucester.nj.us>; Joseph D'Alessandro <buenaoem@buenaboro.org>

Jim,

Please address this issue with the F1 person and Senior.

Thank you,

Diane

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 10, 2021, at 1:03 PM, Jones, Jay <jjones@co.gloucester.nj.us> wrote:

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Today I received a call regarding 11-1 being dispatched. Even though it is out of service on paper, in talking with Joe, I have elected to remove 11-1 out of the system for Landisville and Minotola. This creates issues as stations that would normally go to cover may now go into the scene, creating initial confusion.

Joe will be reaching out to 11-200 to find out what station needs to replace the back end.

Jay Jones

Deputy Chief Gloucester County Hazmat Response Unit
Pro Phoenix System Administrator
Department of Emergency Response

856-589-0911 (24 / 7)
856-307-7915 (Direct Line)
856-371-1198 (Mobile)

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Re: Landisville Fire Meeting Minutes

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Mon 1/18/2021 3:14 PM
To: Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>

Received, thank you

Regards,

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Municipal Emergency Mgmt Coordinator

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> On Jan 18, 2021, at 13:56, Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net> wrote:
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> Councilman D'Alessandro,
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> Attached are minutes from the Landisville Vol. Fire Company regular meetings from 2019-2020. They show several ongoing issues. Please review.
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> July 2019 - Illegal officer - States Brian Rowan and Ray Jones completed Safety Officer training, Ray Jones had held the "Safety Officer" position prior to having the required certification.
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> October 2019 - Notifies entire membership of some deficiencies that need to be corrected after the firefighter down incident in September 2019.
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> November 2019 -Recognize need for complying with bylaws to vote on executive positions.
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> January 2020 - Charlie Gazzara recognizes bylaws and issues with committees.
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> March 2020 - Again addressed issues with eligibility for committees per our bylaws, also mentions making Joe and Katrina D'Alessandro becoming social members.

May 2020 - States Joe Kaspar has become Chief, addresses some upcoming changes and working on issues.

June 2020 - Motion approved to reimburse Chief Kaspar for damaged sustained to his personal vehicle during a call, he has not been paid to date.

August 2020 - Calls that have been under reported due to the 2 major storms, 11-15 being used during the emergencies, training not being paid for by the commissioners. Ken Barbagli brings up his personnel issue of suspension. Attached are the findings from the Personnel committee and memo sent to the Commissioners

September 2020 - Chief Kaspar removed, Lori Jones accepted as a "social member", Brian Rowan resigns from positions.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Brian Rowan
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The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 1933 on 6 Jan 2020 2020 by Pres. Charlie Gazzara.
Members present are listed in the regular monthly meeting sign-in book.

Secretary's Report: (read & motion to approve): 1. Frank Scancella 2.Ken Barbagli .

Treasurer's Report: (attached) (approve report and pay bills, special account balance) Special Account balance of $. 3 Bills approved to be paid.

1. Rick Coraluzzo Jr 2. Ken Barbagli

Chief's Report: Not much for calls. People and kids in town loved the Santa Run. The guys did a great job with that. Loretta ordered 3 more portable radios. Please start using spotted dog, even when you are out of service!

County Report: $31k in county account. Free 2 day class for CISD and Suicide Prevention for anyone interested. Fire officer class happening now. County is looking for valor award nominations and needs more members for its association.

Building Committee Report: Working on LED lights and cleaning up officers office. Need to have a building committee meeting. Need to also fix the stall door.

Safety Officer: Not present.

Old Business: We are getting quotes on repairing the sign. Albert is working on the member board by the entrance.

New Business: Charlie is working on the relief paperwork – No longer using a platoon system and its been lowered to 25%. He has also tabled the current committees for 2020 based on what is needed for the By Laws. Roof has been approved and we are going to need to put a spec together. We will also have to update further annual paperwork in the next coming months.

Good of the Order: We received $90 in donations from the Santa Run. We also received a $50 donation from the Ludwick Family at 311 N. Harding Hwy.

Dave Armami - $25 Wawa gift card – We need his address to send a thank you.

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Brian Rowan 2. Charlie Gazzara at 1958 HRS .

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

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The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 1940HRS on 2 March 2020 by Pres. Charlie Gazzara.
Members present are listed in the regular monthly meeting sign-in book.

Secretary's Report: (read & motion to approve): 1.Frank Scancella 2.Charles Grova.

Treasurer's Report: Special Account balance of $
A motion was approved to pay this month's bill and expenses. Treasurer L. Gazzara has the financial report to attach to these minutes with an accurate Special Account balance.

1. Joseph Kaspar 2.Brian Rowan

Chief's Report: Councilman/OEM Coordinator Joe D'Alessandro is working hard to display the fire company in a positive way with the public. EMS, Police, and several from our fire company were recognized at the last Buena Borough meeting for their efforts for an incident at the motel where the patient required CPR. Our station is also hosting a meeting in regards to the new radio system on March 5th and we will be hosting the Atlantic County Chief Association meeting on March 10. We are still waiting for several 800mhz portable radios that have been ordered.

County Report: Frank Scancella attended the last county meeting and was able to provide and oral report. The county is emphasizing "Critical Incident Stress Debriefing and Suicide Awareness". They are trying to provide resources for any company in need.

Building Committee Report: Drywall in the upstairs storage room is being repaired Wednesday. Joseph Kaspar is going to get the materials. Men's bathroom stall door still needs to be fixed or replaced.

Safety Officer: Not present for tonight's meeting.

Old Business: Buena Borough Fireman's Relief Association report is in and completed. With drills, we have run 147 calls in 2019. (Paperwork to be filed in the office). We are still working on the damage in the front of the station and to the sign from the auto accident. Charlie Gazzara will call Babbit Company regarding the metal.

President Gazzara addressed issues with our current Committee selections. There have been some issues due to our current By Laws as far as who can actually be on each committee. We will also have to set up a "By Law" Committee and it will be an extensive process to straighten it all out. Currently the President will set the "Building Committee" and work out who can actually hold a position on our current committees.

The "By Law" committee will consist of the current Executive Committee and present Line Officers. Members wishing to make amendments to the By Laws must submit their request in writing. March 17th will be the first By Law Committee meeting.

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New Business: All members are to fetch and save in Spotted Dog for updates to the system. Rick Coraluzzo Jr asked if we can look into adding a "Social Member's" addition to our By Laws. Joe and Katrina D'Alessandro are very interested in joining. It will be looked into by the Executive committee.

A motion was made to donate $400.00 to sponsor a T-Ball team.
1. Rick Coraluzzo Jr 2. Ken Barbagli

Frank Scancella stated that we will be receiving a bill from Garvey Industries for approx. $32.00 for the rods that hold up the fire company grave stone markers. It was also mentioned by membership to send them a thank you letter or certificate of appreciation for their generosity.

Minotola's Chief is looking to update our mutual aid agreements. We need to look it over and get back to him with our plans.

Anyone interested in LOSAP, make sure you see President Gazzara as soon as possible.

Nick Sciarrone needs another membership application to become a full member. He must be voted in at the next meeting pending the required paperwork.

Members filling out reports, MAKE SURE NIFRS ARE COMPLETED ENTIRELY!

Tablet on Engine 11-11 has been damaged and we will need to look into getting a new tablet.

Good of the Order: A motion was made to donate $500.00 to the BRHS Educational Scholarship program. 1. Bill Mason 2. Lou Nardone.

We received a thank you letter from Mayor Zappariello and family for the attendance of Jerry Zappariello's funeral.

A motion was made to donate $50.00 to Friendship Church in memory of the passing of Albert Ralph's sister. 1. Rick Coraluzzo Sr 2. Judy D'Annunzio

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Brian Rowan 2. Charlie Gazzara at 2030 HRS .

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

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The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 1932HRs on 4 May 2020 by Pres. Charlie Gazzara.
Members present have been listed in the roll call listed below due to **online** meeting.

Secretary's Report: (read & motion to approve): 1. Joe Kaspar 2. Lou Nardone
Treasurer's Report: (attached) (approve report and pay bills, special account balance) Special Account balance of $12,682.61. $59.XX in credit card bills to be paid.

1. Ray Jones 2. Albert Ralph

*It should be noted that during the Commissioner's Meeting tonight, a Chief change has been made for the Landisville Vol. Fire Company. Rick Coraluzzo has decided to step down. Joseph Kaspar will be filling the Chief's position for the remainder of the year, followed my Lou Nardone as Assistant Chief. President Charlie Gazzara has decided that tonight will be his last meeting as President. Safety Officer Ray Jones will fill the President position for the remainder of the year.

Chief's Report: Per Chief Kaspar - COVID appears to be leveling out. There have been 19 cases in the Boro to date. Truck Checks or any company events must be sent out and available to General membership to receive credit. There have been 2 dwelling calls, a gas leak, and a motor vehicle crash. There will be some upcoming changes which will be sent out to all of membership. The officers are also working on many things that need to be done and taken care of.

11-14 Fill Valves have been taken apart and replaced with the lockout bearings installed.

Asst. Chief Nardone- We have to maintain distancing and limit our exposure. It does no good to our community if we are sick.

Capt Rowan – Please fill our pack reports and sanitize air packs prior to leaving the firehouse after a call.

County Report: Nothing.

Building Committee Report: Working on sign. Need to contact Babbit in Vineland.

Safety Officer: Please wear your masks and wipe down packs and surfaces. Be careful.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Nothing.

Good of the Order: We received a thank you letter from BREF. Charlie will be stepping down as president, "thank you to everyone". Vice President position should not be held by the Chief, Lou

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Nardone will assume the VP position for the rest of the year. Ray Jones will fill the President posision for the rest of the year. We will work on figuring several things out.

Bylaw meetings have been postponed.

Roll Call: Brian Rowan, Paul Luchessi, Bill Mason, Loretta Gazzara, Charlie Gazzara, Ray Jones, Albert Ralph, Judy D'Annunzio, Ken Barbagli, Joseph Kaspar, Frank Scancella, Lou Nardone, Ted Peters, Lindsey Finerfrock, Rich Crowell, Chuck Grova, Joe Santagata.

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Brian Rowan 2. Ray Jones at 1955 HRS .

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

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The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 2010HRS on 1 June 2020 by Pres. Raymond Jones.
Members present are listed in the regular monthly meeting sign-in book.

Secretary's Report: (read & motion to approve): 1. Lou Nardone 2. Frank Scancella .

Treasurer's Report: (attached) (approve report and pay bills, special account balance) Special Account balance of $12,373.61. Nothing in bills to be paid.

1. Lou Nardone 2. Charlie Gazzara

Chief's Report: There were 11 calls for last month. Some older members have returned and we have some new applications. Please use extreme caution with possible riots and watch commercial structures. During this time, stay in truck until given orders. The hydraulic gauge on the ladder was replaced due to failure with leak. Tango Tango has been apprived by the Commissioners which enables our cell phones to act as a portable. Pump drill went well as a refresher. Some gear has been ordered. Members also completed fit testing. Working on setting up our mandatories and CPR. Need gear checked before next Monday. Officer meetings will be held before our regular meetings.

Lou – Drill went really well. We also had an officers meeting with Minotola and we will be working on our response plans for which trucks we want on which calls.

County Report: Wildwood Convention cancelled unanimously.

Building Committee Report: Charlie is working on a SPEC packet with the architect of the firehouse.

Safety Officer: Keep head on a swivel. Do not want to see anyone hurt. Please use caution with any protests or riots. Wear seat belts.

Old Business: Committees for 2020 to stay as selected for the remainder of the year.

New Business: Working on new company shirts. Lindsey Finerfrock asked if we could do an LP drill with summer approaching. Lou Nardone asked for everyone to download the Tango Tango app.

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A motion was approved for up to $600 to repair Chief Kaspar's personal truck after the dumpster collided with it during a landing zone assignment. 1. Brian Rowan 2. Paul Luchessi

Paul Luchessi will check with JIF and and lawyer about what would be covered.

Motion to open membership. 1 Scott Dortu 2. Joe Kaspar

Lenonard Smith – Pending entire application completed, he has FF2. 1. Brian Rowan 2. Lou Nardone.

Shane Selover – Pending entire application completed. 1. Lou Nardone 2. Frank Scancella

Motion to close membership. 1. Joe Kaspar 2. Lou Nardone

Good of the Order: We have received 3 donations and we will send out TY's. Check into possibly collecting/dumping grass clippings.

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Joe Kaspar 2. Lindsey Finerfrock at 2104 HRS.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

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The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 2005hrs on 1 July 2019 by Pres. Charlie Gazzara.
Members present are listed in the regular monthly meeting sign-in book.

Secretary's Report: (read & motion to approve): 1. Ray Jones 2. Judy D'Annunzio .

Treasurer's Report: (attached) (approve report and pay bills, special account balance) Special Account balance of $
Lindsey's first official meeting as Treasurer.

1. Rick Coraluzzo Jr 2. Brian Rowan

Chief's Report: Pretty quiet, we had a bomb threat drill and DUI check point with Franklin Township PD, Brian's gear is back to send to the insurance company. Need to get an invoice. We had a tree fall on a car and members covered it with a tarp to prevent rain damage.

County Report: Frank gave an oral report for May, very little. Valor and service awards went well. August 9th will be a FF Challenge.

Building Committee Report: Need to have meeting for roof, floor, and other fire house needs. Door still needs to be welded.

Safety Officer: Brian Rowan and Ray Jones attending a safety officer class at Gloucester County.

Old Business: Holmatro tool service bill has been gone over and it is recommended that we no longer opt for that service per Joe Kaspar's conversation with the rep. Inspira forms are in. BVT parade this weekend. Need to get old patches from Landsman.

$2600 for 30 company chairs that need to be purchased per Charlie.

New Business: Need to go over previous minute to do lists. 11-15 is due for oil change. Officer responsibility list. Wheaton Arts fire muster Aug 18th. Need to look at ordering portables and possibly 700mhz pagers. Working on some t-shirts. Everything regarding uniforms will now go to Action

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$5,000.00 budget has been set for the Movie Night per the request of the committee. 1. Brian Rowan 2. Ray Jones.

Ken, Bill, and Joe to coordinate.

$500.00 budget to build a new doll house. 1. Ken Barbagli 2. Judy D'Annunzio

Good of the Order: Richie Crowell has been sick, going to send a gift basket. Thank you letters from BREF and Bruno Romeo.

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Ray Jones 2. Wayne Shockey at 2050 HRS .

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

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The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 2014HRS on 7 October 2019 by Vice Pres. Ken Barbagli.
Members present are listed in the regular monthly meeting sign-in book.

Secretary's Report: (read & motion to approve): 1. Judy D'Annunzio 2. Ray Jones.

Treasurer's Report: (attached) (approve report and pay bills, special account balance) Special Account balance of $11,941.12

1.Paul Luchessi 2.Judy D'Annunzio

Chief's Report: Thank you to everyone that helped with the incident involving Charlie Gazzara, specifically Brian Rowan and Ken Barbagli for the lifesaving effort. We've had a couple fires in the last month and were able to use the battery powered jaws at the car fire on Central. Three 800 MHz portables have been ordered. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event and the security detail of the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall. It has come up that the Boro may be requiring members to have a CDL to drive apparatus, we will have to look into the law specifically and contact JIF.

PEOSHA came in to review our records after the report of injury. They have stated that they are going to close the case. We need to complete the 300 and 300A forms. There should also be several to post in the fire house. Joseph Kaspar is working on sending them. Brian Rowan was also able to find the Cascade certification and send that also.

County Report: Frank Scancella was able to provide an oral report for the last Association meeting. They discussed the possibility of evacuation to the "Island Areas" for the threat of wildfire. It was also brought up that any time Class B foam is used that county Hazmat and the DEP must be notified. The Association discussed some classes that are required for officers such as ICS 200 which is being offered (next month?).

Building Committee Report: We need to look at the drywall in the engine bay near the front man door. There are several issues around the building that need to be resolved. A committee meeting should be held.

Safety Officer: Please report any injuries. We are working on putting together a guideline as required by the state for injury reporting. Also brought up by Joseph Kaspar, there are several new implementations that we will be working on coming into 2020. Such as SCBA reporting, that we will have a few training nights on. There are a few things that PEOSHA and the Division of Fire and Safety require that we must start doing.

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Old Business: Lou Nardone is now working on the uniforms, please see him immediately for any alterations or uniform needs. Lou also met with the state representative for NFIRS reporting and will be working on those reports. Officers filling out reports must complete and provide as much information as possible. Provide clear details, especially if someone entering the reports online was not at the call themselves.

A motion was made and seconded to provide payments for inventory purchased for our annual BBQ event. This will allow Lindsey Finerfrock to pay our BBQ bills with approval before the November meeting. 1. Chuck Grova 2. Bill Mason

A motion was also made to split a $750.00 bill with the Minotola Fire Company for purchasing the fire prevention materials that were given to the students of Cleary School. They also had an event of which we were invited to at their station. Next year they would like us to take the lead with fire prevention and we will alternate back and forth. A check for $375.00 from the Special Account was approved by 1. Brian Rowan and 2. Rick Coraluzzo Jr

New Business: We really need to have an officers meeting and a building committee meeting. There are some new policies that we must implement and review several of our current guidelines.

A donation was approved to be given to Doug Perry of Forest Grove Vol. Fire Company. Mr. Perry was seriously injured in a deck collapse that happened during the Wildwood Fire Convention. A $200.00 check will be given to the Perry family on behalf of our Company.
1. Lindsey Finerfrock 2. Brian Rowan

A motion to purchase at least 10 bags of candy for trick or treat and several trunk or treat events was approved. 1. Wayne Shockey 2. Richie Crowell

Nominations – Due to the recent events with Charlie Gazzara, the commissioners requested that we table all nominations until the November meeting. These nominations include the executive officers and all committee members. We can also select our Wildwood Delegates, Representatives, and Trustees at the next meeting.

November 9th we will be having a Veterans Day Celebration hosted by Katrina Delasandro. She is the same lady who was able to put on the event for the Moving Wall. She is currently working on the details with Chief, Ken Barbagli, and Joseph Kaspar.

It was also brought up by membership to possibly have a Crab Dinner for the fire company on November 2nd. This would be like our holiday dinner. However this will be tabled until we can come up with a more definitive date and plan due to our extremely busy schedule.

Membership would also like to work on some fundraising ideas to provide Buena EMS 11-9 with a Lukas Device. It is the automatic CPR machine that was able to save Charlie's life. They cost approx. $15,000. We will work on some ideas.

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Good of the Order: Rick Coraluzzo Sr. would like to get Charlie Gazzara a nice pasta basket from Conti's as a get well gift. There is also a card to sign for Charlie tonight that will be on the meeting room table.

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Wayne Shockey 2. Ken Barbagli at 2109 HRS .

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

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The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 2003 HRS on 10 August 2020 by Pres. Raymond Jones.
Members present are listed in the regular monthly meeting sign-in book.

This meeting was hosted on August 10, 2020 rather than August 3rd in an effort to allow all members to attend due to the conflicting date of the Atlantic County Relief Association Caucus-Convention. The convention required members that are "Delegates" and "Life Members" to vote due to the cancellation of the actual convention in September. It should be noted that the Landisville Vol. Fire Company commissioners would not move their meeting which was held August 3, 2020.

Secretary's Report: (read & motion to approve): 1. Lindsey Finerfrock 2. Lou Nardone.

Treasurer's Report: (attached) (approve report and pay bills, special account balance) Special Account balance of approx. $12,XXX.xx. A report for this month was not received to attach to these minutes, however it was read during the meeting.

1.Charlie Gazzara 2.Lindsey Finerfrock

Chief's Report: Asst. Chief Nardone – Introduced our new member, Lenny Smith. There were 23 calls since August 1st. The company handled 2 major storms and faired ok with the amount of flooding and water rescues. We worked very well with Minotola. Chief Kaspar is working with Chief Habersham on call numbers and reporting for the 2 storms. Many calls were not dispatched and everything must be sorted out. Preliminary numbers are approx. 80+ calls between both events. Credit will be distributed to the members that were present. Pumps have been inspected, mandatory training is complete, 2 chainsaws are out for repair, and 2 more portables are in service. We will also be working on updating truck check lists.

Asst. Chief Nardone also thanked Rick Coraluzzo Sr for helping with traffic control during the second storm.

Chief Kaspar was unavailable due to a meeting.

County Report: Frank Scancella was absent and unavailable to provide a report.

Building Committee Report: Frank Scancella was absent and unavailable to provide a report. We are still working on the LED lighting and lighting in the Engine Bay. The committee needs to get together to start working on a list of items that need to be taken care of.

Safety Officer: Please continue to wear your seatbelts while responding to calls. Also wear reflective vests when needed. Use a backer when reversing any apparatus if possible. Implement the thermal imaging camera on calls for wires down to help determine live wires or items wires may touch. Treat every wire as if it is live. The batteries in the "Hot Stick" have been changed, however do not bet your life on it.

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Old Business: There was a dispute as to whether 11-15 was in or out of service. Chief Nardone stated it is OOS to be used for response to fires, however the decision was made to use the truck as a utility truck during the 2 storms to navigate high water or used for traffic control. This allowed other equipment to be free to respond to other calls for service. The truck is not to be used for calls where the pump will be needed, until the proper repairs are made and it passes pump testing.

New Business: There will be a Bylaw meeting on August 11th.
The issue of paying for our annual mandatory Hazmat, Blood Bourne Pathogens, and Right to Know training that was provided by Safety and Survival on July 27, 2020 was brought up. Brian Rowan asked if members would want to pay for the training out of the special account. The commissioners decided not to pay the bill at their prior meeting. Commissioner Gazzara asked if we could table this discussion until our next meeting.

A letter from Ken Barbagli was read by Judy D'Annunzio (Ken Barbagli did not attend this meeting). This letter is attached to these minutes. It stated a personnel issue. This issue will be handled by the personnel committee per our Bylaws.

Good of the Order: President Jones wanted to thank everyone for their dedication that have continued to show up for calls this month. It was very hectic but our members did a great job.

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Lindsey Finerfrock 2. Lenny Smith at 2047 HRS.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

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The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 1947 on 4 November 2019 by Pres. Charlie Gazzara. Members present are listed in the regular monthly meeting sign-in book.

Secretary's Report: (read & motion to approve): 1. Chuck Grova 2. Joe Kaspar .

Treasurer's Report: (attached) (approve report and pay bills, special account balance) Special Account balance of $17,725.95 with $4,812.28 in bills.

1. Judy D'Annunzio 2. Charlie Gazzara

Chief's Report: Had the homecoming parade and the sophomores won first place with the float we towed with the mini. EMS had a very impressive trunk or treat of which we did cotton candy and popcorn for. We also had the VFW flag retirement on Saturday. The BBQ went very well along with trick or treat. Kaspar to order new tender valves.

County Report: Frank was unable to attend tonight.

Building Committee Report: Roof possibly in the spring, new lights after the new year. Need to fix the bath stall and need committee meeting. Need paper towels in the ladies room. High hat by the kitchen door also needs to be looked at. There was also talk about possibly buying a new slicer.

Safety Officer: Nothing.

Old Business: From Charlies BBQ information -- we sold roughly 853 tickets and 315 at the door. $53 in donations, Approx $4k in profit. All ticket money is in. We are going to need kitchen towels, hot pads, plastic bag holders and SS scrubbers. Along with possibly a new burner.

Lindsey needs pants and shoes for class A. Some of the structural gloves have been given out. Need committee meeting for class A's for who will receive next sets.

We also did Fire prevention at Cleary School with 11-2 and split the cost. And event will be hosted at our station next year.

*Need to call about the dumpster and about sending insurance gear back.

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New Business: Air pack batteries have been changed and the new air pack is on the ladder. We will be implementing the new air pack policy and documents at next weeks drill.

Lou asked to set a $500 budget for Santa run supplies. 1. Brian Rowan 2. Joe Kaspar

Also a budget for $200 was set for truck lighting and decoration. 1. Lou Nardone 2. Ken Barbagli

8AM on November 9th for the Veterans Dinner

Open to suggestions for mutual aid fundraising if anyone has any ideas with 11-2 for the purchase of a Lukas device.

11-2 Beef BBQ on November 23.

Rich Demarco and Lorretta Gazzara will be up for reelection for commissioners this year.

Relief Delagates will be Brian Rowan and Lindsey Finerfrock. Alternates are Rick Coraluzzo Jr and Charlie Gazzara.

Rick Coraluzzo Jr will remain a Rep for another 3 years, Brian and Lindsey will be voted back in also for a term of 3 years

Need 1/4 " rod for grave marker for Rosemont. Also have to have an officers meeting. Committees are being amended and updated for 2020.

Charlie thanked everyone for bearing with him through everything that has gone one.

In complying with the By Laws, we can only vote on members eligible to hold Executive office. There is also no Special account Treasurer.

Motion to open Executive Elections 1. Joe Kaspar 2. Brian Rowan

President - Charlie Gazzara 1. Paul Luchessi 2. Ken Barbagli
Vice President – Joe Kaspar 1. Scott Dortu 2. Rick Coraluzzo Sr
Asst. Secretary – Brian Rowan 1. Joe Kaspar 2. Lindsey Finerfrock

Motion to close Elections – 1. Ken Barbagli 2. Vince Sciarrone

Loretta Gazzara will handle the Special Account until the By Laws have been gone through.

Secretary will cast this election ballot for December.

Good of the Order: Thank you from Charlie.

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Motion to Adjourn: 1. Lou Nardone 2. Rick Coraluzzo Jr at 2057 HRS .

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

Landisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc.
102 West Arbor Ave. P.O. Box 305
Landisville, New Jersey 08326

8 September 2020

To: Landisville Vol. Fire Company Commissioners

From: Personnel Committee

Re: Ken Barbagli - Suspension

Memo:

Please be advised that on August 17, 2020 the Personnel Committee met regarding issues brought forward by member Ken Barbagli. Some of these issues were presented in a letter during the August 10th meeting. It is the determination of the committee that the suspension of Ken Barbagli by Chief Joseph Kaspar on May 19, 2020 was within Landisville Vol. Fire Company policy as determined by our current Bylaws and Standard Operating Guidelines. Based on this determination, no credits will be given to Mr. Barbagli for his absence. A certified letter and a letter sent via regular mail was sent to Ken Barbagli stating the same. However, even though our Bylaws do not mention anything in regards to an appeal, the committee felt it was only right to afford Mr. Barbagli an appeal to this decision by meeting with the Personnel Committee in person if he so chooses.

Sincerely,

Captain Brian Rowan

Landisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc.
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17 August 2020

Re: **Disciplinary review action for Ken Barbagli**

This letter should be added to the file of Ken Barbagli for record of action by the Personnel committee regarding the issue he has presented of an "illegal suspension" and issue with Chief Kaspar.

Complaint: Wrongful suspension, requests a letter of wrong doing and to receive attendance for all events from May 19, 2020 to August 17, 2020.

Reasons for Suspension: Actions unbecoming of a member. Would not respond to the Chief on several occasions in any form of communication for weeks. Repeatedly misused the Spotted Dog program by putting him out of service for no just reason provided. Would not respond to text or calls via cell phone on several attempts by Chief Kaspar.

On May 6, 2020 Chief Kaspar sent a text and a phone call to Mr. Barbagli

No Response

On May 8, 2020 at 1310hrs a voicemail was left of Barbgli's cell phone.

No response.

A suspension was given to Mr. Barbagli on 19 May 2020 at 1914hrs.

This suspension was rescinded by Chief Kaspar at the request of Commissioner Luchessi on 20 May 2020 at 1908hrs via cell phone.

The Personnel Committee findings:

-Suspension was valid per our company Bylaw section 10.1 and the company Standard Operating Guidelines section 11-25.

- Barbagli's conducted showed unbecoming of a member – refusing to communicate.

-Suspension lifted less than 24 hours, offering Barbagli the ability to attend a special meeting with officers, Chair Commissioner Lucchessi, Commissioner Coraluzzo Sr and former Chief Rick Coraluzzo Jr. – He did not attend.

-Barbagli claims he is still suspended but attended several meeting and ran emergency calls with no issues and attendance sheets and county radio recordings will confirm.

-Missed attendance will not be given, based on the fact he was not suspended and it would be considered LOSAP fraud.

- In accordance with company bylaws, Attorney stated that this matter should be held by the Personnel Committee and the committee must have at least 20% in attendance. Chief Kaspar was in attendance to answer questions and make clarifications. Frank Scancella did not attend or respond to tonight's meeting messages, nor showed up for regular schedule events today.

-Barbagli had previous department related conversations with former Asst. Chief Gazzara regarding his resignation from Lieutenant. This correspondence is in his file.

-There seems to be a personal issue with Chief Kaspar stemming prior to this suspension.

-Tried to host a company crab dinner, after Chief Kaspar was wrongly removed for 72hrs

- Ken Barbagli will receive a letter based on these findings. The committee feels Barbagli should have the ability to appeal a decision in person and meet with the committee.

Roll Call:

President Ray Jones
Vice Presidemt Lou Nardone
Chief Joseph Kaspar
Secretary Brian Rowan

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The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 2100HRS on 8 September 2020 by President Raymond Jones .
Members present are listed in the regular monthly meeting sign-in book and sign in sheet.

** It should be noted, before tonight's meeting, during the regular meeting of the commissioners, the commissioners decided to remove Joseph Kaspar as current Chief of Department. A decision to have Rick Coraluzzo Jr take over as Chief effective immediately was approved by the Commissioners.

Secretary's Report: read & motion to approve: There was one correction to the August 2020 Regular meeting minutes to reflect the proper Special Account balance where the monthly report was not available. A report was provided tonight with a balance of $12,566.29.

1.Ken Barbagli 2. Charlie Gazzara .

Treasurer's Report:(attached) Approve report and pay bills. 1. Bill for Shoprite for $78.45 – restocking fire department drinks. Special Account Balance of $12,375.04.

1.Ken Barbagli 2.Lenny Smith .

Chief's Report: Chief Coraluzzo stated he hoped to keep support and get trucks on the road. He did not have an officer list and requested another day to work on officers. He will still have Frank Scancella and plans to move Ken Barbagli somewhere.

President Report: (report of department operations and Executive Committee issues)There is a budget meeting on September 22. Thank you to Charlie and Frank for the install of new lights in the meeting room, hallway, and office. We need to have a Bylaw and Building Committee meeting.

County Report: No meetings at this time.

Building Committee Report: Lights installed. Need to put a "to do" list together. Frank Scancella asked how to purchase stuff for the fire house. He should speak with Treasurer Gazzara. Also need man lift for the lights in the engine bay.

Safety Officer: Please put gear on at station or when on scene, not while in the truck responding.

Old Business: AED supplies are still on backorder

New Business: Relief Association meeting 8PM on 9/9/2020 at 11-1. Frank needs a battery for his coat light. We should check all lights. Ladder ground lights are being repaired. Engine fuel gauge is being fixed.

Motion to Open Membership. 1. Frank Scancella 2. Ken Barbagli
Motion to accept Social Member Lori Jones 1. Brian Rowan 2.Ken Barbagli

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Motion to close Membership. 1. Ken Barbagli 2. Frank Scancella

Good of the Order: Brian Rowan stated he resigns effective immediately at this meeting from his position of Captain and his executive committee position of Secretary. After stating a lack of confidence in the commissioners and new department leadership. He will remain and active member and thanked everyone.

President Jones also wanted to thank Loretta Gazzara and Charlie Gazzara for their efforts and many phone calls.

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Lindsey Finerfrock 2. Judy D'Annunzio at 2157HRS.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

LVFC Commissioner DeMarco

BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
Wed 1/20/2021 10:39 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

1 attachments (10 MB)
Screen_Recording_20210120-102908_Video Player.mp4;

Public Safety Director D'Alessandro,

I managed to received a recording of the LVFC Commissioner meeting on January 4, 2021. I was very disheartened to hear the words of Commissioner DeMarco and Chief Barbagli agreeing with him.

I'm not sure if you are aware of what was said, so I have attached a short clip. I can provide a copy of the entire meeting if needed.

This is exactly why I resigned. This is exactly why I felt retaliated against for blowing the whistle. I fear for some members that remain active that have also spoken out or try to do what is right.

In my opinion this has been the sentiment of all of the commissioners for some time and finally spoken in a public setting by Mr. Demarco.

Brian Rowan

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BGROWAN@COMCAST.NET

Due to my active schedule I am often unable to respond from my home computer in a reasonable amount of time. Please excuse any grammatical errors and typos while using my Verizon Wireless mobile email.

FW: Nomination for Chief / Challenge of Ruling

BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
Wed 1/20/2021 9:57 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Please review my concerns from October 30, 2020.

Brian Rowan

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-------- Original message --------
From: BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
Date: 10/30/20 19:43 (GMT-05:00)
To: Raymond Jones <KB3NFE@comcast.net>, Landisville Fire <lvfco5@gmail.com>, enricocoraluzzo@gmail.com, Jk.Enterprises@comcast.net, Joe D'Alessandro <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>, Charlie <Aikichaz@gmail.com>, kbseptics@gmail.com, "Chief Ricky, Jr." <repairs@rickysgarageinc.com>
Subject: Nomination for Chief / Challenge of Ruling

To Whom It May Concern,

I nominate Joseph Kaspar for the position of Chief for the 2021 calendar year as requested in writing.

I also formally challenge the ruling of the Personnel Committee to eliminate the need for percentages to vote or hold office. Please provide written response from the fire company appointed attorney. Before November 2nds regular meeting.

Thank you.

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Re: Landisville Vol Fire Co from Glenda Martinelli

David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Wed 1/20/2021 2:51 PM

To: GLENDA MARTINELLI <g541@verizon.net>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>

Glenda,

We can meet in person to discuss the other issues.

I've attended two of your meetings where I could have been asked questions by the membership, unfortunately you were not present for those. And I've met with your commissioners on multiple occasions who, I'm sure, reported back to the general membership.

To whom or what would my decisions be biased?

Dave

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From: GLENDA MARTINELLI
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2:02 PM
Subject: Re: Landisville Vol Fire Co from Glenda Martinelli
To: David Zappariello

Hello Dave,

I would like to know what the other issues are to make such a decision. I didn't know you made yourself available for every member as I am a member and I didn't know.

I hope and pray your decisions are non-biased.

Thank you
Glenda

> On Jan 20, 2021, at 1:38 PM, David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org> wrote:
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> Glenda,
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> Thank you for reaching out to express your opinion. There are many issues other than the PEOSH violations that are concerning to myself, council, residents and others within the fire safety community that triggered the shutdown.
>
> Please know I've made myself available to everyone in the fire company to discuss the matter at hand and have had multiple meetings and phone calls with the commissioners as well as those within the membership.
>
> I was elected mayor to make difficult decisions and this is one of them. But although difficult, I will make them nonetheless.

Finally, I will be reaching out to council to see who is "dumbstruck" since your characterization is a surprise to me, especially since the vote to shutdown was unanimous.

Dave

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From: GLENDA MARTINELLI
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 1:02 PM
Subject: Landisville Vol Fire Co from Glenda Martinelli
To: David Zappariello

Mayor Dave,

I am sending this e/m to address the concerns related to the 90 days shut down of Landisville Volunteer Fire Co. We would like to continue for the town slogan to live up to it's meaning,
"Small Town with a Big Heart".

Landisville Volunteer Fire Company has been operating successfully for over 100 years. A lot of blood, sweat, and tears have been invested by dedicated members to make it a great company to protect the community. Yes lives have been saved because of the efficiency and the super quick response time.

Why has this long standing well established fire company been shut down for violations? Every one is dumbstruck including members of your council. Corrective actions have been implemented. There are always compliance issues in all aspects of our lives in business, homes, and organizations and that us why there are inspections for all of them. Typically, findings in an inspection report are given a reasonable amount of time to complete with extension dates if needed, but Landisville Volunteer Fire Co was shut down for 90 days "just like that".

Have you ever volunteered in a fire company or have you ever taken any fire courses/training to understand the science of fire? The necessity for Landisville Fie Co to reopen is critical for these reasons. Right now with Landisville Volunteer Fire Co. closed there are lives, homes, and businesses in jeopardy. A fire can double in size every 30 seconds causing the room to go up in as little as 3 minutes, reaching a temperature of 500 degrees Fahrenheit at which no human can survive. At 3.41 mins a flashover occurs and then the temperature can reach 1400 degrees F, by this time the fire will consume most of the house or building.

Our community depends on Landisville Volunteer Fire Co. for protection. You cannot depend on an out of town fire company miles down the road to arrive in those critical first minutes of an incident, for a fire or for a Motor Vehicle Crash. It could be our loved ones involved in such an incident.

Also, concerned Buena Borough residents would have a rise in their homeowners insurance if there is no nearby operating fire station. Currently they are paying taxes on a fire station that has been shut down for 90 days.

At this time I am asking you to revisit your decision, and let our Landisville Volunteer Fire Co.
open sooner than 90 days.

Thank you
Glenda Martinelli

Re: August 2020 Calls

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Wed 1/20/2021 3:26 PM
To: Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>

Received, thank you

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
Director of Public Safety
Emergency Management Coordinator

Borough of Buena
616 Central Ave
Minotola, NJ 08341
Mobile: 609-579-2634
joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org

From: Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 12:43 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: August 2020 Calls

Public Safety Director D'Alessandro,

During the January 4, 2020 Commissioners meeting, Chief Barbagli stated the the LVFC had run 138 calls for service in 2020. I believe this to be false and it is being under reported to affect member percentages required to hold positions and vote within the fire company. Attached is my correspondence to the fire company President, Chief and Commissioners.

This reporting my also cause impact of possible grants or other financial assistance. On file, there is an "Automatic Aid" agreement with the Minotola Fire Company for 2020. Our calls numbers should be very close to theirs. However there will be a handful of calls that each fire company would have run separate for mutual aid to other areas.

The only message I received back was from Commissioners L. Gazzara is that she was unavailable until 9am, I believe the next business day. However, no response was ever generated other than that.

Brian Rowan
BGRowan@comcast.net
(856) 563-4444

---------- Original Message ----------
From: Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
To: Landisville Fire <lvfco5@gmail.com>, "kb3nfe@comcast.net" <kb3nfe@comcast.net>, "repairs@rickysgarageinc.com" <repairs@rickysgarageinc.com>, "enricocoraluzzo@gmail.com" <enricocoraluzzo@gmail.com>
Date: 10/16/2020 4:18 PM

Subject: August 2020 Calls

Please read the attached letter I have submitted for review.

Brian Rowan
BGRowan@comcast.net
(856) 563-4444

16 October 2020

To: Landisville Vol. Fire Company – Commissioners / President / Chief

From: Brian G. Rowan

Re: August Calls for Service – Attendance

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to bring to attention the discrepancy of call reporting for the month of August 2020. Upon speaking with former Chief Kaspar, it appears the company has not asked about any calls for service information. After speaking to Minotola Vol. Fire Company Chief Habersham, they are reporting a total of 69 calls for the month of August, meanwhile I believe Landisville is showing a call volume of 29. Chief Habersham has mentioned that no one other than former Chief Kaspar and myself have reached out. I would also like to point out that the Landisville Vol. Fire Company and Minotola Vol. Fire Company have an automatic aid agreement, signed by Chief Coraluzzo, while responding in Buena Borough. Specifically, I am questioning the Landisville call records for the 2 unprecedented storms on August 4 -5, 2020 and August 7, 2020.

During these 2 storms, many calls were self-dispatched or not put out through our CAD (computer aided dispatch) due to the tremendous call volume and issues with dispatch. Chief Habersham and Chief Kaspar were working to accurately report and document these calls in the days after (as noted in the company minutes). Members present for the length of both events were listed on several sign in sheets for those dates.

It appears we are not accounting for some calls during that period. This may very well affect percentages for our members and who may be considered "active" per our company by-laws. I wanted to submit in writing my concerns, especially if they may affect eligibility for holding line officer positions, executive positions, and voting this year. This reporting may also have a financial impact, in determining if LOSAP (Length of Service Awards Program) and Buena Borough Relief Association 503 benefits are distributed to Landisville members appropriately. Proper reporting may affect future state/local/federal grant funding eligibility.

Best regards,

Brian Rowan

(856) 563-4444

BGRowan@comcast.net

Re: Rowan Firefighting Gear - Response to Ken Barbagli

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Wed 1/20/2021 10:33 AM
To: BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>

Received, thank you.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
Director of Public Safety
Municipal Emergency Mgmt Coordinator

Borough of Buena
616 Central Ave
Minotola, NJ 08341
Mobile: (609) 579-2634
joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 20, 2021, at 10:19, BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net> wrote:
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> For your viewing pleasure.
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> Brian Rowan
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> Cell phone: (856) 563-4444
> BGROWAN@COMCAST.NET
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> Due to my active schedule I am often unable to respond from my home computer in a reasonable amount of time. Please excuse any grammatical errors and typos while using my Verizon Wireless mobile email.
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> -------- Original message --------
> From: Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
> Date: 10/28/20 15:51 (GMT-05:00)

To: kbseptics@gmail.com, Landisville Fire <lvfco5@gmail.com>, enricocoraluzzo@gmail.com, kb3nfe@comcast.net, "Malinoski, Terri" <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>, "Garton, John" <John.Garton@dol.nj.gov>, joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org
Subject: Rowan Firefighting Gear - Response to Ken Barbagli

Asst. Chief Ken Barbagli,
My answers to your Spotted Dog message below. I have included your original message also.

""Brian, This is my third attempt to contact you regarding your gear. Thus, the letter received yesterday was received with some confusion? I am writing this letter in order to rectify the issue with your gear as well as obtain some clarification on your current service status. As there appears to be some inconsistencies in these messages. According to the post you made 9/11/2020 out of service - " until COVID is over". (spotted dog). As well as your latest post; "out of service due to lack of PPE/ gear". I replied to your message twice prior to this message and regretfully you have not gotten back to me. I was expecting you to contact me on Monday as per the agreement we made infront of John. However, you never called. On Monday 10/26 I was informed that you submitted a letter stating that your gear request has still not been addressed. Also, that because your gear was pulled and placed in the chiefs office you felt singled out. That assumption could not be more inaccurate. Furthermore, you removed your own gear from your locker the day you stepped down as officer as a result of the chief stepping back up from a short leave of absence. As far as I am concerned you took yourself out of service when you took your gear out of it's ready state at the station. Never the less, I've taken On the responsibility of insuring that all fire fighters have The gear they need in order to be in a ready state to fight fires. If you need any gear or would like to set up a time to meet and discuss your gear please contact me. 856-617-2522 Regards, Kenneth Barbagli""

My answers are in bold and below.

"Brian, This is my third attempt to contact you regarding your gear. Thus, the letter received yesterday was received with some confusion? I am writing this letter in order to rectify the issue with your gear as well as obtain some clarification on your current service status. As there appears to be some inconsistencies in these messages. According to the post you made 9/11/2020 out of service - " until COVID is over". (spotted dog). **This message was broadcast after misinformation was received by myself as far as CDC Guildelines. I was out of service for that call.** As well as your latest post; "out of service due to lack of PPE/ gear". I replied to your message twice prior to this message and regretfully you have not gotten back to me. **The Spotted Dog record shows that you sent a message only once regarding my gear, after I had already spoke to President Jones at the meeting on October 5.** I was expecting you to contact me on Monday as per the agreement we made infront of John. However, you never called. **The events on Monday were cancelled by the fire company per Spotted Dog, no one reached out to me from the fire company that evening to reschedule.** On Monday 10/26 I was informed that you submitted a letter stating that your gear request has still not been addressed. Also, that because your gear was pulled and placed in the chiefs office you felt singled out. That assumption could not be more inaccurate. Furthermore, you removed your own gear from your locker the day you stepped down as officer as a result of the chief stepping back up from a short leave of absence. As far as I

am concerned you took yourself out of service when you took your gear out of it's ready state at the station. **I removed my personal RED helmet, and took home my personally owned equipment. I also asked President Jones that evening for company gear to be issued to me.** Never the less, I've taken On the responsibility of insuring that all fire fighters have The gear they need in order to be in a ready state to fight fires. If you need any gear or would like to set up a time to meet and discuss your gear please contact me. 856-617-2522 Regards, Kenneth Barbagli"

For a further Clarification of my time line.

On September 8 th I resigned as secretary and Captain due to the incompetency of the current commissioners and incoming administration that has a history of discrepancies. I wanted to no longer be responsible and liable for their action. I removed my personal; helmet, gloves, boots, hood, harness, and several smaller items. I spoke to President Jones before I left and said I will need COMPANY issued equipment. I feared for my personal items to be damaged or stolen. I also took them to launder them.

On September 11 th I sent a text message to Chief Rick Coraluzzo Jr that I had removed my personal gear to launder it and that I would need to be issued a black helmet.

I believe I was told by President Jones via telephone call that I had been issued a helmet from 2005 a week or so after me contacting the Chief.

On October 5 th I spoke to President Jones once more that I would need boots, gloves, and hood. In the presence of the Buena Public Safety Director.

On October 11 th you messaged me on Spotted Dog about gear. I called via telephone with no answer, but I did not leave a message and I should have. This message stated my geared had been pulled into the office because it was not in a "fire ready state". Which is interesting because many sets weren't "fire ready" and remain in lockers.

On October 16 during the PEOSH Safety Inspection, it was brought to the attention of John Garton that my gear was pulled and you stated it was not "fire ready". Subsequently you and I made plans for Monday, October 19 th to issue me gear.

On Monday, October 19 th messages were sent out via Spotted Dog that all activities were cancelled for the night. I was not followed up with from anyone in the organization about rescheduling for gear.

On October 20 th I sent an email to the Commissioners, the Chief, and the President regarding my gear and COVID-19. See the attached letter at the bottom **number 1**.

On October 21, you then sent out a message on Spotted Dog that you would be in contact of those that need gear. You did not contact me. And per other members, you were addressing issues with their equipment before mine, after I have been attempting to have my gear issues resolved for weeks.

On October 26 th I sent yet another letter to the Commissioners, Chief, and President regarding my gear. See attached letter at the bottom **number 2.**

On October 28th you send me the aforementioned message.

So, yes, I feel singled out or that I have been given the run around. I refused to be bullied like members you have in the past and I do have concerns for my own safety. I plan to be an active member and wish to run emergency calls. I cannot do so without the proper gear. I have been unsure of whom to contact as there was never an organizational statement given to members to know who their officers are and who may be handling what issues. I would also like answers to my questions in the letters below that I have not received from anyone in the department.

Bottom line, when can I receive my equipment?

Number 1

20 October 2020

To: Landisville Vol. Fire Company – Commissioners / President / Chief

From: Brian G. Rowan

Re: COVID-19 / Gear Issue

To Whom It May Concern,

After receiving personal message from Asst. Chief Barbagli that Commissioner Charles Gazzara had tested positive for COVID-19 on Sunday, October 18, 2020 and that I should be tested, I followed up with Chief Coraluzzo in regards to what my actions should be and what our company policy is for this type of incident. Chief Coraluzzo left it at my discretion with limited information. I followed up with Chief Coraluzzo and President / Lieutenant Jones via text message about the fire company authorizing rapid COVID-19 testing at the Inspira Urgent Care on Monday October 19, 2020 at 1430hrs. Testing was approved and I tested negative.

At this time, I would like to request additional testing in the next 7 calendar days to make sure I am once again negative after an incubation period. As I write this, it has been approx. 45 hours since I was given notice and 26 hours following testing. I have not yet received follow up from anyone in the fire company. I would like to know if there is any workers compensation paperwork that must be completed or what my instructions may be to return to work.

Furthermore, Asst. Chief Barbagli previously stated to me that he would provide me a company issued flash hood and pair of size 11.5 boots on Monday, October 19,

2020. I would like to know if this has been rescheduled or at what point I can have a complete set of gear.

Best regards,

Brian Rowan

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Number 2

Commissioners / Chief / President,

This will be my 3rd request to be issued the proper firefighting gear. I am in need of a flash hood, size XL gloves and size 11.5 boots. I advised President Jones of this on October 5th in person. I also presented this issue on our Spotted Dog and emails to no resolve. I have not heard from Assistant Chief Barbagli who told PEOSH he would issue me gear on Monday, October 19. He was made aware of exactly what I needed on Friday, October 16. Subsequently, he has not been in contact with me since he sent the message on Spotted Dog about gear on October 21.

Secondly, I would like an answer from the CHIEF about why my gear in particular was pulled from my locker? When questioned by PEOSH Inspector John Garton, Mr. Barbagli stated that it was because it was not in a "fire ready" state. As of today, my gear is still not in my locker and I have pictures of MANY other sets of gear that are not in a "fire ready" state. Why is that gear not pulled? Do you not want me to show up? Are you purposely affecting my attendance percentage? Why haven't I been issued proper equipment? Will I be credited for missed attendance? PEOSH made it clear that members without the proper gear could not respond, yet it appears several members have without proper equipment in the last few weeks. Unless their gear issues were resolved, which begs the question why haven't mine? I still have personal belongings in my jacket and pants.

I would also like to know if the other members who had to be tested for COVID-19 were told to quarantine or if they have already been told they could return to work?

Additionally, if possible, I would like to know when Commissioner Charlie Gazzara was tested for COVID-19? Was he tested prior to Friday, October 16? When were the other members alerted? Why was I alerted much later? And why hasn't the company followed our own COVID-19 SOG put in place by Chief Coraluzzo.

I have copied the Buena Boro Public Safety Director and Terri Malinoski from PEOSH. I have concerns of retaliation and that I am being singled out.

Thank you.

Brian Rowan

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Best Regards,

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July 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes - LVFC

Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
Wed 1/20/2021 12:30 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

1 attachments (27 KB)
7 July 2020.doc;

Public Safety Director D'Alessandro,

Attached are a copy of the July 2020 minutes from the Regular meeting of the Landsiville Vol. Fire Company. During this meeting, Chief Kaspar was not present due to a meeting with the Commissioners, after their scheduled meeting that same night.

In hindsight, Chief Kaspar was being removed by the Commissioners for the position of Chief during the regular monthly meeting, hence the regular meeting minutes do not state that Ricky Coraluzzo Jr had become chief. We were made aware after the meeting. Chief Coraluzzo subsequently ran several a fire call with non fit tested members including himself.

The Commissioners removed Chief Coraluzzo and reinstated Chief Kaspar several days later after some conversation with the company attorney.

Chief Kaspar would hold the position of Chief until the September 2020 Commissioners meeting.

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Landisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc.

102 West Arbor Ave. P.O. Box 305
Landisville, New Jersey 08326

The regular monthly meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was called to order at Time: 2002 HRS on 6 July 2020 by Pres. Ray Jones.
Members present are listed in the regular monthly meeting sign-in book.

Secretary's Report: (read & motion to approve): 1. Lou Nardone 2. Frank Scancella.

Treasurer's Report: (attached) (approve report and pay bills, special account balance) Special Account balance of $11,973.61. 2 Bills for Credit Card and Shoprite. 1 Check received as a donation.

1. Lindsey Finerfrock2. Lou Nardone

Chief's Report: Asst. Chief Nardone – Please wear safety vests while working on any roadway.

Chief Kaspar was unavailable due to meeting with Commissioners

County Report: Meetings cancelled. Voting will be held in Egg Harbor City August 3rd from 6 to 8PM for Delegates and Life Members.

Building Committee Report: Two more cameras have been installed. Charlie Gazzara has the spec packet for the roof, awaiting bid packet. Siren and night lights need to be repaired.

Safety Officer: Thank you all for the hard work. Please wear your traffic vests and seat belts.

Old Business: Nothing.

New Business: Please watch the thermostat and turn it back to 78 degrees when not using the building. A movie night was brought up with more details to be discussed at another meeting.

Good of the Order: A motion to send a donation to the Burn Foundation was made in the sum of $100.00. 1. Lindsey Finerfrock 2. Bill Mason

Motion to Adjourn: 1. Lindsey Finerfrock 2. Brian Rowan at 2023 HRS .

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Rowan, Secretary

Re: Landisville Fire update?

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

Mon 2/22/2021 3:34 PM

To: Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>

Thank you!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
Director of Public Safety
Municipal Emergency Mgmt Coordinator

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 22, 2021, at 15:15, Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov> wrote:
>
> I did speak with Commissioners Gazzara (both) on Friday. I explained to them that with the Landisville Fire Department currently suspended/taken out of service, the Enforcement side of PEOSH is prepared to close the case (this is standard procedure). While the suspension of service allows for the case to be closed – it does not correct the deficiencies or complete the abatements. They currently abated 13 citations and the 6 remaining are listed as "Not Completed – Employer out of Business". They indicated they wanted to continue to work on these, and I suggested they reach out to Consultation.
>
> I advised them that if they added members (to date they are listing 9 active members – those are the members whose training I reviewed), they must all be trained. I also advised them they should not resume operations before abatements are complete to avoid the possibility of repeat penalties.
>
> I am working on closing the case today. Once it is reviewed/approved by the Enforcement Supervisor, I will forward a copy of the final letter which will summariz the above info.
>
> Terri
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> **From:** Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
> **Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 2:44 PM
> **To:** Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Landisville Fire update?

Terri,

Just checking in to see if you've had the closing call with Landisville? Also, I believe that you said that you'd send me a copy of the closing letter that you send them, correct?

Thanks!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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> On Feb 18, 2021, at 09:41, Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov> wrote:
>
> Good Morning. Just left you voice message. I have a quick question – can you give me call when you have chance?
>
> Terri
>
> **From:** Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:45 AM
> **To:** Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Landisville Fire update?
>
> Thanks, Terri, I appreciate the update!
>
> Regards,
>
> Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
> Borough Council
> Director of Public Safety
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On Feb 16, 2021, at 10:53, Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov> wrote:

I just sent them an email with specific questions regarding their abatements. They are close – the main issue I have is determining compliance because their rosters are all different – I need to know who is considered active and current so that I can determine compliance. It appears they had Atlantic County in to conduct some of their recent trainings, but not all members were trained. PEOSH does understand the difficulties with volunteer departments getting all members in one place at one time to train, but ultimately they still all have to be trained. It is a challenge for volunteer departments.

I just sent them an email this morning and have requested a phone conversation with them later this week to discuss the remaining issues.

Terri

From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Landisville Fire update?

Hi Terri,

At this point, we are in the process of an independent audit and LVFC is still suspended.

Anything new from your end? Last we spoke they still had 8 serious violations to abate.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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From: Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Landisville Fire update?

Hi Joe – just checking in to see if there is anything new on your end with the Fire Department?

Terri

Terri L. Malinoski
Occupational Health Consultant
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Re: PEOSH inspection # 1500073 at Landisville Fire & Rescue

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Fri 3/5/2021 1:02 PM
To: Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>

Terri,

Thank you very much and have a great weekend!

I'll be in touch.

Joe

From: Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <Joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: FW: PEOSH inspection # 1500073 at Landisville Fire & Rescue

Joe,
Please below and attached.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Terri

Terri L. Malinoski
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From: Malinoski, Terri
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Landisville Fire <landisvillefirerescue@gmail.com>; Landisville Fire <lvfco5@gmail.com>
Cc: Pulliam, Glenn D <Glenn.Pulliam@doh.nj.gov>; Bobrowski, Keith J <Keith.Bobrowski@doh.nj.gov>; Petrangeli, LeighAnne <LeighAnne.Petrangeli@doh.nj.gov>
Subject: PEOSH inspection # 1500073 at Landisville Fire & Rescue

Good Afternoon Commissioners,

Please see attached letter regarding PEOSH inspection # 1500073 at Landisville Fire & Rescue.

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February 22, 2021

Joseph Santagata, Commissioner Chairman
Landisville Fire & Rescue
102 W. Arbor Avenue
BUENA NJ 08310

Re: Landisville Fire & Rescue
102 W. Arbor Avenue; PO Box 305
Landisville NJ 08326
Inspection No.: 1500073
UPA No.: 1670260
Inspection Date: 10/16/2020

Dear Mr. Santagata:

This letter will confirm that a follow up inspection was performed and/or documentation was received regarding the violations found on the above referenced Order to Comply.

The inspection identified two violations under the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard, two violations under the Respiratory Protection Standard, three violations under the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard, four violations under the Hazard Communications Standard, two violations under the N.J.A.C. PEOSH Standards for Firefighters, and six other-than-serious recordkeeping violations.

Please be advised that 13 violations identified in the inspection noted above were abated. Six violations are considered "Not Completed – Employer out of Business". With the Landisville Fire Department currently suspended/taken out of service, the enforcement side of PEOSH is prepared to close the case. As a condition of case closure, given the nature of the PEOSH health violations which remained unabated at the time of cessation of operations, PEOSH strongly advises to be notified by the individual in charge if Landisville Fire & Rescue resumes operations at this or any other worksite location to ensure compliance with PEOSH/OSHA regulations. Failure to notify PEOSH can result in the issuance of repeat/willful citations with applicable fines if any of the unabated PEOSH health violations cited prior to cessation remain upon resuming operations. Based on this information, this case will be considered closed.

Thank you for your cooperation and continuing concern regarding your efforts to maintain a safe and healthful workplace. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (609) 984-1863.

Sincerely,

Glenn Pulliam, Program Manager
Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program

c: Commissioners
Complainant
Director of Public Safety/Municipal Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator

Landisville FC PEOSH Update

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

Mon 3/8/2021 10:50 AM

To: Michael Donato <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com>
Cc: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>

1 attachments (414 KB)
Landisville Fire - closed.pdf;

Hi Mike,

Please see the attached letter from PEOSH that was received late afternoon on Friday, March 5. Just wanted you to be aware. LVFC still have 6 Serious Violations that remain unabated.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, thanks!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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c: Commissioners
Complainant
Director of Public Safety/Municipal Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator

RE: summary

Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
Wed 3/10/2021 8:34 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sorry – I just realized that I forgot to even sign the email!

Terri

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From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:27 AM
To: Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: summary

Thanks, Terri!

Have a great day!

Regards,

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From: Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:13 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: summary

Good Morning. I am going to be tied up much of today, so I've tried to copy and paste from a previous email to the Commissioners and the OTC to summarize the citations and get you an answer. All citations are considered serious except the recordkeeping (6 citations under Citation 2) citations.

Listed below is a summary of the status of the citations:

Citation 1, items 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, and 13 are considered "Abatement Completed"

Of note: The citations above involving training records were determined based on the names of the 9 active members supplied in email of 2/17/2021.

> Active members as of today are, per the Chief: Ken Barbagli, Santi Garzon, Charles Gazzara, Glenda Martinelli, William Mason, Lionel Pomereau, Frank Scancella, Vincent Sciarrone, Leonard Smith. **(taken from an email from the Commissioner)**

Citation 2, items 1 a-c, and 2 a-c are considered "Abatement Completed"

Citation 1, Items 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, and 11 are considered "Not Completed – Employer out of Business".

Citation 1 Item 2 Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.120(q)(8)(i): Those employees who are trained in accordance with paragraph (q)(6) of this section shall receive annual refresher training of sufficient content and duration to maintain their competencies, or shall demonstrate competency in those areas at least yearly.

The Landisville Fire Department did not provide yearly first responder operations refresher training for all volunteer firefighters.

Citation 1 Item 4 Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.134(k)(5): Training and information. This paragraph requires the employer to provide effective training to employees who are required to use respirators. Retraining shall be administered annually.

The employer had not provided annual respirator training for all Firefighters using the Scott Full face AV 3000 respirator.

Citation 1 Item 6 Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(2)(ii)(B):The employer did not train each employee with occupational exposure in accordance with the requirements of this section and at least annually thereafter.

Not all active members For Landisville Fire Department had received the annual Bloodborne Pathogen training.

Citation 1 Item 7 Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(2)(vii)(D): Training should include an explanation of the employer's exposure control plan and the means by which the employee can obtain a copy of the written plan.

The annual Bloodborne Pathogen training did not include any information on the employer's Exposure Control Plan.

Citation 1 Item 10 Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1200(h)(1): Employers shall provide employees with effective information and training on hazardous chemicals in their work area at the time of their initial assignment, and whenever a new physical or health hazard the employees have not previously been trained about is introduced into their work area. Information and training may be designed to cover categories of hazards (e.g., flammability, carcinogenicity) or specific chemicals. Chemical-specific information must always be available through labels and material safety data sheets.

The employer did not provide HazCom training for all firefighters in the Landisville Fire Department.

Citation 1 Item 11 Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1200(h)(2)(iii): Employers shall provide employees with effective information and training on hazardous chemicals in their work area including the location and availability of the written hazard communication program, including the required list(s) of hazardous chemicals, and safety data sheets required by this section.

The employer did not provide HazCom training for all firefighters in the Landisville Fire Department that included information on the Department's Written Program and Safety Data Sheets.

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PLEASE READ Landisville Fire Company

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Thu 3/11/2021 10:39 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
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Landisville Fire Dept 2021.pdf;

Mayor and Council,

Most members of council are familiar with my ties to the Borough of Buena. For those that do not know me, I am the granddaughter of Bruno and Lucy Melini. Bruno Melini was the first Buena Borough Council President and was serving as an Atlantic County Freeholder at the time of his premature death at the age of 50 in 1961. He helped to build this community and was honored by our community leaders by naming our local park the Bruno Melini Memorial Park. I am also the daughter of Betty Melini Testa and the late Clarence Testa who have also done a great deal to support this community over the years. My family has been part of this community since the early 1900's. Aside from my current family, those that are no longer with us would be appalled to know what the Borough of Buena is trying to do to the Landisville Fire Company at a special meeting on March 12, 2021 at 6:30pm BY PHONE.

The men and women of Landisville Fire Company have dedicated countless hours to our community with little impact to our taxpayers. Landisville is one of the most fiscally responsible companies in Atlantic County with one of the smallest budgets. They have asked for very little from the taxpayers but have an outstanding fleet of vehicles with very little debt. Landisville Fire also receives the smallest portion of the Borough's fire budget. Landisville Fire has a long history of supporting the children of our community by sponsoring Little League and visiting elementary schools for fire safety each year. Upon request, they also sent a firetruck to my house for my oldest son and his friends for his birthday when he was young.

I have even needed the Landisville Fire Company to be dispatched to my home for a possible gas leak in the middle of the day while most members were at work. That did not stop them from showing up in record time and clearing the scene without incident. They have also been dispatched to my mother's home in the middle of the night for a faulty smoke alarm where her granddaughter made her very first call with Landisville as a firefighter, again with great speed and compassion.

I am baffled that Borough Council would report any possible violations to OSHA instead of reaching out to the company to work with them to support a company of volunteers we are so lucky to have among us. I do not consider violations related to antique vehicles or elderly member's equipment that do not actively fight fires to be serious violations. While I do not have a list of each violation, I know for a fact that not one member of this company would put themselves or their fellow members in harm's way, ever.

Landisville Fire Company is nearing their 100th anniversary in 2022. Our community should be rallying around them to prepare to celebrate this outstanding milestone. Instead, our town leaders are

preparing to pull the rug from underneath our members, some with almost 50 years of service, by shutting them down and raiding their bank account to benefit the Borough's budget.

When asked last year to run for a Borough council seat, I regret not saying yes. I would not have allowed this to have progressed this far and certainly would be supporting the firefighters of the Landisville Fire Company who volunteer to put their life on the line for our community. My youngest son was a junior member of Landisville Fire before he went to college. He was proud to be a member and saw firsthand how fiscally and safety conscious the company operated.

Please join me in supporting Landisville Fire Company and put them back in service! We need them!

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Romeo
Susan (Testa) Romeo and family
David, Mario & Bruno Romeo

cc: Assemblyman John Armato
Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo
Senator Chris Brown
Senator Michael Testa
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Copy of letter also attached as PDF.

307 N. Harding Hwy.
PO Box 375
Landisville NJ 08326-0375
March 11, 2021

Mayor David Zappariello & Council
Borough of Buena
616 Central Avenue
Minotola NJ 08341

Mayor and Council,

Most members of council are familiar with my ties to the Borough of Buena. For those that do not know me, I am the granddaughter of Bruno and Lucy Melini. Bruno Melini was the first Buena Borough Council President and was serving as an Atlantic County Freeholder at the time of his premature death at the age of 50 in 1961. He helped to build this community and was honored by our community leaders by naming our local park the Bruno Melini Memorial Park. I am also the daughter of Betty Melini Testa and the late Clarence Testa who have also done a great deal to support this community over the years. My family has been part of this community since the early 1900's. Aside from my current family, those that are no longer with us would be appalled to know what the Borough of Buena is trying to do to the Landisville Fire Company at a special meeting on March 12, 2021 at 6:30pm BY PHONE.

The men and women of Landisville Fire Company have dedicated countless hours to our community with little impact to our taxpayers. Landisville is one of the most fiscally responsible companies in Atlantic County with one of the smallest budgets. They have asked for very little from the taxpayers but have an outstanding fleet of vehicles with very little debt. Landisville Fire also receives the smallest portion of the Borough's fire budget. Landisville Fire has a long history of supporting the children of our community by sponsoring Little League and visiting elementary schools for fire safety each year. Upon request, they also sent a firetruck to my house for my oldest son and his friends for his birthday when he was young.

I have even needed the Landisville Fire Company to be dispatched to my home for a possible gas leak in the middle of the day while most members were at work. That did not stop them from showing up in record time and clearing the scene without incident. They have also been dispatched to my mother's home in the middle of the night for a faulty smoke alarm where her granddaughter made her very first call with Landisville as a firefighter, again with great speed and compassion.

I am baffled that Borough Council would report any possible violations to OSHA instead of reaching out to the company to work with them to support a company of volunteers we are so lucky to have among us. I do not consider violations related to antique vehicles or elderly

member's equipment that do not actively fight fires to be serious violations. While I do not have a list of each violation, I know for a fact that not one member of this company would put themselves or their fellow members in harm's way, ever.

Landisville Fire Company is nearing their 100th anniversary in 2022. Our community should be rallying around them to prepare to celebrate this outstanding milestone. Instead, our town leaders are preparing to pull the rug from underneath our members, some with almost 50 years of service, by shutting them down and raiding their bank account to benefit the Borough's budget.

When asked last year to run for a Borough council seat, I regret not saying yes. I would not have allowed this to have progressed this far and certainly would be supporting the firefighters of the Landisville Fire Company who volunteer to put their life on the line for our community. My youngest son was a junior member of Landisville Fire before he went to college. He was proud to be a member and saw firsthand how fiscally and safety conscious the company operated.

Please join me in supporting Landisville Fire Company and put them back in service! We need them!

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Romeo
Susan (Testa) Romeo and family
David, Mario & Bruno Romeo

cc: Assemblyman John Armato
Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo
Senator Chris Brown
Senator Michael Testa
Congressman Jeff Van Drew
Jason Alt, Gannet NJ
Deborah Marko, The Daily Journal
Joe Smith, The Daily Journal
Diane D'Amico, Press of Atlantic City
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Landisville Fire and Rescue Co - request for meeting

Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com>

Thu 3/11/2021 2:24 PM

To: Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com>; jones_vincent@aclink.org <jones_vincent@aclink.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

Hi Joe,

This is Ken Barbagli from Landisville Fire and Rescue Co. The men and women of Landisville Fire department have been dedicated to rectifying the problems in order to be put back in Service. The membership is proud to have accomplished so much in so little time. The company truly came together and displayed an immense amount of effort in order to get to this point. I do understand that there are still 6 remaining violations from the state. However, I want to insure you that they are already taken care of. We currently have people working on getting them abated. With all of this being said, I am requesting to have a meeting with you before tomorrow's meeting. This meeting will be to discuss these matters as well as show you how we are handling them. Vincent Jones has agreed to attend this meeting. If you don't have any objections, I would like to have two commissioner's from Landisville And two commissioner's from Minotola in attendance at this meeting. Please let me know if and when you

will be available so I can arrange with everyone mentioned a time and place. Where ever you would like to have the meeting is fine with me. Please let me know your thoughts.

Regards,

Kenneth Barbagli

Order To Comply 1

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Fri 3/12/2021 5:47 PM
To: Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>

1 attachments (288 KB)
C 55 04 054 OTC Landisville FD.pdf;

Rob,

Please see attached.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
Director of Public Safety
Municipal Emergency Mgmt Coordinator

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NOTICE OF ORDER TO COMPLY

To:
Joseph Sanatagata, Chairman
Landisville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co
PO Box 305
Landisville NJ 08326

Inspection Site:
Landisville Fire Company
102 W. Arbor Avenue
Landisville NJ 08326

Inspection Number: 1498426
PEOSH Number: C 55-04-054
Inspection Date: 10/16/2020
Issuance Date: 11/18/2020
CSHO: J6805 / W9516
Reason: Complaint

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

The enclosed Order to Comply describes violations of the Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health Act. The violations referred to in this Order must be abated by the dates listed unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) from the issuance of this Order to Comply you mail a notice of intent to contest to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health Act which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. The Order will become the Final Order if no notice of intent to contest is filed as provided for in the Act or, if contested, the Order is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Notice and the Order to Comply be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of each violation cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Order must remain posted until each violation cited herein has been abated, or for 15 working days (excluding weekends and State holidays), whichever is longer.

Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health during the 15 working day contest period by contacting the office shown above. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to the Order to Comply, a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health within 15 working days of issuance of the Order. The contest period is not interrupted by a request for an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, the Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health will schedule the conference, which will be conducted within 30 days of receipt of the request. Employees and/or employee representatives will be notified of their right to attend the conference. The Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health will arrange for representatives of the Department of Health to conduct conferences requested from Orders to Comply issued pursuant to a certification from the Commissioner of Health that an employer violation has been determined to exist within the Department of Health jurisdiction under the Act.

Any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far must be brought to the conference. If conditions warrant, an informal settlement agreement, which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest may be entered into.

Right to Contest - You have the right to contest this Order to Comply. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. **Unless you inform the Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or abatement dates within 15 working days of the issuance of this Order to Comply, then this Order to Comply shall become a final order.**

Penalties - The Act provides that if the time for compliance with an order of the Commissioner elapses, and the employer has not made a good faith effort to comply, the Commissioner shall impose a civil administrative penalty of up to $7,000 per day for each violation of a provision of N.J.S.A. 34:6A-25 et seq., or of a standard or regulation promulgated under that act, or of an order to comply. Any employer who willfully or repeatedly violates the requirements of this section or any standard, rule, order or regulation promulgated under that act shall be assessed a civil administrative penalty of up to $70,000 for each violation. Penalties imposed under this section may be recovered with costs in a civil action commenced by the Commissioner by a summary proceeding under "the penalty enforcement law" (N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1 et seq.) in the Superior Court or a municipal court, either of which shall have jurisdiction to enforce "the penalty enforcement law" in connection with this act. If the violation is of a continuing nature, each day during which it continues after the date given for compliance in accordance with the order of the Commissioner shall constitute an additional separate and distinct offense. If this penalty remains unpaid for more than 30 days, this order shall be recorded on the Judgment docket of the Superior Court.

Penalties will be based upon factors such as gravity of the violation, the probability that an injury or illness would result from the hazard, the good faith efforts of the employer to comply, the presence of meaningful safety and health programs and the history of previous violations.

Request to Delay Issuance of Penalty Order to Comply – When an employer submits a request to delay the issuance of an Order to Comply establishing penalties, the employer shall submit such written request 10 calendar days prior to the abatement date(s) established in the original Order to Comply.

Notification of Corrective Action - For **each** violation which you do not contest, you are required by 29 CFR 1903.19 to submit an Abatement Certification to the New Jersey Department of Health, PEOSH Program. This certification **must** be sent by you prior to the abatement date indicated on the citation. For **Willful** and **Repeat** violations, documents (example: photos, copies of receipts, training records, etc.) demonstrating that abatement is complete must accompany the certification. Where the citation is classified as **Serious** and the citation states

that abatement documentation is required, documents such as those described above are required to be submitted along with the abatement certificate. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint, no later than 180 days after the employee first had knowledge that such discrimination occurred, with the Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities - The enclosed copy of the Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health Act outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Notice to Employees - The law gives an employee or an employee representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) of the issuance of this Order to Comply.

Howard Black, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Public Safety and Occupational Safety and Health

Through Thomas Lipski, Chief
Office of Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health

BY: James G. Revak
James G. Revak, Assistant Chief
Office of Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health
(OPEOSH)

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

An informal conference has been scheduled with OPEOSH to discuss the Notice of Unsafe or Unhealthy Working Conditions (Notice) issued on 11/13/2020. The conference will be held at the OPEOSH office located at: 1 John Fitch Way, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 386, Trenton, NJ 08625 on _____ at _____.

Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health

Notice of Unsafe or Unhealthful Working Conditions

Employer Name:	Landisville Fire Company	**Inspection Number:**	1498426
Inspection Site:	102 W. Arbor Avenue Landisville NJ 08326	**Inspection Date:**	10/16/2020
		Issuance Date:	11/18/2020
		PEOSH Number:	C 55-04-054
		CSHO:	J6805 / W9516
		Reason:	Complaint

Citation 1 Item 1 Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.176(b): Material stored in tiers was not stacked, blocked, interlocked or limited in height so that it was stable and secure against sliding and collapse.

LOC: Main Building, First Floor, Apparatus bay, West Wall, Area of the Cylinder Filling Machine, Fiberglass Step Ladder

The portable ladder at the above location was stored vertically against the wall and was not secured.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	
Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	**December 31, 2020**
Per Diem Penalty if not Abated:	**$600.00**

Citation 1 Item 2 Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1): Sufficient access and working space was not provided and maintained about all electrical equipment to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of such equipment.

LOC: Main Building, First Floor, Kitchen, Electrical Panel, Storage

Electrical equipment was obstructed by storage on the day of inspection.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	
Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	**December 31, 2020**
Per Diem Penalty if not Abated:	**$600.00**

See pages 1 through 3 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.

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Citation 1 Item 3 Violation: **Serious**

N.J.S.A. 34:6A-33(a): The employer did not provide the employees with a place of employment which was free from recognized hazards.

LOC: a) Firefighter # 13, Accountability Tags
b) Firefighter # 18, Accountability Tags

For (a) and (b) above: No accountability tags were found with the above firefighters' PPE ensembles at the time of inspection.

REFERENCE: N.J.A.C. 5:75-2.4(b) states that "Every member of a fire department shall be issued a minimum of two personnel accountability tags."

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	
Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	**December 31, 2020**
Per Diem Penalty per Violation if not Abated:	**$750.00**

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Citation 1 Item 4 Violation: **Serious**

N.J.A.C. 12:100-10.3(c)1: The employer did not provide training and education for all fire service members commensurate with those duties and functions that fire service members are expected to perform.

LOC: Records, Incident Management Training, Firefighter #12
Abated During Inspection: Employer Demoted Lieutenant to Firefighter.

The required incident management course (I-200) certification was not available at the time of inspection for the member serving as a lieutenant as established by N.J.A.C. 5:73-3.2(b) et seq.

NOTE: N.J.A.C. 5:73-1.6(b) states that "No person shall be promoted into a fire service position the duties of which require the management of emergency operations if such person has not first obtained, at least, an Incident Management Level 1 certification, per N.J.A.C. 5:73-3.2(b).

Further, N.J.A.C. 5:73-1.6(c) states that "No fire service supervisor shall assume, nor be assigned to, any position the duties of which require the management of emergency operations unless such supervisor has obtained, at least, an Incident Management Level 1 certification, per N.J.A.C. 5:73-3.2(b).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: **Corrected During Inspection**

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		Reason:	Complaint

Citation 1 Item 5 Violation: **Serious**

N.J.A.C. 12:100-10.7(b): Body protection for all firefighters was not provided by the wearing of fire resistive coat and bunker pants, both of which shall be at least equivalent to NFPA 1971-1986: Protective Clothing for Structural Firefighting, incorporated herein by reference.

LOC: Firefighter #6 : Bunker Pants, Missing Liner

The fire resistive bunker pants did not contain a liner and therefore did not meet the requirements of NFPA 1971-1986: Protective Clothing for Structural Firefighting, for the listed firefighter.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: **December 31, 2020**
Per Diem Penalty if not Abated: **$750.00**

Citation 1 Item 6 Violation: **Serious**

N.J.A.C 12:100-10.9(a): Head protection did not consist of a protective head device which meets the performance, construction and testing requirements of 29 CFR part 1910.156(e)(5) or NFPA 1972-1987: Helmets for Structural Firefighting.

LOC: a) Firefighter #19, Helmet, Eye Protection
b) Firefighter #22, Helmet, Eye Protection

For (a) and (b) above: The above firefighters' helmets / PPE ensembles were not provided with goggles or protective eyewear in accordance with ANSI Z-87.1-1981, ANSI Z-87.1-2003, ANSI Z-87.1-2010 or NFPA 1972-1987 on the day of inspection.

REFERENCE: NJ PEOSH Alert #32 advises fire service employers of the requirements for suitable firefighter eye protection.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: **December 31, 2020**
Per Diem Penalty per Violation if not Abated: **$750.00**

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		Reason:	Complaint

Citation 2 Item 1 Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(d)(1): The employer did not ensure that walking-working surfaces were inspected, regularly and as necessary, and maintained in a safe condition.

LOC: Main Building, Second Floor Loft, Apparatus Bay

One section of plywood flooring was found to be spongy and in need of repair.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	
Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	**December 31, 2020**
Per Diem Penalty if not Abated:	**$150.00**

Citation 2 Item 2 Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

N.J.A.C. 12:100-10.3(b): The organizational statement was not available for inspection by the Commissioner of Labor and by the employees or their designated representative.

LOC: Records, Organizational Statement

The employer's organizational statement was not available on the day of inspection.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	
Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	**December 31, 2020**
Per Diem Penalty if not Abated:	**$150.00**

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		Reason:	Complaint

Citation 2 Item 3 Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

N.J.A.C. 12:100-10.16(b): Fire apparatus was not inspected at least annually in accordance with criteria of NFPA 1911-1997 and NFPA 1914-1991, where applicable.

LOC: a) Records, Maintenance & Inspection Documentation for Engine 11-11 (Marked 11-10)
b) Records, Maintenance & Inspection Documentation for Tender 11-14
c) Records, Maintenance & Inspection Documentation for Ladder 11-16

Annual maintenance and inspection records which included fire pump testing, aerial testing, and road-worthiness were not available on the day of inspection for the above listed fire apparatus.

For (a) and (b) above: No pump testing or inspection records were available on the day of inspection.
For (c) above: No pump testing or aerial device inspection records were available on the day of inspection.
Aerial device testing shall include five-year test documentation.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	
Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	**December 31, 2020**
Per Diem Penalty per Violation if not Abated:	**$150.00**

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New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
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Signed on 11/18/2020 pursuant to the authority vested by law
in the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Howard Black, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Public Safety and Occupational Safety and Health

Through Thomas Lipski, Chief
Office of Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health

BY: James G. Revak
James Revak, Assistant Chief
Office of Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health

DISCRIMINATORY ACTS AGAINST EMPLOYEES ARE UNLAWFUL – N.J.S.A. 34:6A-45 – No person shall discharge, or otherwise discipline, or in any manner discriminate against any employee because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or related to this section. Any employee who believes that he has been discharged, disciplined, or otherwise discriminated against by any person in violation of this section, may within 180 days after the employee first has knowledge such violation did occur, file a complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development alleging that discrimination.

c: Complainant
Howard Black, Assistant Commissioner
Employee Representative(s)

See pages 1 through 3 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.

RE: URGENT /- Borough of Buena / Landisville FC PEOSH Update

Paul Forlenza <Paul_Forlenza@riskprogramadministrators.com>

Sat 3/13/2021 9:42 AM

To: Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>; 'Michael Donato' <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Paul Miola <Paul_Miola@riskprogramadministrators.com>

Thanks Rob. Please stay on top of this situation.

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From: Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 4:31 PM
To: 'Michael Donato' <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Mayor Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Paul Forlenza <Paul_Forlenza@riskprogramadministrators.com>
Subject: RE: URGENT /- Borough of Buena / Landisville FC PEOSH Update

[EXTERNAL]

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds everyone well. In the interim of receiving this email, I attempted to contact the Department of Health to obtain the specific violation(s) details issued to the Landisville FC for further review. That was unsuccessful. My goal with this was to gain as much information as possible to assist right away.

With that being said, could you kindly forward the 13 orginal citations along with the six violations that have been abated and the documentation submitted?

Our goal is to assist the members in every way possible and provide guidance. Anytime a visit from outside agencies such as PEOSH, DEP, OSHA, etc., occur, never hesitate to let us know!

I see that a representative of the Borough/Fire Company has responded, indicating the Landisville Fire Department operations have been "Suspended/Taken Out of Service," which ultimately may result in the "enforcement side" of PEOSH closing this case against the Borough.

My initial concern here is that we have formally notified dispatch/central command that this Fire Station is out of service so that calls can be routed appropriately to our other agency within the town and/or neighboring towns? With that being said, what is the ultimate goal of the Borough with the Landisville Fire/Rescue Department? Will they resume service? Have we issued a memo to members/volunteers that there should be no activities occurring at the Landisville Fire Company? Is the equipment from Landisville Fire Company currently used by the other agency, or any procdueres/protocols in place?

Should the violations remained open with no documentation or plan of action, the Borough of Buena would solely be on the hook for any issued potential fine. More importantly, we want to make sure the service we provide to our residents/the general public remains the top priority while ensuring policy, procedures, and health/safety/wellness protocols are in place.

I think it's best we set up a meeting with an official of the Fire Department and/or governing body to review the citations together. This will allow us to review safety-related items and help with compliance at the very least so that if operations resumed, we could do so in compliance with the Department of Health. I think a safety walkthrough of the facility by our office would also be an added benefit.

Let me know what works best for everyone. I would be happy to come down in the evening if needed to accommodate schedules. Feel free to contact me directly on my cell phone below.

Robert Garish
Senior Risk Control Consultant

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From: Michael Donato <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:50 AM
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Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Mayor Zappariello

<mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Paul Forlenza <Paul_Forlenza@riskprogramadministrators.com>
Subject: FW: URGENT /- Borough of Buena / Landisville FC PEOSH Update

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Good morning Rob, hope you're well.

I received this email and immediately thought to send it to you for your advisement. I am not sure how the ACMJIF will respond to the outstanding PEOSH violations but perhaps an inspection or recommendations would be warranted to be sure the violations are addressed.
Thank you,

Mike
Michael D. Donato - Commercial Acct. Exec. Ext.#104
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Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Michael Donato <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com>
Cc: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Landisville FC PEOSH Update

Hi Mike,

Please see the attached letter from PEOSH that was received late afternoon on Friday, March 5. Just wanted you to be aware. LVFC still have 6 Serious Violations that remain unabated.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, thanks!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council

Director of Public Safety
Emergency Management Coordinator

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Tue 3/16/2021 3:42 PM

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Cc: Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

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Re: contact information

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Tue 3/16/2021 2:43 PM
To: Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>

I spoke to Glenn, have a great rest of the day!

Regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: RE: contact information

I think Glenn he said he was waiting to hear if you were available at 1. Sounds like a crossed message. Maybe try again.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Malinoski, Terri <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: contact information

I called Keith and no answer, then I called Glenn and left a voicemail.
He emailed be back about a 1pm call, but I have not heard from him.

I'm hoping to hear from one of them.

Thank you!

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Thanks, hopefully you were able to touch base with him.

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Good morning Terri,

You're welcome and I have reached out, thank you.
Just as a point of clarification, the oversight mentioned is by Borough Ordinance 692 and comes with my role as Director of Public Safety for the Borough of Buena.

Thank you and have a great day!

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Good Morning. Thank you for reaching out this morning and advising PEOSH that the Landisville Fire Department has been suspended for an additional 90 days. I have attached below the contact information (also copied on this email) of the PEOSH Program Manager and

Enforcement Supervisor. Please contact either to advise/discuss the oversight that OEM provides for Landisville Fire.

Terri

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FW: PEOSH inspection 1500073 Landisville Fire & Rescue

BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
Tue 3/16/2021 10:14 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

2 attachments (159 KB)
Petition for Modification of Abatement Date.docx; Landisville 1500073 - reopened final signed.pdf;

Brian Rowan

Cell phone: (856) 563-4444
BGROWAN@COMCAST.NET

Due to my active schedule I am often unable to respond from my home computer in a reasonable amount of time. Please excuse any grammatical errors and typos while using my Verizon Wireless mobile email.

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From: "Malinoski, Terri" <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
Date: 3/15/21 15:39 (GMT-05:00)
To: Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
Cc: "Pulliam, Glenn D" <Glenn.Pulliam@doh.nj.gov>, "Bobrowski, Keith J" <Keith.Bobrowski@doh.nj.gov>, "Petrangeli, LeighAnne" <LeighAnne.Petrangeli@doh.nj.gov>
Subject: FW: PEOSH inspection 1500073 Landisville Fire & Rescue

Brian,

As the Complainant on this case, please see below and attached. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Terri

Terri L. Malinoski

Occupational Health Consultant

New Jersey Department of Health

Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health

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From: Malinoski, Terri
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Landisville Fire <landisvillefirerescue@gmail.com>; Landisville Fire <lvfco5@gmail.com>
Cc: Pulliam, Glenn D <Glenn.Pulliam@doh.nj.gov>; Bobrowski, Keith J <Keith.Bobrowski@doh.nj.gov>; Petrangeli, LeighAnne <LeighAnne.Petrangeli@doh.nj.gov>
Subject: PEOSH inspection 1500073 Landisville Fire & Rescue

Commissioner Santagata:

PEOSH is reopening inspection 1500073 based on information received stating that Landisville Fire & Rescue intends to resume operations. Please see the attached letter detailing the requirements for requesting a new abatement due date.

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Commissioner

March 15, 2021

Joseph Santagata, Commissioner Chairman
Landisville Fire & Rescue
102 W. Arbor Avenue
PO Box 305
Buena, NJ 08326
Landisvillefirerescue@gmail.com

Re: Landisville Fire & Rescue
Buena Borough Fire District #1
102 West Arbor Avenue
PO Box 305
Landisville NJ 08326
UPA Number: 1670260
Inspection No.: 1500073
Letter sent by email only

Dear Mr. Santagata:

The Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Program is reopening the above referenced enforcement case based on information received stating that Landisville Fire & Rescue is currently in a status of suspended operations but intends to resume operations at the above facility.

As discussed during the telephone call between PEOSH and Landisville Commissioners on February 19, 2021, outlined in an email from PEOSH to Landisville Commissioners on February 22, 2021, and reiterated again in a letter from PEOSH to Landisville Commissioners dated February 22, 2021, several original citations were abated due to the closure of the facility but remain uncorrected/noncompliant. As Landisville Fire & Rescue is currently in a suspended status and is not officially out of business, the Order to Comply issued December 16, 2020 remains in force with outstanding violations requiring abatement.

Landisville Fire & Rescue must complete a Petition to Modify Abatement (attached) officially requesting an extension to complete the required abatement of outstanding violations specified in the Order to Comply. Once the completed document is received and reviewed, Landisville Fire & Rescue will be notified of the new abatement due date. As specified in PEOSH correspondence on February 22, 2021,

failure to comply may result in the issuance of monetary fines for unabated PEOSH health violations should Landisville Fire & Rescue resume operations at this facility.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me via e-mail at Glenn.Pulliam@doh.nj.gov and copy Peosh@doh.nj.gov. Your personal support and interest in the safety and health of your employees is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Glenn Pulliam

Glenn Pulliam, Program Manager
Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program

Facility Name: _____ Case #: _____

Petition for Modification of Abatement Date/Extension Request

An employer may file a petition for modification of abatement date when they have made a good faith effort to comply with the abatement requirements of a citation, but such abatement has not been completed because of factors beyond their reasonable control.

A petition for modification of abatement date must be in writing and must include the following information or it will not be granted and a failure to abate penalty order to comply will be imposed:
(use additional sheets as necessary)

(1) **All steps taken by the employer, and the dates of such action, in an effort, to achieve compliance during the prescribed abatement period.**

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(2) **The specific additional abatement time necessary, in order, to achieve compliance.**

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(3) **The reasons such additional time is necessary, including the unavailability of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment, or because necessary or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the original abatement date.**

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(4) **All available interim steps being taken to safeguard the employees against the cited hazard during the abatement period.**

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(5) **A certification that a copy of the petition has been posted.**
By signing below, you are certifying that a copy of this Petition has been posted.

Employer Signature _____ ***Date*** _____

Re: Borough of Buena / Landisville FC PEOSH Update

David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Wed 3/17/2021 11:10 AM

To: Michael Donato <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com>; Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
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Please also include Councilman Joe D'Alessandro who is also the Borough's Director of Public Safety.

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From: Michael Donato
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 10:59 AM
Subject: RE: Borough of Buena / Landisville FC PEOSH Update
To: Deputy Clerk
Cc: David Zappariello, Kellerman, Sandra L 675, Susan Mooney (smooney@qual-lynx.com), Paul Forlenza, Robert Garish

Thank you Pam.

Please reply back to all copied parties in this email on any further emails and correspondence.

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From: Deputy Clerk [mailto:depclerk@buenaboro.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Michael Donato
Subject: RE: Borough of Buena / Landisville FC PEOSH Update

Hello Mike,
I will have to do some research and reach out to a few knowledgeable people for your requests.
Please allow me some time.
Thank you,
Pam

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Good morning Pam.

After last Friday's special meeting regarding the above captioned matter, the claims administrator Qual-Lynx is asking for the following documentation;

All applicable resolutions, ordinances, contracts and/or meeting minutes pertaining to the Landisville Fire Company's entrance into a relationship with the Borough of Buena via the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund. It's been some time but I believe the Fire Company entered under the Borough's insurance during the mid-1990's. I am researching our files and archives as well.

My apologies for the bother but the information is necessary for Qual-Lynx and J A Montgomery Loss Control review.
Thank you,

Mike
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Please also include Councilman Joe D'Alessandro who is also the Borough's Director of Public Safety.

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From: Michael Donato
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 10:59 AM
Subject: RE: Borough of Buena / Landisville FC PEOSH Update
To: Deputy Clerk
Cc: David Zappariello, Kellerman, Sandra L 675, Susan Mooney (smooney@qual-lynx.com), Paul Forlenza, Robert Garish

Thank you Pam.

Please reply back to all copied parties in this email on any further emails and correspondence.

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From: Deputy Clerk [mailto:depclerk@buenaboro.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Michael Donato
Subject: RE: Borough of Buena / Landisville FC PEOSH Update

Hello Mike,
I will have to do some research and reach out to a few knowledgeable people for your requests.
Please allow me some time.
Thank you,
Pam

From: Michael Donato <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
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Subject: FW: Borough of Buena / Landisville FC PEOSH Update

Good morning Pam.

After last Friday's special meeting regarding the above captioned matter, the claims administrator Qual-Lynx is asking for the following documentation;

All applicable resolutions, ordinances, contracts and/or meeting minutes pertaining to the Landisville Fire Company's entrance into a relationship with the Borough of Buena via the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund. It's been some time but I believe the Fire Company entered under the Borough's insurance during the mid-1990's. I am researching our files and archives as well.

My apologies for the bother but the information is necessary for Qual-Lynx and J A Montgomery Loss Control review.
Thank you,

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Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Fri 3/19/2021 9:40 AM
To: Michael Donato <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com>

You're welcome, trying to keep you updated.

Regards,

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> On Mar 19, 2021, at 09:35, Michael Donato <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com> wrote:
>
> Thanks Joe. I will forward this to the ACMJIF and our Loss Control Rep at JA Montgomery, Rob Garish.
>
> Be well.
>
> **Mike**
> **Michael D. Donato - Commercial Acct. Exec. Ext.#104**
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Please see attached letter from PEOSH enforcement officially reopening the case.

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March 15, 2021

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Landisvillefirerescue@gmail.com

Re: Landisville Fire & Rescue
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Landisville NJ 08326
UPA Number: 1670260
Inspection No.: 1500073
Letter sent by email only

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Sincerely,

Glenn Pulliam

Glenn Pulliam, Program Manager
Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program

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Fri 3/19/2021 10:15 AM

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Good morning All.

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Thank you,

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Landisville Volunteer Fire Company - Press of AC

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Mon 3/29/2021 12:54 PM

To: Kellerman, Sandra L 675 <skellerman@qual-lynx.com>

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Sandy,

Please see below and attached, thanks!

https://pressofatlanticcity.com/news/local/buenas-landisville-fire-company-suspended-until-at-least-june/article_442d3974-ed0f-5b35-823b-65e3c0ec2291.html

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Buena's Landisville fire company suspended until at least June

March 19, 2021

BUENA — Brian G. Rowan, an 11-year member of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company, faced a choice last year. Rowan could continue to go along to get along, or he could make known beyond the fire company problems he saw with its operation.

Months later, Rowan resigned from the fire company, and the company's firefighting operations have been suspended since December and will remain suspended into June after a vote last week by the Borough Council.

Rowan told the Borough Council in October that he contacted the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs and Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health about deficiencies and compliance issues within the fire company.

These grievances included a lack of mandated policy for incidents involving workplace accidents, bloodborne pathogens and Hazmat incidents. There was no labeling of any chemicals kept in the building, which must have a safety data sheet. Some gear issued to active

members was out of date per National Fire Protection Association standards, Rowan said.

"This has created a major issue of liability for not only myself but the fire company and the Borough of Buena," Rowan said in his letter to the council.

On Nov. 18, the Landisville company received a notice of order to comply and abate nine violations of the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development as a result of an inspection of the site performed Oct. 16, according to a council resolution. Six of the nine violations were found to be serious.

On Dec. 16, the state found 19 more violations as a result of the Oct. 16 inspection. Thirteen of them were found to be serious, the council said.

On Feb. 22, the fire company received a letter from the state Department of Health stating that 13 of the 19 violations were abated, the council said.

Six serious violations were considered "not completed — employer out of business" because Landisville's fire suppression operations had been suspended Dec. 14 for 90 days by the council.

All firefighting duties in Buena are being handled by the borough Board of Fire Commissioners Zone Two and the Minotola Fire District Commission, the council said.

Susan Romeo, of Landisville, wrote a letter this month to Assemblymen Vince Mazzeo and John Armato, both D-Atlantic; state Sens. Chris Brown, R-Atlantic, and Michael Testa, R-Cape May,

Cumberland, Atlantic, and others about the suspension of the Landisville company. Romeo's youngest son was a junior member of fire company before he went to college, she said.

"While I do not have a list of each violation, I know for a fact that not one member of this company would put themselves or their fellow members in harm's way, ever," Romeo said in her letter. "Please join me in supporting Landisville Fire Company and put them back in service. We need them."

During a council meeting held over the phone last Friday, the only person to speak on behalf of the fire company was Keith Kemery, president of the International Association of Firefighters Local 3249 in Blackwood, Camden County.

"All of the Department of Labor violations have been abated," Kemery said.

Richard DeMarco, one of the commissioners of the Landisville company, said Wednesday all of this is in litigation. He said a whole bunch of lies have been spread, and there have been a couple of traitors.

While Rowan was captain, Joseph Kaspar was the assistant chief with the Landisville company. Kaspar, who was the fire chief from last spring to July and again from July to September, said the fire company commissioners and other officials wanted to run the operation like it was still the 1980s, but the 1980s did not have the regulations that exist now.

"For years, we were trying to get the fire company to do the right thing," said Kaspar, who stepped down as assistant chief before becoming chief. "There was more wrong than we knew about."

Landisville is the second western Atlantic County fire company to be shut down in the past year. The Hamilton Township Committee voted in November to terminate a lease agreement with the Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company, effective Dec. 31. Mizpah fire Chief Jay Davenport II and firefighter Craig Paxton were charged in October with official misconduct, conspiracy and theft.

Buena Council President Rosalie Baker said she chose to extend the Landisville company's suspension for 90 days because it already had five months to correct the 28 health and safety violations issued in October.

"After five months, six serious violations remained uncorrected, and I felt 90 days was an appropriate amount of time to work on their remaining violations," Baker said.

The borough had no choice but to further suspend the company, said Councilman Joseph D'Alessandro, director of public safety.

"Allowing Landisville Volunteer Fire Co. to operate with six open serious violations puts the health and safety of the volunteer firefighters of Landisville Volunteer Fire Co. and the residents of the Borough of Buena at serious risk," D'Alessandro said. He added that had the company returned to service without proper abatement of those remaining items, the Labor Department could have imposed significant fines.

The borough provides the fire company with its liability insurance through the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, and borough officials felt they had to err on the side of caution, D'Alessandro said.

"Through existing and new mutual aid agreements, the residents of the Landisville section of the borough have more than adequate fire protection coverage. We considered that carefully prior to the suspension of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co. on Dec. 14," Mayor David Zappariello said.

Re: The Trucks are Back at the Station

David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Mon 4/5/2021 3:53 PM
To: Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
You're welcome.

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From: Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 1:09:51 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Subject: The Trucks are Back at the Station

Thank you for approving. The trucks to be used to honor the late Bob Robert's. The Trucks are back at the station. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Kenneth Barbagli

Re: Landisville Fire Department

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sun 4/11/2021 7:28 PM
To: Frederick R DeFeo <fdefeo1113@comcast.net>

Dear Mr DeFeo,

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Re: Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC)

Corinne A. Martinelli <martinelli.corinne@gmail.com>

Sun 4/11/2021 10:04 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>

Dear Mayor Dave,

Thank you very much for your prompt and kind response. Hopefully I will be able to connect to the public portion of the meeting tomorrow night.

Best regards,

Corinne Martinelli

On Sun, Apr 11, 2021 at 6:43 PM David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Martinelli,
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> Thank you for your letter and sharing your opinion. My administration has always encouraged an open dialogue on every issue that comes before us and your letter is appreciated.
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> Unfortunately I will be unable to read it on your behalf, as requested, but welcome you to do so during the public portion of the meeting.
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> Regards,
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> Mayor Dave Zappariello
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> Get Outlook for Android
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> From: Corinne A. Martinelli
> Sent: Sunday, April 11, 5:44 PM
> Subject: Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC)
> To: David Zappariello, Rosalie Baker, Jorge Alvarez, Joseph D'Alessandro, III, Joeseph Mancuso, Aldo Palmieri, Matthew Walker
>
> Dear Mayor Dave and Council Members,
>
> Attached is my letter expressing my concerns about proposed actions against LVFC. I'm asking for this letter to be read as my voice to be heard at the Borough of Buena Regular Council Meeting tomorrow night, Monday April 12, 2021. I appreciate your following through with my request and I thank you in advance.
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> Best regards,
>
> Corinne Martinelli

Corinne A. Martinelli
149 Cottage Gate Circle, Sewell, NJ 08080-4348
908-241-9530

April 11, 2021

Ref.: LVFC

Dear Mayor and Council:

I grew up in Landisville and I still have many ties to Landisville, Minotola, the Borough of Buena, Buena Vista Township and Vineland. I can't believe what is going on with the LVFC. I think the heart has been lost from the motto of the Borough of Buena: "A Small Town with a Big Heart".

Our ancestors created LVFC to protect their families and their possessions. The Company as it exists today was built on the shoulders of these brave and self-sacrificing men. The property that the current firehouse building is built on was in my family for over 50 years. That's where my grandparents, Domenick and Annunziata (Goffredi) Martinelli, raised 11 children, some of whom were firefighters. My father, Armand Martinelli, volunteered his services to build equipment and to fight fires. He was President of the Company for several years.

As time went on, many men and women have become a part of this Company including my sister, Glenda Martinelli, who was the first female in this company and one of the first in the state of NJ. These men and women have worked tirelessly to ensure that the town has excellent fire protection.

And more recently, the members have worked diligently to address/correct all of the violations that were cited against them. After all of that being completed, what is the reason for further extending the suspension of this company's activities and now proposing to dissolve the LVFC even before the 90 day extension has been reached? And what makes you so sure that Minotola is without any violations? Have they had any recent third party audits/inspections? And when are the residents of Landisville going to be notified of this insane action that is about to happen unless more reasonable minds prevail. These residents need to have a vote and be given the opportunity to deny or consent with the proposal.

What is the real motivation for dissolution of LVFC? Is it money as stated in Resolution 49-21 "whereas, the Mayor and Council have also determined that there will be a considerable financial savings to the residents...". Although it seems that this considerable savings is not really that considerable since on the same agenda there is Ordinance No. 700 to increase the CY 2021 budget by 3.5%. Is this really necessary or is it greed? If you had a child who did not do well in school, would you disown them or would you offer to help them? Why wasn't LVFC given any help/support? Why wasn't a merger of the two companies an option? Do some individuals have some ulterior motives? If there are personal issues at work here, they are not part of these violations and need to be addressed in another venue. It's not about liking this one or that one, or not liking this one or that one. We will never like everyone that we meet on our life's journey, but that doesn't mean we can't work with them. Personal issues come from within, so everyone needs to take a good look in the mirror and decide what is your motivation. What is driving you? I said, he said will not bring unity, only division. What is needed is honesty and integrity, not stories. The bottom line is – is the job getting done according to the appropriate regulations. It's time to stop the games and put all of the cards on the table.

I thank Mayor and Council for having the common sense to see through the games and to provide authentic support and collaboration to the long-standing and devoted firefighters of LVFC to get them back in business so that they can protect the community for another 100 years.

Best regards,

Corinne A. Martinelli

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Petition for Extension Response - Rowan - LVFC

Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>

Mon 4/12/2021 6:22 PM

To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

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Councilman,

Attached is my response regarding correspondence from the state for the petition to extend abatement.

Thank you.

Brian Rowan
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11 April 2021

Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health

Re: Landisville Vol. Fire Company – Extension to Abate

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in response to a letter I received regarding comment on the "extension for abatement" of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company dated April 9, 2021. I have several concerns and I am ultimately not in favor for the issuance of extension which I will outline and address below. I am also questioning the state as to what is considered "out of service or suspended operations"? Though the Landisville Vol. Fire Company has been suspended by the Borough of Buena since December 2020, they have continued to conduct business as usual without responding to emergency calls for service. I understand that they must be given the opportunity to operate in order to abate citations and conduct certain training and inspections to remain compliant but I believe they have operated outside of this scope for several months. My concern is for the safety of current members and what may happen if an accident or injury occurs while the department remains out of compliance.

The fire company has been given approximately four months to abate the problems within the Orders to Comply from the State of New Jersey's Public Employees Occupation Health and Safety division. Most of these issues came to light in October 2020 and many of the issues were known since September of 2019 after an incident involving a Landisville member being injured during an emergency call. This shows a history of poor safety standards and corrections. Programs geared toward compliance and safety were met with hostility throughout the year of 2020. The commissioners even refused to pay a bill for several months over Hazardous Communication, Right to Know, and Blood Borne Pathogen training in July 2020.

I feel as though they have been given more than enough time to correct these problems. Does the State of New Jersey typically allow problems to persist for such a period of time and what precedent may this set in the future? Without enforcement I believe the severity of these ongoing problems will not be taken seriously. This has been the operation mindset for many years and without consequences for inability to comply, I fear this will continue.

In my opinion there has been a systemic failure of leadership from the company line officers to the commissioners. The fire company attorneys have stated in public meetings that all issues have been abated. We know this is untrue. Honesty and integrity of the fire company continues to dwindle as misinformation is promoted to the public.

The Landisville Vol. Fire Company has not worked in good faith with its members, myself, Buena Borough, or the State of New Jersey. The company displays consistent disregard for its own by laws, has failed to communicate and disseminate any information to membership about the Orders to Comply or other issues, reports inaccurate membership, and have discriminated against several members whom have questioned problems within the fire company. To my knowledge the fire company has failed to notify members of hazards stated in the Orders to Comply. There has been no modification of policy or procedure to protect members from these hazards, or plans moving into the future.

Active members of the fire company have faced issues of being removed from our messaging system "Spotted Dog". This system was used to send important information department wide, to include emergencies, training, drills/classes, or company updates. These are members who have been active for the last several years but are no longer receiving updates for any required training. They have not been formally informed of being removed from membership or an active fire fighter list. With the demand for volunteers so high, why are these members not being included? All members should be afforded the opportunity to receive the required annual training or be given a makeup date.

I have questioned the competency of the organizations leadership, which in part precipitated my resignation from the fire company dated December 31, 2020. I feel as though I have been continually retaliated against and ostracized as addressed in my email correspondence to Mr. John Garton of New Jersey Division of Labor and Workforce Development on December 30, 2020. I do not doubt the Landisville Vol. Fire Company has tried to make some progress in abating but these efforts have been subpar at best. The commissioners and current line officers must be held accountable to maintain the standards of the New Jersey fire service.

Respectfully,

Brian Rowan
Email: BGRowan@comcast.net
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Commissioner

March 15, 2021

Joseph Santagata, Commissioner Chairman
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102 W. Arbor Avenue
PO Box 305
Buena, NJ 08326
Landisvillefirerescue@gmail.com

Re: Landisville Fire & Rescue
Buena Borough Fire District #1
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Landisville NJ 08326
UPA Number: 1670260
Inspection No.: 1500073
Letter sent by email only

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me via e-mail at Glenn.Pulliam@doh.nj.gov and copy Peosh@doh.nj.gov. Your personal support and interest in the safety and health of your employees is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Glenn Pulliam

Glenn Pulliam, Program Manager
Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program

Facility Name: Landisville Fire & Rescue / Buena Borough Fire Dist. 1 **Case #:** Inspection #1500073

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(5) A certification that a copy of the petition has been posted.
By signing below, you are certifying that a copy of this Petition has been posted.

Employer Signature: Keith B. Kemery ***Date*** 3/31/2021

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COUNCIL MEETING REMOTE ACCESS April 12, 2021

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Mon 4/12/2021 9:29 AM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>

Hello, good morning
I would like to bring this to the attention of Mayor and Council members of Buena Borough as a resident of the Borough which has roughly 4,500 residents (give or take) other municipality in the state of New Jersey have reopened their building to the public, i do understand and completely

respect the safety of our residents, Mayor and Council members due to our Health concern related to
the ongoing battle with Covid-19 but I'm still not understanding why in 2021 where everyone is doing online
meetings via Zoom or Webex etc our Borough is doing a phone meeting like we are still living in the stone age!
It has been brought up by many residents that they struggled getting connected via the phone line set up, either
unable to get on because of busy signals or getting kicked out, plus the unorganized and high amount of background
noise from people talking etc that made it extremely difficult for some people to hear what was being said. It is for this
reason and the fact that with today's technology available to everyone which makes this seems ironic that the Borough
would even consider this matter of conducting an over the phone meeting, with the many other options available and being
used all over our country, i there for ask that Mayor and Council member should consider a much better organized and
proper way to run our town meeting where resident have a better chance to connect, be able to communicate with our
Mayor and Council members, see each other and voice their opinion. A Zoom meeting can be run from and managed on
any IOS or android devices or PC laptop, a meeting can be set up in a matter of minutes, a link can be posted on the Buena
Borough website or simply sharing the meeting number and a basic password like "Buena" the meeting host in this case our
Mayor or a Council member running the meeting would have full control of the meeting room, allowing them to mute everyone
or anyone in particular if a member of the Council or a resident is speaking which would make matters much better for everyone
to be able to listen and understand whats going on. I would think that like me, many residents of our town really would appreciate
having the ability to use this kind of service vs the phone call in line, since it's a much better approach and is being used at many
if not every schools colleges and municipalities in the USA. I'm not suggesting to shut down the phone line as i know some seniors
in our town might not have access to a smart phone or computer, all I'm suggesting is to give our residents another option which is

a much better way to communicate. I feel this is unnecessary as my 6 year old daughter can set up and log into meeting off her Ipad for
school but i will attach links to zoom set up page and videos if needed. I thank you for your time and hope you the Mayor and
Council Members take this under consideration and make it a priority to allow your residents a better chance to communicate with
the administration and address their questions and concerns properly!!

Thank you!

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Re: Landisville Fire Department

David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Mon 4/12/2021 11:51 AM

To: Terry Mancini <terrymancini@comcast.net>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>; mancini5sil@gmail.com <mancini5sil@gmail.com>
Cc: Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>

Dear Terry and Albert,

Thank you for providing us with your opinion. As long as I have been mayor I have encouraged an open dialogue, not only among the governing body, but with residents as well.

I am sorry about the house fire and the resulting trailer issue. When we did have an administrator, he or she, assumed many of the daily requests on my behalf.

There will be additional meetings regarding the fire department and I hope during those discussions you will be able to understand the severity of the issues above and beyond the PEOSH violations.

Please let me know about your insurance when you hear back since council is very cognizant of the financial struggles of our community. Also, every year I have been mayor of Buena Borough (since 2016), your municipal taxes have not gone up one penny. And be assured council is doing everything in its power in helping me keep that streak going.

Mayor Dave Zappariello

From: Terry Mancini
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 10:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: Landisville Fire Department
To: Rosalie Baker, Jorge Alvarez, Joseph D'Alessandro, III, Joeseph Mancuso, Matthew Walker, mancini5sil@gmail.com
Cc: David Zappariello, Aldo Palmieri

Sent from my Verizon Motorola Droid

> To the Mayor and Council:
> I/we are writing in support of The Landisville Fire Department.
> We purchased our home on Weymouth Rd in 2015.
> We had a house fire in January 2017. Landisville Fire Company was on the scene to see that our house was not destroyed.
> I attended a meeting at the Landisville Fire Department today and was very disappointed that the mayor or any other council person did not feel the importance or need to attend. (The mayor, in my opinion, has never been a reachable person, given that after our house fire, he never responded to my numerous emails in regards to allowing a trailer on the property while trying to rebuild our home. It was the boro administrator that intervened).
> I was under the impression that the elected officials are here for the community taxpayers. My understanding is that the infractions have been rectified.
> If the Landisville Fire Department is closed, how long will it take the nearest fire department to respond, not only with home emergencies but auto emergencies, as well.
> Obviously, the safety of the community is not a high priority!
> I have sent an email to my insurance agent. Im sure my rates will increase if the fire department is not within the dedicated mileage.

> *If the Landisville Fire Company closes, will my taxes go down, since the Buena Boro is not providing the services we deserve?*
> *Terry and Albert Mancini*
> *406 E Weymouth Rd*
> *Buena*
>
> *Sent from my Verizon Motorola Droid*

Re: Landisville Fire Company Suspension

David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Mon 4/12/2021 10:25 PM
To: D'Amico, Hayley <damico@cbs3.com>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

Hayley,

We were just about to work on a statement for you when Kimberly's segment came on. It was well done, fair and balanced. Do you still need a statement?

Mayor Zappariello

From: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:44 PM
To: D'Amico, Hayley <damico@cbs3.com>
Subject: Re: Landisville Fire Company Suspension

Hayley,

We have been inundated with action items following the meeting. We will respond within the next 45 minutes or so. The two comments will probably come from Director of Public Safety, Councilman Joseph D'Alessandro and myself.

Mayor Zappariello

From: D'Amico, Hayley <damico@cbs3.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:12 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Re: Landisville Fire Company Suspension

Hello Mayor Zappariello-

Following up on the statement from your office regarding Landisville Fire Company.

Is that statement coming from someone other than you?

Thanks

Hayley D'Amico
CBS 3 & CW Philadelphia
News Assistant
215-977-5333

From: D'Amico, Hayley <damico@cbs3.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 6:29 PM

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Hi Mayor Zappariello,

Thank you so much for getting back to me.

9PM would be ideal in order to get our story wrapped and ready for air at 10PM. If that is too tight pending the end of the meeting, as early as possible works.

I'll keep an eye out.

Best,

Hayley D'Amico

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<External Email>

Hayley,

We are just about to go into the virtual meeting for 7pm. We can provide a written statement after the meeting. Is there a deadline?

Mayor Dave Zappariello

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From: D'Amico, Hayley
Sent: Monday, April 12, 4:42 PM
Subject: Landisville Fire Company Suspension
To: David Zappariello, Maryann Coraluzzo
Cc: Rosalie Baker

Good Afternoon,

I'm reaching out on behalf of CBS3 in Philadelphia.

One of our reporters, Kimberly Davis, plans on covering the suspension and community support for Landisville Fire Department for tonight's broadcasts. We want to make sure we fairly cover all sides of this ongoing situation.

Can someone from the boro provide a statement regarding the suspension of the fire department and how that decision came to be?

Further, is there someone that would be interested in speaking with our reporter or photographer on camera or Zoom? They will be in the area and happy to meet up to do so.

Thank you in advance!

Best,

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Re: Vincent Jackson of The Press of Atlantic City with a Monday night favor.

David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>

Mon 4/12/2021 10:12 PM

To: Vincent Jackson <vjackson@pressofac.com>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

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Vincent,

Thank you for attending our meeting tonight. You are correct, my comments were prepared. They are included below. Please feel free to edit for your specific needs.

"As council and some on this call are aware, on two separate dates, October 18, 2020 and December 4, 2020 the Landisville Fire Department received Notice to Comply violations from the New Jersey Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health (known to most as PEOSH) indicating it was operating in violation pertaining to the health and safety of the department. In total, 28 violations were assessed.

Due to the seriousness of these 28 violations and the substantial liability the Borough would incur should a serious injury or death occur while Landisville was responding to a call with these violations known to be outstanding, on December 14, 2020 council unanimously voted to suspend operations for three months to allow Landisville ample time to remedy the violations.

Many of those violations were abated but in a letter dated February 22, sent to Landisville's Chairman of the Commission, Joseph Santagata, six of those violations, all of which were deemed serious, remained outstanding. Those items included:

1. Citation 1, Item 2 - The Landisville Fire Department still has not provided yearly first responder operations refresher training for all volunteer firefighters. This violation carries a fine of $3,500 per day. The abatement date was February 23, 2021.

2. Citation 1, Item 4 - Landisville still has not provided annual respirator training for all firefighters using the Scott Full face AV 3000 respirator. This violation carries a fine of $4,900 per day. The abatement date was February 1, 2021.

3. Citation 1, Item 6 - Not all active members of Landisville still have not received their annual Blood borne Pathogen training. This violation carries a fine of $3,500 per day. The abatement date was February 23, 2021.

4. Citation 1, Item 7 - The annual Blood borne pathogen training still does not include any information on the employer's Exposure Control Plan. This violation carries a fine of $3,500 per day. The abatement date was February 23, 2021.

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6. Citation 1, Item 11 – Landisville still has not provided HazCom training for all firefighters that includes information on the Department's Written Program and Safety Data Sheets. This violation carries a fine of $3,500 per day. The abatement date was February 23, 2021.

If left uncorrected, these violations could be deemed 'repeat and willful' and could have the potential to incur fines of up to $35,000 to $70,000 per incident.

Due to these six serious violations still not being corrected, council voted again to suspend operations for an additional 90 days on March 12, 2021.

Three days later on March 15, Landisville Fire Department's chairman, received a letter from the State of New Jersey Department of Health which reads... (Attachment Buena Borough 1).

Landisville's consultant, Keith Kemery, responded to the State's request dated 16 days later on March 31st, with a petition for modification of abatement date/extension request. (Attachment Buena Borough 2) The State's petition asked 1. What are all the steps...

The bottom-line is the violations remain outstanding and uncorrected.

And while some on the call believe the District will be dissolved at tonight's meeting. This is not true. There is a process to follow. Also be assured I, as well as council, want to schedule an in-person meeting to discuss the PEOSH violations and other issues uncovered since July of 2020, many of which the general public is not aware. During this meeting we will personally invite the current Landisville Board of Fire Commissioners, past Commissioners and the previous Chairs of the Board and current and past line officers. We will also have a series of direct questions to ask the past two and current chief of the Fire Company. I will also ask members of the governing body of Newfield Borough to explain their process when placed in a similar situation as we in the Borough are in now. A date for this meeting has not been established yet.

I'd like to turn over this portion of the call to the Borough's solicitor, Angela Costigan, to explain the process.

So before council takes any action on the matter, I'd like to open the public portion of the meeting for comments. This is your time to make a statement. It is not a question and answer period. Should council wish to respond they may do so at the end of the public portion of the meeting . Please limit your comments to five minutes. Please state your name and address for the record. Those of you not speaking, please place your phones on mute so we may hear the speakers clearly. Everyone who wants to speak will get the opportunity.

The floor is now open."

Mayor Dave Zappariello

From: Vincent Jackson <vjackson@pressofac.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:28 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Vincent Jackson of The Press of Atlantic City with a Monday night favor.

Monday, April 12, 2021

Buena Boro Mayor Dave Zappariello:

This is Vincent Jackson at the Press of Atlantic City newspaper. I listened in on your Bueno Boro Council meeting tonight. It sounds like when you spoke to open the meeting that you were reading from a prepared statement. If you were not, that was quite impressive.

If It was a written statement, I wanted to know if you could send me a copy of it tonight via email. My two email addresses are vjackson@pressofac.com and acfeatures@gmail.com

Also, early in the meeting, a Charles Gazzara spoke. I have two questions. Do I have the correct spelling of his first and last name and what is his title or relationship to the fire department, if you know.

You can call me before 9:30 tonight, if you see this email Monday night at 609-272-7202.

Thanks,

Vincent Jackson

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Commissioner

March 15, 2021

Joseph Santagata, Commissioner Chairman
Landisville Fire & Rescue
102 W. Arbor Avenue
PO Box 305
Buena, NJ 08326
Landisvillefirerescue@gmail.com

Re: Landisville Fire & Rescue
Buena Borough Fire District #1
102 West Arbor Avenue
PO Box 305
Landisville NJ 08326
UPA Number: 1670260
Inspection No.: 1500073
Letter sent by email only

Dear Mr. Santagata:

The Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Program is reopening the above referenced enforcement case based on information received stating that Landisville Fire & Rescue is currently in a status of suspended operations but intends to resume operations at the above facility.

As discussed during the telephone call between PEOSH and Landisville Commissioners on February 19, 2021, outlined in an email from PEOSH to Landisville Commissioners on February 22, 2021, and reiterated again in a letter from PEOSH to Landisville Commissioners dated February 22, 2021, several original citations were abated due to the closure of the facility but remain uncorrected/noncompliant. As Landisville Fire & Rescue is currently in a suspended status and is not officially out of business, the Order to Comply issued December 16, 2020 remains in force with outstanding violations requiring abatement.

Landisville Fire & Rescue must complete a Petition to Modify Abatement (attached) officially requesting an extension to complete the required abatement of outstanding violations specified in the Order to Comply. Once the completed document is received and reviewed, Landisville Fire & Rescue will be notified of the new abatement due date. As specified in PEOSH correspondence on February 22, 2021,

failure to comply may result in the issuance of monetary fines for unabated PEOSH health violations should Landisville Fire & Rescue resume operations at this facility.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me via e-mail at Glenn.Pulliam@doh.nj.gov and copy Peosh@doh.nj.gov. Your personal support and interest in the safety and health of your employees is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Glenn Pulliam

Glenn Pulliam, Program Manager
Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program

Facility Name: Landisville Fire & Rescue / Buena Borough Fire Dist. 1 **Case #:** Inspection #1500073

Petition for Modification of Abatement Date/Extension Request

An employer may file a petition for modification of abatement date when they have made a good faith effort to comply with the abatement requirements of a citation, but such abatement has not been completed because of factors beyond their reasonable control.

A petition for modification of abatement date must be in writing and must include the following information or it will not be granted and a failure to abate penalty order to comply will be imposed:
(use additional sheets as necessary)

(1) **All steps taken by the employer, and the dates of such action, in an effort, to achieve compliance during the prescribed abatement period.**
Citation 1, Item 1: Abated.
Citation 1, Item 2: Not Abated. First Responder Operations Refresher training conducted on January 31, 2021.
Additional training being scheduled for firefighters still needing this refresher training.
Continued in Attachment 1 which is annexed to the Abatement Date / Extension Request.

(2) **The specific additional abatement time necessary, in order, to achieve compliance.**
The Board of Fire Commissioners and the Landisville Fire and Rescue Company #1 request an extension until June 1, 2021 to abate all outstanding violations indicated within the Notice of Order to Comply issued on December 16, 2020.

(3) **The reasons such additional time is necessary, including the unavailability of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment, or because necessary or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the original abatement date.**
Abatements were submitted but rejected as they were determined to be incomplete. Schedule necessary training sessions and complete other actions to abate all violations indicated within the Notice of Order to Comply issued on December 16, 2020.

(4) **All available interim steps being taken to safeguard the employees against the cited hazard during the abatement period.**
All operations of the Landisville Fire and Rescue Company #1 have been temporarily suspended until June 12, 2021. The suspension may be extended. Operations will not resume until abatement of all violations indicated within the Notice of order to Comply issued on December 16, 2020.

(5) **A certification that a copy of the petition has been posted.**
By signing below, you are certifying that a copy of this Petition has been posted.

Employer Signature: Keith B. Kemery ***Date*** 3/31/2021

1. Continued: All steps taken by the employer, and the dates of such action, in an effort to achieve compliance during the prescribed abatement period.

Citation 1, Item 3: Abated. Respirator fit testing has been completed for all firefighters. who enter or are exposed to IDLH atmospheres.

Citation 1, Item 4: Not Abated. Respirator training completed for all firefighters who enter or are exposed to IDLH atmospheres.

Citation 1, Item 5: Abated

Citation 1, Item 6: Not Abated. Blood Borne Pathogens Training conducted on January 17, 2021 by Mr. Vincent Jones, Course Manager for the Atlantic County Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management. Additional training sessions will be scheduled for additional active members needing same.

Citation 1, Item 7: Not Abated. Follow up training being scheduled to review the adopted Exposure Control Plan.

Citation 1, Item 8: Abated

Citation 1, Item 9: Abated

Citation 1, Item 10: Not abated. HazCom training sessions to be scheduled for firefighters needing same.

Citation 1, Item 11: Not abated. HazCom training with review of the Department's written program and safety data sheets to be scheduled for firefighters needing same.

Citation 1, Item 12: Abated

Citation 1, Item 13: Abated (Manufacturer's Manuel for MAKO M3103 Air Fill Station)

Citation 2, Item 1a: Abated - Landisville FD 300 log for year 2017 Submitted

Citation 2, Item 1b: Abated - Landisville FD 300 log for year 2018 Submitted

Citation 2, Item 1c: Abated - Landisville FD 300 log for year 2019 Submitted

Citation 2, Item 2a: Abated - Landisville FD 300a Summary Log for 2017 Submitted

Citation 2, Item 2b: Abated - Landisville FD 300a Summary Log for 2018 Submitted

Citation 2, Item 2c: Abated - Landisville FD 300a Summary Log for 2019 Submitted

** End of Attachment **

Re: Ordinance #699

David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Tue 4/13/2021 10:16 AM

To: GLENDA MARTINELLI <g541@verizon.net>
Cc: Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>

Glenda,

My father would not be angry with me. I am offended by your assumption and statement.

Dave

From: GLENDA MARTINELLI
Sent: Monday, April 12, 7:55 PM
Subject: Ordinance #699
To: David Zappariello

Mayor Dave,

I sent an email to you and your council a short while ago but I didn't get a confirmation.
Just a quick recap I am sending prayers for tonight's meeting for you to delay this proposal on District #1 until there is a meeting.with You, Council, and both Fire Districts 1 and 2. All personal feelings must be put aside. This meeting request is the fair thing to do in good Mayor and Council ethics.
It was very upsetting to find District #2 prepared paper work with or for you as it seems in the agenda "behind the backs" of District #and 1? Is that fair? No. Your father may he
Rest In Peace is probably so angry at you right now. I hope you all come to your senses tonight
to schedule a talk with both districts and be fair.

Thank you for your time

Glenda Martinelli

Re: Fire Safety concerns

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Tue 4/13/2021 4:08 PM
To: Robert E. McNulty, Sr. <remcnultysr@yahoo.com>

Sir,

Thank you for reaching out and for your concern, it is greatly appreciated!
I will read through and be back in touch!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
Director of Public Safety
Emergency Management Coordinator

Borough of Buena
616 Central Ave
Minotola, NJ 08341
Mobile: 609-579-2634
joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org

From: Robert E. McNulty, Sr. <remcnultysr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:22 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fire Safety concerns

What a mess in your community with the fire service.

There are a host of concerns that may impact the ability of the borough to hold sway over the fire district. If you have not already done so, it would pay to have the borough legal council determine where the lines of authority exist.

Some factors to consider are as follows:
1. Who owns the building and the lot on which it stands?
2. Who owns the fire apparatus and associated equipment?
3. Who owns the firefighter protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)?
4. Who is responsible for insuring the building, the apparatus and the membership? Are the coverages for each sufficient?

Who is responsible for apparatus maintenance?
1. Are there records for maintenance on the apparatus?
2. Are the ladders, both ground and aerial, certified on a regular basis?
3. Are the fire pumps tested on a regular basis?
4. Is the SCBA tested and certified on a regular basis. This includes proper flow tests and certification by a qualified service provider. Are the cylinders hydrostatically tested on a regular basis as required?
5. Is the fire hose (all sizes) tested on a regular basis?

Is all of the turnout gear up to the latest requirements of the NFPA? This includes boots, helmets, gloves, hoods as well as jackets and pants. Is the turnout gear properly sized for every member?

Is every firefighter properly trained in the use of the SCBA? Is every firefighter assigned his or her own mask after proper fit testing? Is there only one manufacturer of the SCBA to simply both training and the limited in-house maintenance that can be performed by members so certified by the manufacturer to perform such limited maintenance?

What sort of training records are maintained in the firehouse? Is every firefighter trained at the minimal level as required in New Jersey? Are the officers trained at the minimal level for their respective positions as required by New Jersey? Does each individual have a training record indicating his/her attendance at fire company training events? Is there a provision to indicate additional training received outside of the Fire Company? Is there an separate record describing the details of the training performed by the Fire Company?

Does the Fire Company train with other mutual aid companies? Do members attend other training opportunities outside of what is offered during company drills? Have members attended classes offered by the New Jersey State Fire College or the National Fire Academy?

Does the Fire Company have any standard operating procedures that are well known and fully understood by the firefighters? Who is allowed to operate the various fire apparatus? Are there training procedures for driver/operators of the individual apparatus that are certified prior to any individual being allowed to drive or operate any of the apparatus?

Does each apparatus contain sectional maps indicating the location of hydrants or large volumes of water that can be used as drafting sites in the community?

Are there pre-incident plans for facilities that indicate utility connections and shut-offs, storage of hazardous materials, types of construction, points of entry and egress, hazardous operations, life safety hazards and other unique characteristics of the premises?

Is there a available inventory of equipment for neighboring fire communities listing such information as length and type of aerial apparatus, tankers or vehicles with large water capacity, spare SCBA cylinders that are compatible with those in use in the Fire Company, an air compressor vehicle capable of refilling SCBA cylinders on site of the incident, hazardous incident vehicles, dive teams, availability of foam, or other specialized equipment.

What type of firefighting foam and equipment is utilized by the Fire Company?

Does the Fire Company or the Board of Fire Commissions have any input with the planning board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment to share firefighting concerns? Is there a Fire Risk Analysis/Planning unit that reviews applications before either board?

Does the Fire Company provide any Fire Safety Education programs for the public, the schools, local businesses, houses of worship, civic organizations or the like?

What agency performs fire safety inspections in the community? Is each facility properly registered? Who performs fire safety sub-code construction plan review and inspections under the Uniform Construction Code in your community? What level of plan review is conducted locally: residential, industrial commercial, high hazard?

There is more that should be considered and each of these categories can be expanded upon in more detail. If I can assist you in any fashion please let me know.

"No trees were killed in the making of this email.....however, a large number of electrons were diverted from where they originally wanted to go."

Bob

ORDINANCE NO. 699

emvspp@yahoo.com <emvspp@yahoo.com>

Wed 4/14/2021 9:22 AM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>

Good morning,
As a resident of Buena Borough after listening and reading over the resolution proposed on Monday April 12, 2021 by Mayor and Council members I have some questions in regards to the 'Financial Savings' mentioned in page 5 of the resolution document. I think many if not all resident would like to see documentation to show how these 'Financial Savings' were calculated and see exactly what they stand to gain over this move in terms of savings, vs what they stand to loose as far as safety. I would like for Buena Borough to post proper reviewed documents on their website to show resident yearly operating cost of fire district # 1 and fire district # 2 the tax rate they each receive and the area they each cover in our town, obviously showing the last few years as we are aware that fire district # 1 has been suspended towards the end of 2020 year. I think it would only be FAIR and transparent by this board to show residents just how these saving were calculated and compare what expenses would be going ahead by executing this resolution VS previous years expenses for both fire districts operating together. I think this would really reassure the residents that this is not yet another move as executed in past with the police department, I think our Mayor spoke volume at our meeting when mentioning "Dirty Laundry" as unfortunately it saddens me to say this but it seems that that's the only thing that goes on in Buena Boro!! Thank you all for your time, and I hope you'll consider showing and sharing with the residents this information.

#2 which provides fire suppression services to the residents in the Minotola section; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Council that there are serious health and safety issues within the Borough of Buena Fire District #1; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have authorized an audit of the Fire District #1; and

WHEREAS, Ford Scott Associates, certified public accountants, has issued an audit report on the Financial Condition of the Board of Commissioners, Fire District #1, Borough of Buena, dated April 2, 2021 and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, wherein Michael Garcia, CPA has rendered the opinion that there are violations of statutory obligations and duties by the Board of Fire Commissioners in the operation and administration of the funds of the Borough of Buena Fire District #1; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has requested and received an expansion plan prepared

by the Buena Borough Fire Commissioners of Fire District #2, dated April 2, 2021 along with a membership certification list, apparatus list, line officer list, and commissioner list attached hereto as Exhibit "B," and made a part hereof which provides for the safe, efficient and orderly expansion of the Buena Borough Fire District #2 ; and

WHEREAS, after careful examination and analysis, the governing body has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to dissolve the Borough of Buena Fire District #1 and to expand Fire District #2 to assume responsibility for the fire suppression services of the Borough of Buena Fire District #1 as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the governing body recognizes a compelling public safety and health interest and a financial savings to the residents of the Borough of Buena in dissolving Fire District #1 and expanding the Fire District #2; and

WHEREAS, the governing body finds that the efficient, proficient, fiscally responsible and effective delivery of fire suppression services shall be achieved by the dissolution of Fire District #1 and expansion of Fire District #2; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena adopted Resolution No. 2021, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF BOROUGH OF BUENA FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20 AND EXPANSION OF FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER TWO PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-90; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20, any municipal governing body which has established a Fire District, is empowered to dissolve the Fire District by ordinance, providing said ordinance is approved by the Local Finance Board within the Department of Community Affairs, prior to adoption; and

Re: **LANDISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sat 4/24/2021 12:12 PM
To: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Received, thank you.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
Director of Public Safety
Municipal Emergency Mgmt Coordinator

Borough of Buena
616 Central Ave
Minotola, NJ 08341
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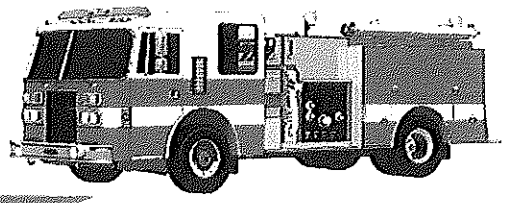
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> On Apr 23, 2021, at 22:52, Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> Mayor and Council:
>
> Please see the attached flyer to support the Landisville Volunteer Fire Department District #1.
>
> Please join the community at the Landisville Fire Department on **Monday, April 26th at 6pm** for an informative meeting presented by the department immediately followed by a community rally at 6:30pm where residents can show their support of our department that needs to resume service protecting its residents and their property immediately.
>
> Mayor and members of council have not been in touch with the department since the violations were issued to discuss a resolution or to see with their own eyes the violations that were issued and how they have been corrected. Maybe members of the council have not been provided all of the information needed to make an informed decision on such an important matter to this community?
>
> As representatives of our community, please come to the meeting and ask questions if you can't make time to meet the Chief or the Fire Commissioners of District #1 on your own. They are available to meet with anyone of you at any time.
>
> Proud Representative for this Community,

Susan Romeo
609-774-5648

PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS EMAIL
<LVFD Flyer.jpg>

MONDAY, APRIL 26th
Landisville Fire Dept
6pm—Status Update
6:30pm—Gather to
Show Support



MONDAY
APRIL 26TH
BORO COUNCIL
MEETING
7PM BY PHONE

MONDAY APRIL 26TH

LANDISVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT #1

6pm—Fire Dept will provide update to interested community members

6:30pm—Gather at Fire Dept to Show with Signs (Media was Notified)

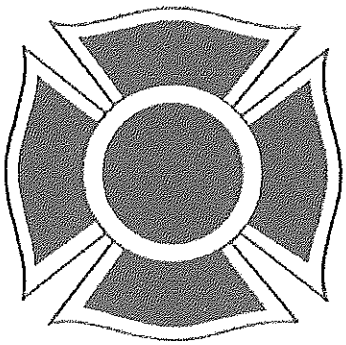
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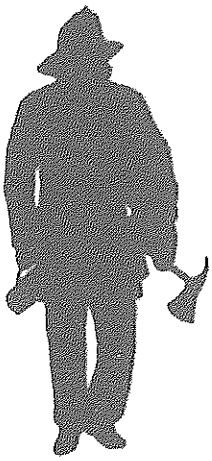
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WE SUPPORT LANDISVILLE FIRE/RESCUE







OPEN OUR STATION!

Re: Tonight's Meeting

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Mon 4/26/2021 4:21 PM
To: Cuellar, Dann <Dann.Cuellar@abc.com>

Hi Dann,

Mayor and Council will not be discussing the Landisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company at tonight's meeting.
A public meeting will be held in the future to discuss the fire company, but a date has not yet been set.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
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From: Cuellar, Dann <Dann.Cuellar@abc.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:14 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Tonight's Meeting

Hi Councilman,

This is Dann Cuellar from Action News.
Could you please call me about tonight's meeting concerning the Landisville Fire Company. I don't want to make a mistake and make sure I have the right information. I can be reached by cell @ 215-771-9163

Thanks!

Dann Cuellar
Action News

Sent from Dann Cuellar
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Opinion Section of AC Press

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Wed 4/28/2021 11:39 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
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1 attachments (271 KB)

Landisville Fire ACPress Opinion 4.27.2021.pdf;

In case you did not have the opportunity to read the attached letter printed in the Opinion section of the AC Press in the 4/27/2021 edition that supports the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company from the President of Egg Harbor City Fire Department, it is attached for you to read.

Every firefighter I come in contact with is stunned at the actions of Buena Borough's mayor and council regarding their volunteer fire department, especially those with decades of experience. I don't think you realize how foolish you all look to not only your community but now to many, many more as word is spreading throughout our region with the media's interest.

Somehow I don't think the situation you have created will sit well with the residents as time ticks on.....you should all do what is right and place our fire department back in service since they were NEVER ordered closed by the state!!!!!

Susan Romeo
Landisville

be said for the Delaware Bay.

DAVID G. BLOOD
Mays Landing

Fire volunteers targeted

As a life member Volunteer Firefighter of almost 40 years and president of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department, news regarding the fire service hits home. Recent news about Landisville Fire Department makes me question sanity.

Instead of standing behind the volunteers who protect their community to the best of their ability, politicians choose to criminalize public service. They should be fighting the draconian training requirements written at the state level by self-serving and compensated "experts." Instead, they vilify the volunteers who rise to service all hours of the day and night to serve their communities out of love and respect. To save from harm the very people who would hold them responsible for not following the letter of the law.

Accused criminals typically can't be kept locked up anymore for breaking the law, and the liberal jack-wagons in Trenton are releasing criminals with drug and sex offenses and forcing them to integrate into law abiding neighborhoods without local approval, so some officials go after friends and neighbors who put themselves in harms way.

I don't disagree with the need for training but the people who have to find some way to justify their jobs by overzealous enforcement should be held criminally responsible for destroying community spirit. Show me empirical evidence of volunteer firefighter injuries that warrant the severe enforcement of these laws and I'll change my opinion.

JOHN PETERSON
Egg Harbor City

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Politics is the pursuit of trivial men who, when they succeed at it, become important in the eyes of more trivial men."

GEORGE JEAN NATHAN
American drama critic and magazine editor

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Financial Violations

Robert James <npd615@gmail.com>
Tue 5/4/2021 12:56 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

To: Mayor David Zappariello

Councilman, Joseph D'Allesandro

Date: May 4, 2021

RE: Financial Violations

Gentlemen,

I have taken the opportunity to review the audit conducted on the Borough of Buena Fire Commissioners Zone 1, commonly referred to as the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC).

The audit, conducted at additional taxpayer expense, found two discrepancies in the spending practices of the LVFC, namely;

1-Length of Service Program (LOSAP). ,The audit found no irregularities in the LOSAP program and the bank accounts associated with such program.

2-Use of Credit Card. The audit found that the use of a credit card by the LVFC was contrary to New Jersey Administrative Code 5:30-9A1. Once brought to the commissioners attention the LVFC remedied this matter by canceling the credit card.

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Regards,

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Ex-Councilman, Borough of Buena

Ex-Assistant Chief, Landisville Vol. Fire Company

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Financial Violations

Robert James <npd615@gmail.com>

Tue 5/4/2021 12:56 PM

To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

To: Mayor David Zappariello

Councilman, Joseph D'Allesandro

Date: May 4, 2021

RE: Financial Violations

Gentlemen,

I have taken the opportunity to review the audit conducted on the Borough of Buena Fire Commissioners Zone 1, commonly referred to as the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC).

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Borough of Buena Fire District #2 letter to Mayor and Council

Minotola Fire Commissioners <minotolafireco@comcast.net>

Wed 5/5/2021 9:15 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
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Fire District #2 letter to Buena Borough Mayor and Council_05.05.2021.pdf;

Dear Honorable Mayor David Zappariello and Council,

Please see attached letter from the Commissioners of Buena Borough Fire District #2 (Minotola Fire Company).

As always, please feel free to contact us with any comments or questions.

Respectfully,

Steve LaPorta, Chairman
Buena Borough Board of Fire Commissioners - Fire District #2

Honorable David Zappariello, Mayor
Buena Borough Council
616 Central Avenue
Minotola, NJ 08341

Dear Mayor Zappariello and Council,

As you are aware, since the suspension and subsequent investigation by Mayor and Council into Landisville Fire Company, the membership and the Commission of Fire District Zone #2 has remained neutral and has not commented on the matter. However, due to recent attacks on social media, the Commission of Buena Borough Fire District #2 feels compelled to officially respond to these allegations on behalf of our constituents and members, as well as address some information not known to the public. We recently received anonymous complaints with respect to alleged violations and deficiencies from PEOSH and Department of Health. Upon both informal and formal investigations, all allegations were determined to be unfounded. After we supplied requested documentation, the cases were closed, and no further action was recommended moving forward.

Since April 28th, the commission has received numerous OPRA requests from current and former members of the Landisville Fire Company. The requests ranged from inquiries to our current membership roster and certifications, LOSAP status, and financial practices and expenditures. We intend to respond to each request individually pending review from our Legal counsel. Some of the requested information may be deemed privileged and/or confidential. Landisville Fire Company's collective requests for public information, and the reports of alleged deficiencies within Minotola Fire Company to The New Jersey Departments of Labor and Health, PEOSH, are clearly fishing for anything negative or non-compliant associated with Minotola Fire Company. These unfounded reports, made by Landisville Fire Company, are a transparent effort to mitigate the action of Mayor and Council in the dissolution of Landisville Fire Company. Perhaps Landisville's efforts may be better spent correcting their deficiencies, as well as conducting internal fault analysis to identify the reasons for the systemic and catastrophic failure of their management and oversight responsibilities at Landisville Fire Company, as opposed to waging a negative campaign against Minotola Fire Company.

We could not and cannot publicly support Landisville Fire Company without ignoring the scope and severity of the PEOSH violations as well as their Firefighter training and certification deficiencies. Our position is consistent with surrounding emergency service organizations who have also elected not to publicly support Landisville Fire Company. Landisville's issues and violations were self-inflicted and have nothing whatsoever to do with Minotola Fire Company. Nothing was ever said or reported to any agency, local, state, or otherwise, by Minotola Fire Company, that facilitated or supplemented any investigation into Landisville Fire Company.

In response to the letter, dated May 4, 2021, which has been posted on Social Media by Robert James. The Buena Borough Board of Fire Commissioners – Fire District #2, would respectively respond and submit the following facts and information:

Credit Card:

After reviewing a Local Finance Notice (LFN 2018-13), issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 the Commissioners of Buena Borough Fire District #2 have discontinued the use of the credit card for online and emergency purchases. The credit card account has been closed. Please be advised that we are in the process of establishing a Procurement Card (P-Card) account.

Claimant/Vendor Certification – Purchase Order:

After reviewing the same Local Finance Notice, the Commissioners of Buena Borough Fire District #2 have discontinued the use of the original purchase order. The original purchase order did not contain a 'Claimant/Vendor Certification' section. The Commissioners have since revised the purchase order to include the 'Claimant/Vendor Certification.'

Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

Regarding the LOSAP program, the Commissioners of Buena Borough Fire District #2 have requested a ruling from DCA (Division of Community Affairs) as well as the New Jersey Attorney Generals Office (NJOAG). Please be clear, that this was initiated by the Board of Fire Commissioners – Fire District #2; specifically, the LOSAP program eligibility for Fire Commissioners who were never active firefighters providing volunteer emergency services. As well as, Fire Commissioners who were once active firefighting members, but only received LOSAP program credit for holding the position of Commissioner; and they were no longer active firefighters. The Commissioners of Fire District #2 have been debating this issue for over nine (9) years; with one Commissioner in opposition to the majority opinion, granting their eligibility. In 2019, the debate continued, and a decision was made to get a decision from the DCA. The DCA rendered an initial decision, which stated "Active volunteer member, means a person who has been so designated by the governing board of a duly created emergency service organization and who is faithfully and actually performing volunteer service in that organization." The Commissioners of Buena Borough Fire District #2 asked a very simple question: Are the aforementioned Commissioners, eligible for LOSAP without performing emergency services; or not. Upon advice of counsel, we have frozen the LOSAP distributions pending a final decision from NJOAG. We are still awaiting a decision from the Attorney Generals Office.

Financial Audit:

With respect to the recommended audit, please be advised that a GASB yellow-book audit is completed annually by Martini & Martini, CPA. As well, a A133 Audit was completed in 2018 in

conjunction with a federal grant that was awarded to Buena Borough Board of Fire Commissioners – Fire District #2. We are confident in the service provided by Martini & Martini, CPA. Martini & Martini are in the process of completing the 2020 GASB yellow-book audit. Once completed, a copy will be provided to Mayor and Council. We would welcome any additional audit that the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

We remain curious as to why when, on no fewer than three occasions in 2020, two at Minotola's Fire House, when Landisville Commissioner Charlie Gazzara inquired about getting some assistance and guidance from Commissioners LaPorta and Abriola, we never heard back from him. When asked, we both responded with, "whatever you need, let us know when and where," to assist them. Additionally, on September 16, 2020, while attending and supporting a Landisville member's memorial services, at Landisville Fire station, Charlie Gazzara once again requested information and assistance from Commissioner Abriola. It is my understanding that Commissioner Abriola went to his home and returned with a PEOSH standards document and PEOSH contact information. It was suggested to both Charlie and Loretta that they should request a PEOSH self-audit of Landisville Fire Company, noting that this type of audit request would not result in any fines and would generate a list of violations. PEOSH would work with Landisville to correct deficiencies within an agreed schedule. It is also my understanding that Commissioner Abriola offered to assist Charlie with, or write the remediation plan and schedule for compliance for the Landisville Fire Company, with a plan of action for the Borough, utilizing Landisville's attorney to present this remediation plan and schedule to Mayor and Council.

Why has Landisville Fire Company ignored every one of Minotola Fire Company's offers to help Landisville Fire Company? Has any of our previous efforts been shared with anyone else at Landisville Fire Company? Why has Landisville Fire Company not accepted Minotola Fire Company past and present Chief's repeated invitations for training opportunities, at Minotola's expense, over many years, to include but not limited to: CPR training and certification, annual fit testing and certification, annual Right to Know, blood borne pathogen training, NJ State Fire Fighter II testing and certification, advanced Incident Management certification, including IMS through Level 3, combined training drills, live burn building training activities at both Atlantic and Cumberland County Fire Academies, among many other opportunities offered to their membership at no cost to the tax payers of District 1?

We had no intention of responding in kind with public information requests or issuing any toxic and inflammatory comments within social media. Please be assured there are items we could address and make public. However, Minotola Fire Company will remain neutral with deference to Landisville's attempt to discredit Minotola Fire Company's standing and reputation within the community.

If for one moment anyone thinks these developments are something Minotola Fire Company wanted, is celebrating, or in any way facilitated, they could not be more wrong. We would have much

rather attempted to assist Landisville Fire Company with their compliance issues, training, and certification deficiencies, before this got to the stages of suspension; and had two competent companies, with certified fire fighters, to protect and serve our borough. We now realize that absent the desire to promote a cultural transition within the Board of Fire Commissioners – Fire District #1 Landisville, that any efforts to remediate regulatory, firefighter training and certifications are unlikely to be sustainable. The fact this is no longer a viable option did not diminish Minotola Fire Company's sincere efforts to assist Landisville Fire Company in the past. We were willing to assist Landisville Fire Company with correcting deficiencies. However, we did not agree that meeting with attorneys, absent any agenda, was an integral component necessary to accomplish this goal.

If Landisville's efforts to discredit Minotola Fire Company is the tactic being used in a desperate attempt to reverse Mayor and Council decision to dissolve the district and expand District #2, then they should compare ALL of their deficiencies to our level of competencies, including training, operations, certifications, and our consistent and unparalleled response rate. Let us also compare budget philosophies and protocols. By comparison, Fire District #2 does not include disingenuous line-item requests for i.e: pump testing and hose testing that never got scheduled or completed with their balances transferred to surplus. We never claimed to be perfect.

The Commissioners of Buena Borough Fire District #2 are diametrically opposed with Robert James' statement regarding dissolution of both fire districts to create a Municipal fire company. We do not feel that this is in the best interest of the residents of Buena Borough. Combining competent and certified fire fighters from Minotola Fire Company, with non-certified or adequately trained remaining members and management from the Landisville Fire Company will just recreate the issues experienced by Landisville Fire Company and places our trained and certified firefighters at risk. We, the Commissioners of Buena Borough Fire District #2 believe that Robert James' recommendation is a recipe for imminent failure of volunteer fire service in Buena Borough.

Respectfully,

Steven LaPorta Anthony Abriola Jeff Pace Brian Ewan Justin Lilla

The Commissioners of Buena Borough Fire District #2

Cc: File
Richard Braslow, Esq.
President Chapman and the membership of the Minotola Fire Company

Re: Opinion Page of AC Press 5.7.2021 TOP STORY HEADLINE

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Fri 5/7/2021 11:07 AM

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I apologize, I forgot to include the link: https://pressofatlanticcity.com/news/our-view-buena-should-rethink-attempt-to-eliminate-volunteer-fire-company/article_21886664-46d2-5710-aa94-50612d91f9f1.html?fbclid=IwAR1HWkh9K0uzRGU1M3loBNPPn_2REdEn337YIp5LO1-q5pFxTQyqQ91oqa4#tracking-source=home-top-story-1

On Fri, May 7, 2021 at 10:51 AM Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com> wrote:

> The Press of Atlantic City posted this article in the Opinion page in today's paper. In case you can't open the link, I copied the text so it's easy for you to read. As I previously asked, how long do you want to continue to look foolish to not only your community but our region as word spreads about your incompetence to make rational decisions for our town? You will surely all leave a poor legacy in your community if you continue this action!
> Open Landisville Fire Department!!
>
> Borough of Buena officials seem more than a little ungrateful for the first-responder services of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company over the years — 99 years to be exact.
> At a time when communities across America are doing all they can to stop or reverse the decrease in people volunteering to handle a challenging, occasionally dangerous job requiring a huge commitment of time and training, Buena officials are trying to put the fire company out of existence.
> Last year a former member complained to three state agencies about deficiencies and compliance issues he found with the fire company. These included products that weren't labeled for their chemical contents, some gear that was out of date and some firefighters late in completing their annual respirator training. State agencies made inspections and came up with a list of a couple dozen violations of state regulations.
> In a line of work where mistakes can be costly and even tragic, there were no allegations of deficient job performance or wrongdoing.
> To us, none of the publicized violations sound serious enough to justify borough officials seeking to terminate the volunteer fire company rather than help it get back up to compliance — especially during the pandemic when normal activities were more difficult or not possible.
> We would be surprised if a disappointed or disgruntled worker couldn't come up with violations against any medium to large business in over-regulated New Jersey.
> Half or more of the violations were remedied by February. By the end of last month, company Chief Ken Barbagli said all of the problems had been addressed, "but the state hasn't signed off on it yet." He added the firefighters believe Buena officials are urging the state to keep the violations open while they pursue their effort to close the volunteer company.
> Around the time last fall that state inspectors were looking for problems at the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company, the National Fire Protection Association was analyzing a new survey

on the possible causes of the loss of volunteers critical to ensuring fire protection for most Americans.

The NFPA said that volunteer recruitment and retention has been steadily decreasing for three decades — dropping from 8 volunteers per 1,000 people in 1987 to 5.8 in its 2018 US Fire Department Profile.

The survey by the National Volunteer Fire Council found that two-thirds of fire departments are struggling to retain volunteers and nearly all blame it on the need to commit to responding at all hours and to undergo hundreds of hours of training.

But when the NVFC asked former company members why they quit, they overwhelmingly gave a far different answer — problems with department culture and leadership. Their top four reasons for leaving were department cliques and groups that exclude others; leadership that doesn't focus on or support members' needs; members in different generations not getting along; and "a lack of camaraderie or sense of community among everyone in the department." These are challenges that just about any group, including local government officials, needs to consider and address.

We wonder whether something along these lines isn't among the issues for Buena and its volunteer fire department.

There would have to be a compelling, insoluble reason for throwing away a century-old volunteer fire company these days. We don't see anything close to that.

When people volunteer to handle a tough job that would otherwise cost a lot of money, the sensible thing is to welcome the help and make sure the volunteers have all they need to get the job done.

Buena and state officials should try helping the Landisville firefighters. That's their job.

Susan Romeo
Landisville Resident

Re: Meeting with Fire Dept??

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>
Fri 5/14/2021 10:26 AM

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Yes, you stated there would be a public meeting on this topic but do you still have no intention of meeting with the leadership or commissioners of fire District #1 one on one? What is your reasoning for not having an interest in meeting with the fire department?

It certainly doesn't appear you are doing ANYTHING to get LVFD open, only to make the public THINK you care about their concerns then will just move forward with your and Councilman D'Alessandro's plan to use money raised by Landisville residents to pay the debt of Minotola Fire and expand their company into a building Landisville residents helped to fund.

Considering Minotola Fire District #2 has a higher tax rate than Landisville District #1 and LVFD's red trucks would have to be painted black, this would come as added expenses to both Landisville and Minotola residents.

Your Borough agenda minutes and recorded comments state the department would be reopened once the violations have been abated and is signed off by the state. Why would you even need a public meeting on this topic when they could just be reopened as soon as the state signs off unless you never intended to reopen the department?

You don't appear among our community to be serving them very well and it's getting noticed abundantly more as our community is learning about how you have been handling the actions against LVFD.

I continue to be disappointed with how you and your council are representing Buena Borough residents and the volunteers that drop everything instantly to answer a call to protect our community.

Susan Romeo

On Fri, May 14, 2021, 7:34 AM David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org> wrote:

> Mayor and council will be holding a public meeting on this matter. A date has yet to be determined.
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> **From:** Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 7:41:36 AM
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Subject: Meeting with Fire Dept??

Although Mayor Zappariello stated publicly at the May 10 council meeting when asked, that I MISUNDERSTOOD his statement that the Borough planned to meet with the Landisville Fire Department to discuss issues and assured me he ONLY stated that there would be an in-person special meeting for the public to discuss the issues that "the public may not be aware of". That statement is again, FALSE.

On April 12th, the mayor specifically stated that he planned to meet with Landisville Fire as well as Newfield Borough for guidance purposes to discuss PEOSH violations and other issues "uncovered since July" and he would have "direct questions" for past and present LVFD Chiefs. I am also aware that the Borough of Newfield issued a letter that they have no intention of becoming involved with any issues related to Buena Borough and Landisville Fire. So I ask again mayor, when do you plan to schedule this meeting? It has been one month since your statement at the April 12th council meeting. Please listen your statement of the recording from the April 12th Borough council meeting to jog your memory at https://youtu.be/FcT_inmIIzA

I guess it is safe to say that it was NEVER your intention to meet with our fire department to help resolve anything so they could reopen...your only plan was to close them. By your statement to me at the May 10th council meeting that you did not state at a prior meeting you wanted to meet with our fire department was a LIE! This only confirms the LVFD Chief's comment to me that you advised him when he contacted you to meet with the department that "you had no reason to meet with him".

Stop playing with the safety of Buena Borough residents and help get LVFD back OPEN!!!!!!!!!!

I'll expect a prompt reply.

Regards,
Susan Romeo
Borough Resident

Requesting Meeting ASAP

Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com>

Sat 5/15/2021 1:26 PM

To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>

Hi Mayor, I am writing to you today in an attempt to convince you to have a one on one meeting with me to discuss the ongoing , ununified relationship between Landisville Volunteer Fire Co and the Borough of Buena. I have been requesting to meet with you since the original suspension. I have voiced to you on several occasions my opinion on the OEM Coordinators' unethical, personal affiliation with a Deputy of OEM, Joseph Kaspars. While I understand you're aware that Joseph Kaspar was the acting chief of Landisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company and admitted to turning the company into P OSHA when his position as chief was overturned by the membership. It's unfortunate that you've seemingly welcomed the sneaky, deceitful, slander of the former chief and mr. Rowan.

This is my formal request to have a meeting with in the next few days. I'm requesting you and OEM Coordinator; Mr. Joseph D' Alessandro III pick a time and place. I do not object to you bringing your attorney or fellow council members to the meeting. It's time to put this humiliating circus to an end. As you know, your appointed OEM Coordinator is not interested in helping LVFD to re-open. Instead you are playing political chess and laughing at our attempts to get re-opened.
I hope to hear from you soon.
856-617-2522

Regards,

Kenneth Barbagli
LVFD Chief

Landisville rally

Ahmad Austin <aaustin@pressofac.com>

Fri 5/21/2021 8:21 AM

To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

1 attachments (179 KB)

LVFC_Flyer.pdf;

Hello, Councilman,

My name is Ahmad Austin and I'm a reporter for The Press of Atlantic City. I'll be attending the rally for the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company, and I wanted to know if there have been any new developments in the situation. Also, I have attached a flyer that resident Susan Romeo has sent to us and wanted to get your reaction to some of the flyer's claims.

Thank you.

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- → 9/17/2020 – Special Council Meeting Closed to Public to Discuss Contract Negotiations for both Landisville & Minotola Fire Departments (Minutes to be disclosed within 180 days–it's been 230+ days)
- → 10/13/2020 – Financial audit ordered of Landisville Fire Department (Report Released at 4/12/2021 Council Meeting - Only 3 Clerical Procedures Noted and Procedures Have Been Revised to Comply)
- → 10/16/2020 – State of NJ Completes Inspection of LVFD by request of member/former Captain and Secretary of Landisville Volunteer Fire Department. (This was the SAME PERSON responsible for maintaining these records and ensuring the department was compliant up until September 2020.)
- → 11/18/2020 – Notice of Order to Comply/Violations Issued by State of NJ (Allowed 30-60 Days to Abate Violations by the State of NJ)
- → 12/14/2020 – Boro Council did not honor state timeline and passed Resolution Suspending Fire Suppression Operations of LVFD for a 90-Day Period
- → LANDISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT ORDERED CLOSED BY THE STATE OF NJ!!
- → Jan – March: Mayor Zappariello and Councilman D'Alessandro visit select Boro residents at their homes explaining to them that LVFD received many violations that resulted in the Boro being responsible for paying hefty fines as a result of those violations... THIS IS 100% MISLEADING FALSE INFORMATION.
- → All training deficiencies were corrected, and a software program is in place to ensure required training is not overlooked in the future.
- → Many organizations within the Boro have infractions that require remediation. Why is Boro Council placing Landisville Fire Company under the magnifying glass?
- → 3/12/2021 – Boro Council holds a Special Meeting for the sole purpose of extending the suspension of LVFD for an additional 90 days and to read to the public the list of violations issued to LVFD and POSSIBLE FINES if not abated while implying to the public the Boro was actually responsible to pay the fines listed.
- → ABSOLUTELY NO FINES WERE ASSESSED TO THE BORO OF BUENA OR LANDISVILLE FIRE DEPT!!!
- → 4/12/2021 – Boro Council passes Resolution to apply to the state local finance board to Dissolve Landisville Fire Department and expand the services of Minotola Fire District #2.
- → Mayor Zappariello stated at the above council meeting that he and Councilman D'Alessandro met with LVFD on multiple occasions regarding these violations when THEY DID NOT! (Mayor Zappariello & Councilman D'Alessandro attended Fire Commission #1 Meetings for LVFD but neither spoke a word!
- → **Does the Mayor & Council want the building for another purpose or just their fat bank account? (LVFD is financially stable, and ALL trucks & equipment are PAID FOR; LVFD HAS ZERO DEBT)**
- → LANDISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE HAS RESOLVED ALL VIOLATIONS AND IS AWAITING ACTION FROM THE STATE TO BE OFFICIALLY CLEARED TO REOPEN – DELAYS WERE INCURRED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
- → Buena Boro NEEDS BOTH Landisville & Minotola Fire – Eliminating one department will result in the BORO PAYING A FEE by requiring neighboring fire departments to cover our town when our fire department is on an active call – THIS WILL INCREASE YOUR TAXES!



REOPEN LANDISVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT!!!

Meet us at LVFD Saturday, May 22 at 2pm to show your support!!!!!

Buena Boro Mayor & Council Corruption

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Mon 5/24/2021 10:47 PM

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3 attachments (3 MB)

Joseph Kaspar _ Facebook.pdf; Landisville Fire _ Facebook.pdf; OPRA Buena Boro Invoices from Solicitor 2020-2021.pdf;

Mayor, Council, Boro Solicitor, Elected Officials, and Media Correspondents,

As a follow up to the Boro council meeting this evening, Monday, May 24, 2021, I would like to reiterate some information:

Mr. Mayor was asked: What was the date of the state inspection at Landisville Fire Dept? His response: October 16,2020

Mr. Mayor was then asked: Could you tell me what date the council first voted to suspend fire suppression services of the Landisville Fire Department? His response: December 14, 2020

Following receipt of an OPRA request, several interesting things were discovered:

- From July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, the Boro solicitor billed the Boro $11,025 on matters related to Landisville Volunteer Fire Department
- On July 23rd, the solicitor billed for reading an ordinance on the creation and dissolution of a fire district
- On August 6th, the solicitor billed for reviewing and analyzing dissolution procedures
- On March 10th, the solicitor billed for reviewing and analyzing the preparation for a resolution to further dissolve LVFD
- On March 23rd, the solicitor billed for reviewing and analyzing documents sent by Joe on dissolution (I presume Joe D'Alessandro) and for preparing the initial application for dissolution
- On April 2nd, the solicitor billed to review and analyze an unnecessary financial audit on the fire department ordered by the Boro back in October (also ordered before the state inspection) and the Boro's expansion plan for Minotola fire district #2. The Boro was also billed on that date to finalize an ordinance and resolution to begin proceedings to dissolve LVFD. The Boro officially began dissolution proceedings at the April 12th council meeting even though a month prior they extended the department's suspension of fire suppression services for an additional 90 days which would run through at least June 12th.

The fire department did not receive official notice of any violations until November 2020. Mayor Zappariello was asked to explain to council, the public and voters on the call why he would have the Boro solicitor review ANYTHING related to dissolving a fire department LAST JULY & AUGUST?? His response: Just that there are other things that he will discuss at Wednesday's public in-person meeting.

(A Special Meeting In-Person Boro Council meeting was posted today on the Boro website - Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:30pm In the Buena Regional High School Cafeteria, 125 Weymouth Road, Buena NJ 08310)
http://www.buenaboro.org/pdfs/special%20meeting%20May%2026%202021.pdf

This certainly sounds like the dissolution of Landisville Fire Department was premeditated and calculated, downright corrupt. How can Mayor Zappariello continue to lie to the public that the Boro's decision to shut down the fire department had anything to do with the violations? Every person on the line during the phone-in council meeting and everyone included in this email knows that when any workplace has an inspection, there are almost always violations issued along with a date to have them abated. The public, our elected representatives and the media need to be reminded that the state DID NOT close Landisville Volunteer Fire Department. The state would have allowed the fire department to continue to operate while the violations were being abated. Buena Boro mayor and council instead chose to illegally close our fire department more than one month after violations were discovered. The state would not have allowed the department to continue operations if the violations were that serious. What town tries to get rid of VOLUNTEERS, especially during a pandemic when every place on the planet can't do enough to honor their volunteers and first responders?

These are all facts. I don't think the rest of Buena Boro council members are aware of what Mayor Zappariello and Councilman D'Alessandro have been up to since last July. Councilman D'Alessandro should have been doing his job as Public Safety Director & Office of Emergency Management Coordinator for the Boro by monitoring the fire department's progress in abating violations so they could reopen as soon as possible to resume protecting our life and our property, but it is clear Mr. D'Alessandro and Mayor Zappariello had other plans in mind.

It should also be noted that Buena Boro's OEM Deputy Coordinator, Joe Kaspar, is not a Boro resident as is required and was removed as Chief of Landisville Volunteer Fire Department prior to the department being reported to the state due to him not being a Boro resident by not meeting the standard for municipal emergency management requirement. Landisville Fire Department bylaws state that if a qualified Boro resident(s) are available to be Chief, the position should be filled by one of those individuals. Shortly after Mr. Kaspar's removal as Chief, Mr. Kaspar's close friend, Brian Rowan, made the call to the state. Not only did Mr. Kaspar not work with Buena Boro's OEM Coordinator, Mr. D'Alessandro, to monitor the fire department progress and lend assistance, he chose to mock the closing of the fire department on his personal Facebook page, he chose to post on the official Landisville Fire Department page, which he still has control of, a link to a website that was created to discredit the integrity of the fire department. In case Mr. Kaspar decides to delete these items from these Facebook pages, they are attached for your review. Mr. Kaspar's behavior goes against public employment policy as he was not following the policies and procedures of his office by practicing conduct unbecoming a government employee.

This could all have been taken care of if Mayor Zappariello would have met with the fire department's initial request to sit down together, instead of responding to current Chief, Ken Barbagli, that there was nothing to talk about when contacted at the onset. Instead, our mayor chose to stick to his plan to close the fire department and as a result has run up the bill from the Boro solicitor, costing taxpayer money, wasting taxpayer money. He thought no one cared about our 99-year-old fire department and he would just push forward without objection, but he couldn't be more wrong.

How can Boro Council claim to be holding a public meeting to discuss the Landisville Fire Department without even inviting or notifying one commissioner, officer or member of Landisville Volunteer Fire Department to participate in the meeting? If they truly wanted to resolve the issue they would have made sure all parties were specifically invited to the meeting. Is this meeting just for the council to appear to be listening to the community? If there were issues that were so serious, why wait since July 2020 (9 months) to make them known? The Boro suspended the fire department for violations. They have been abated. The department should reopen to serve the community following the state reinspection next month.

This community does care about our volunteers at Landisville Fire Department and we adamantly object to their closure. Mayor and Council will not win this battle without a fight and can rest assured that 'We the People' will stop at nothing to have these corrupt politicians removed from office. Everyone on council involved in this corrupt scheme should seriously consider resigning so they don't end up involved in this scandal and become a documented embarrassment to our community.

The State of NJ Local Finance Board was forwarded dissolution documents following council's approval of a resolution on April 12, 2021 to begin dissolution proceedings. The case could be placed on their June 9th docket. The State Fire Inspector scheduled an in-person reinspection of Landisville Fire Department on June 11th, advising that was the earliest date the inspection could be scheduled. The Landisville Fire Department kindly requests that either the case with the Local Finance Board be postponed until their July meeting or the fire inspection date be completed prior to the Local Finance Board meeting. The fire department is ready and waiting to be inspected to be cleared to reopen. The department is more than capable and adequately equipped to respond to any emergency right now. All of the attention the department has received has resulted in quite a few community members expressing interest in joining the department as soon as they are cleared to reopen. Any assistance that can be provided to help the fire department move forward will be greatly appreciated by the volunteers and this community.

Thank you for your support!

Susan Romeo
Landisville Resident
609-774-5648



Joseph Kaspar

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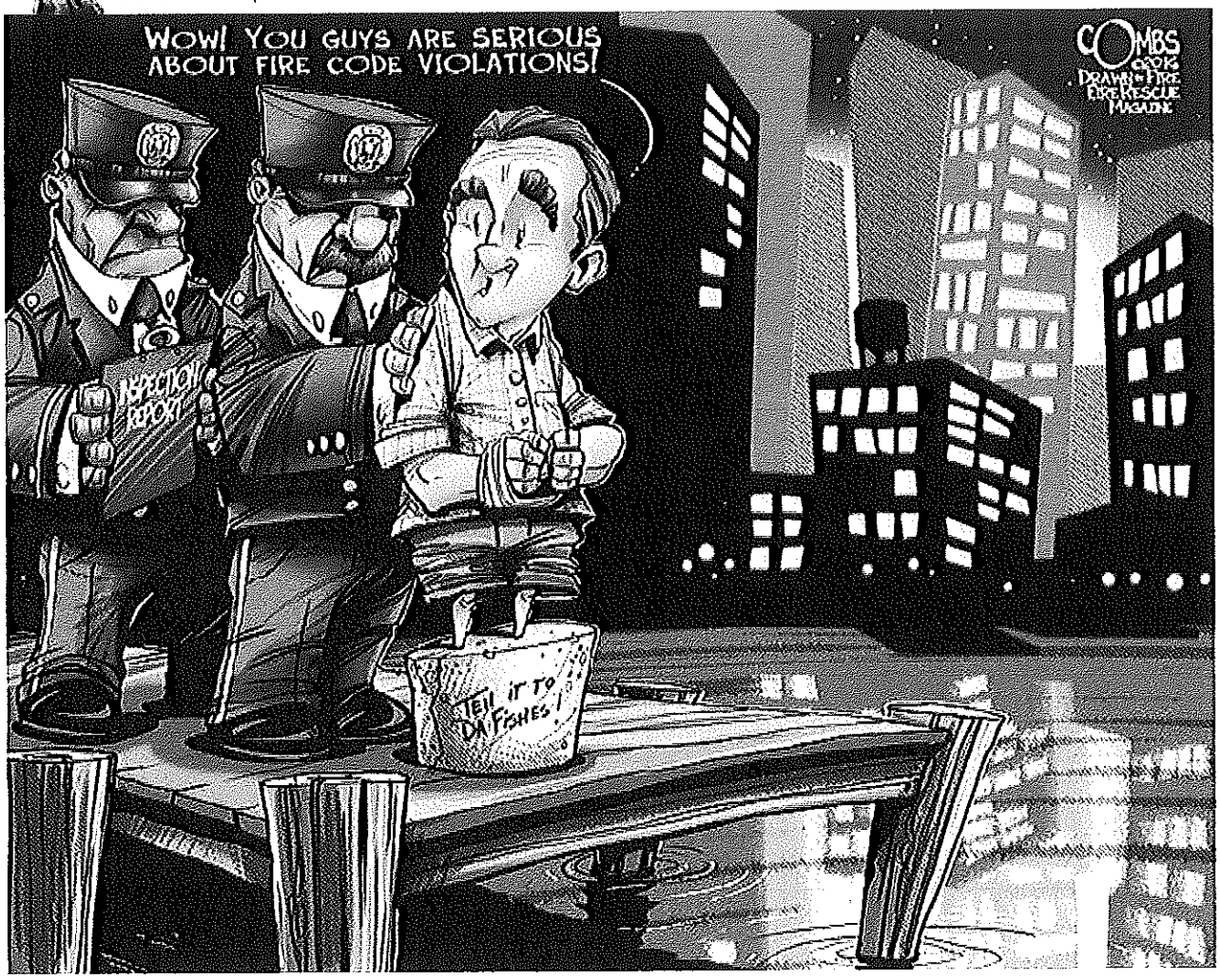
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What is going on with you and **Brian Rowan** and the fire house? I keep seeing things and I'm confused to what is going on.

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Brian Rowan
Chris Rivera they fucked around and found out.

Bunch of admin and leadership issues. Which ended up with a suspension of services for the next 90 days. And who knows if they even return. That's the cliff note version.

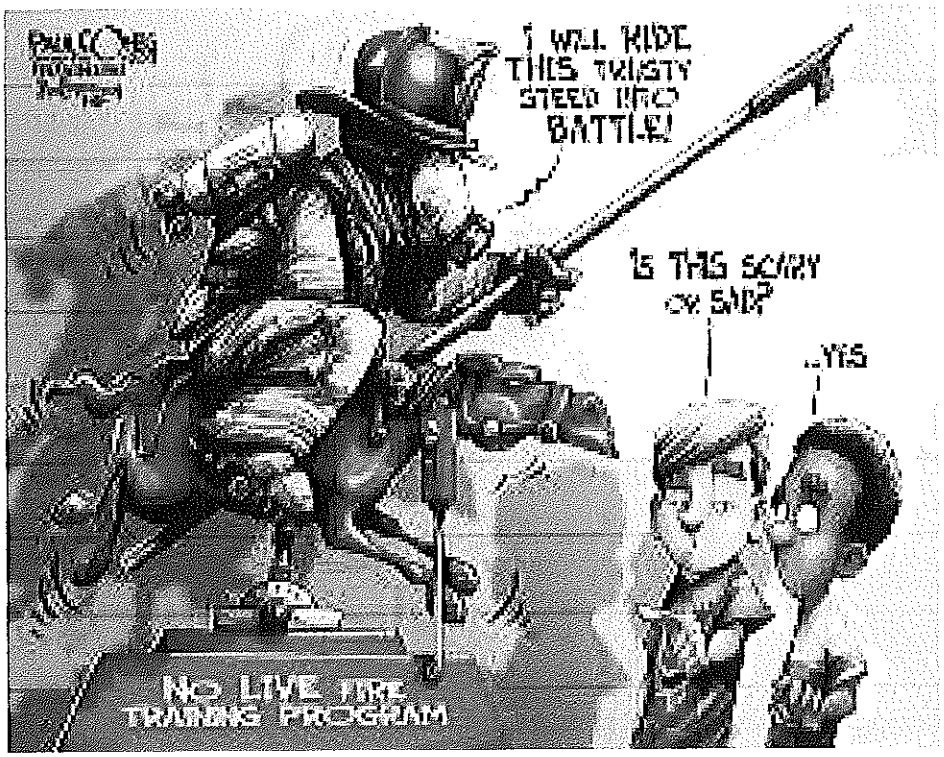
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Joseph Kaspar
In a nutshell, it's a long story of leadership, commission and individuals that believe they are above reproach. Cop-out's they love to use are, no one else is complaint, someone else didn't do there job, I might be the supervisor but its not my responsibility, we're just volunteers so we don't need to follow state rules. Pass the buck to cover there ass and never take responsibility is the mentality.

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Joseph Kaspar
December 10, 2020 ·

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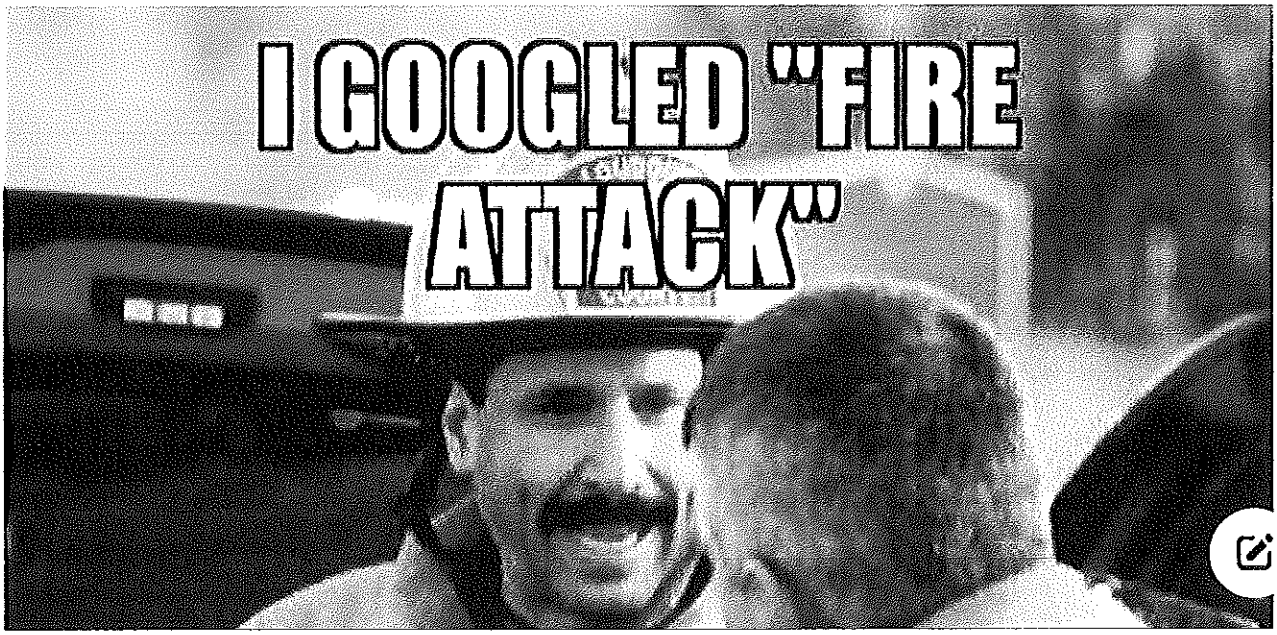
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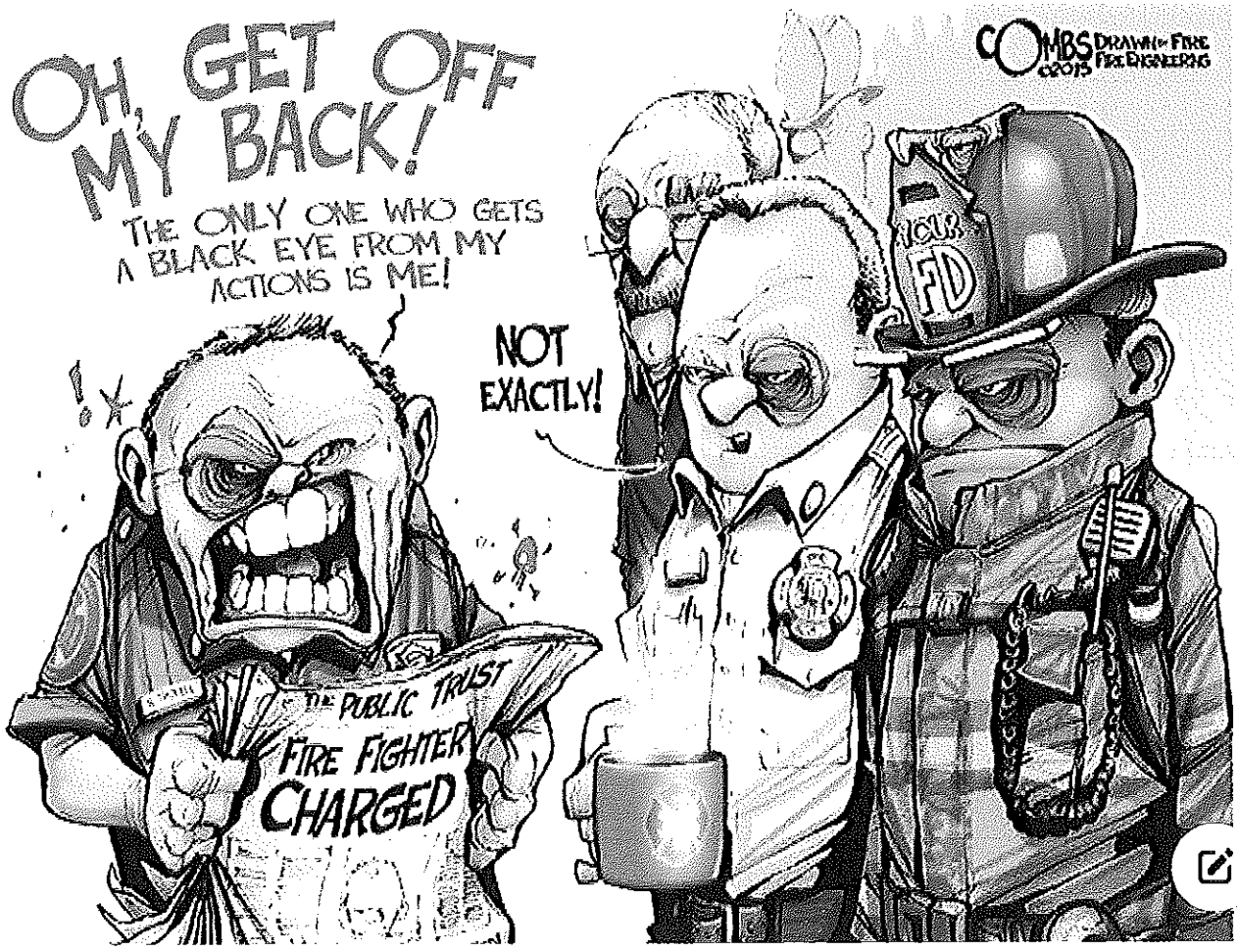
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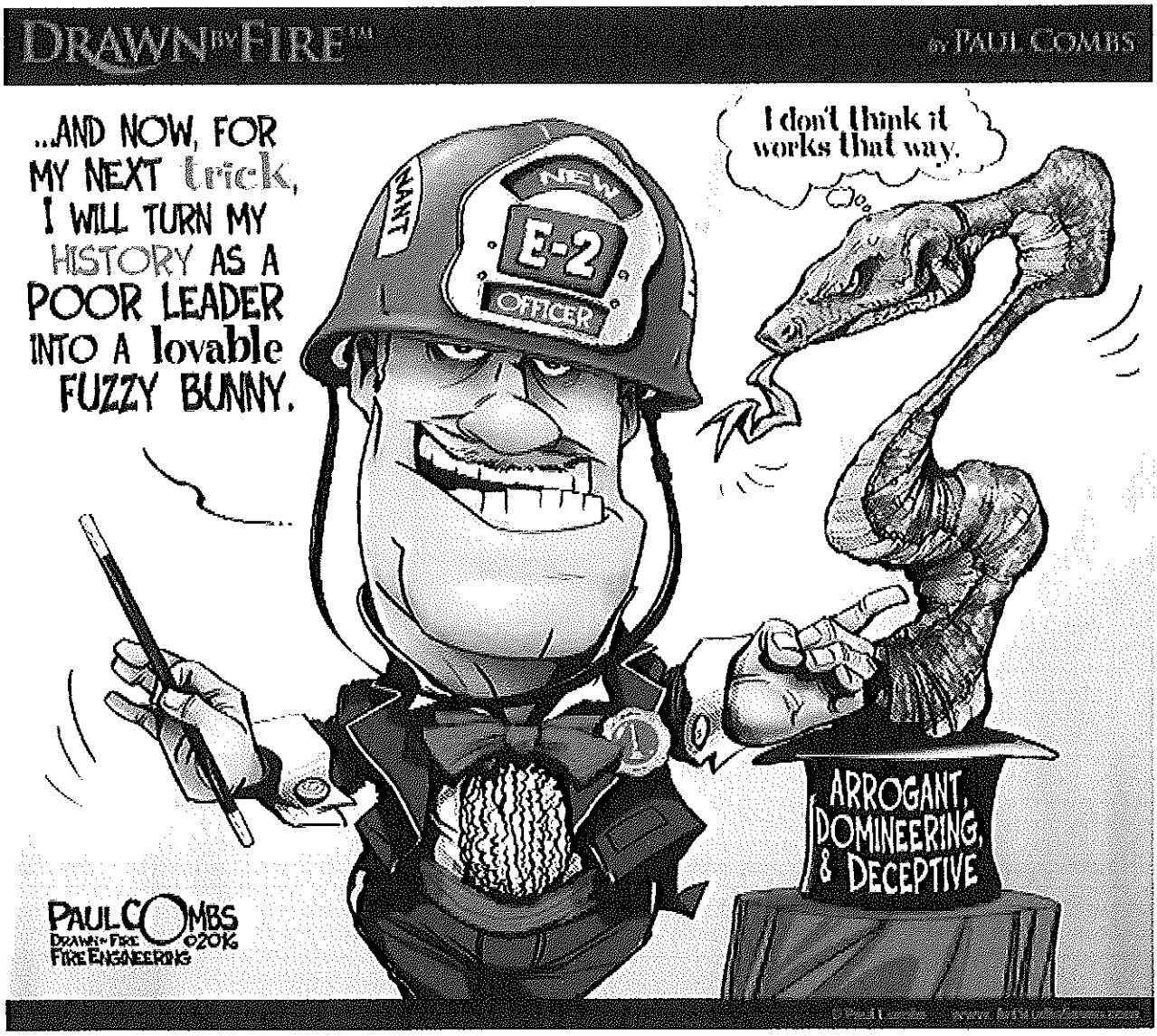
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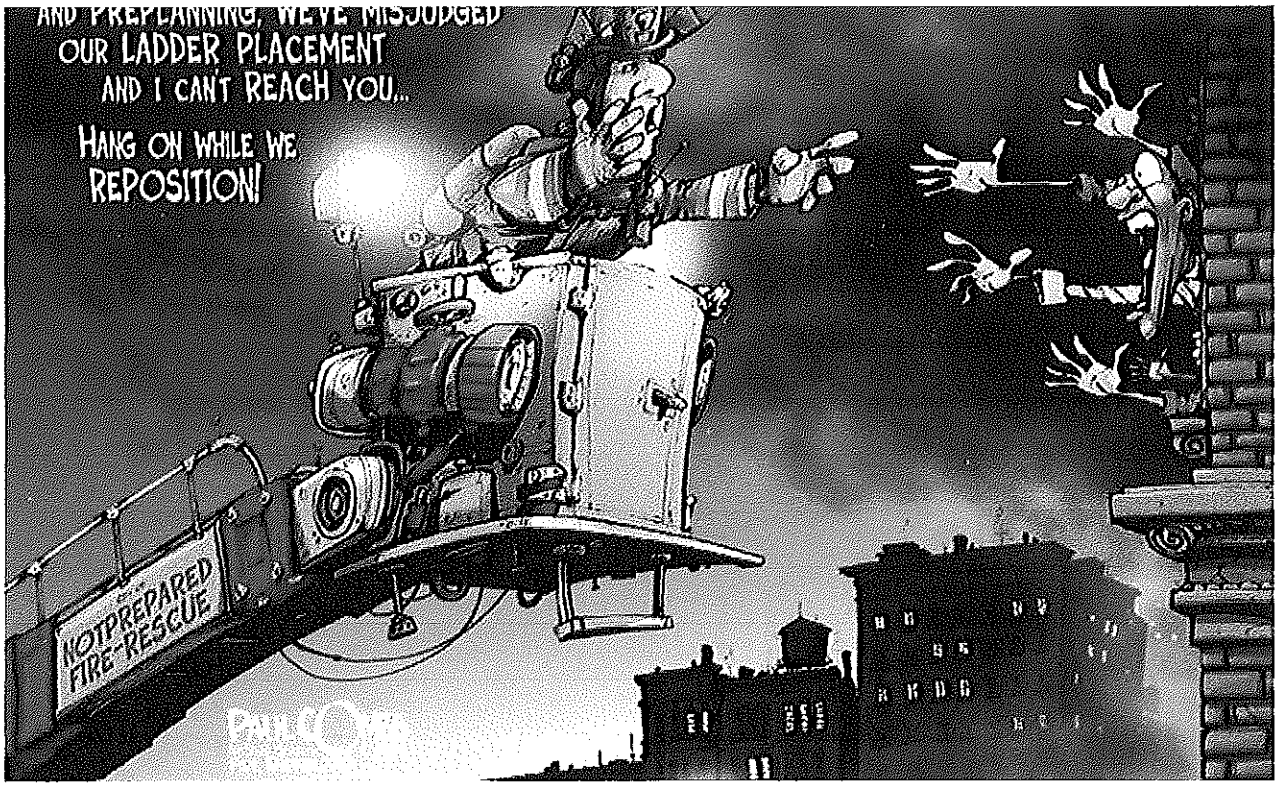
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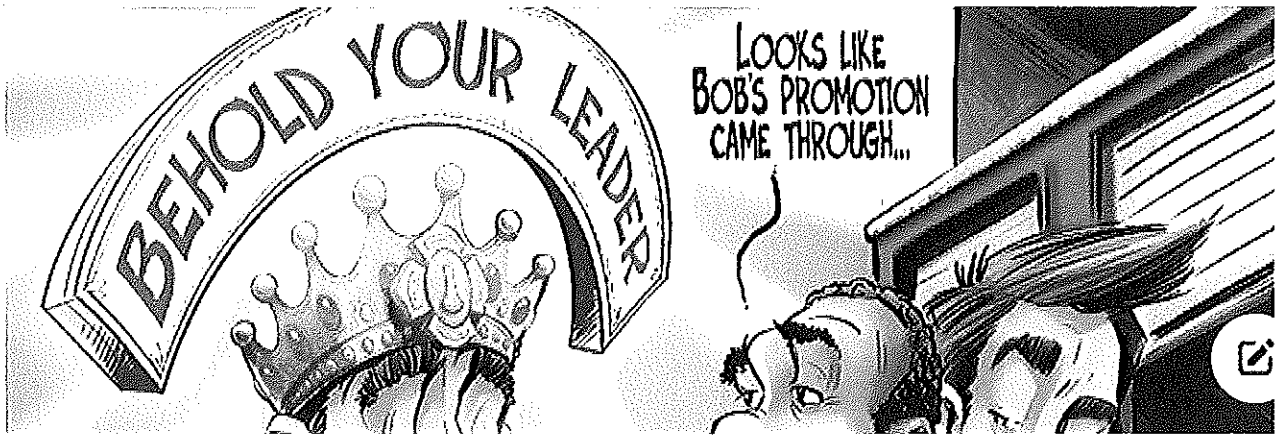
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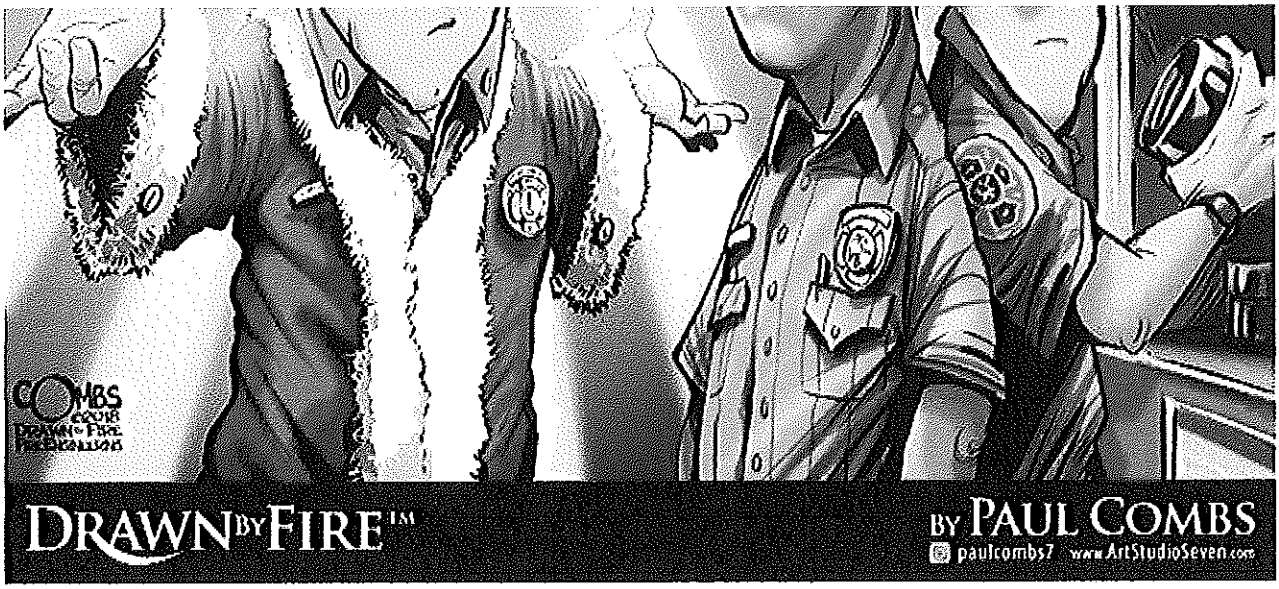
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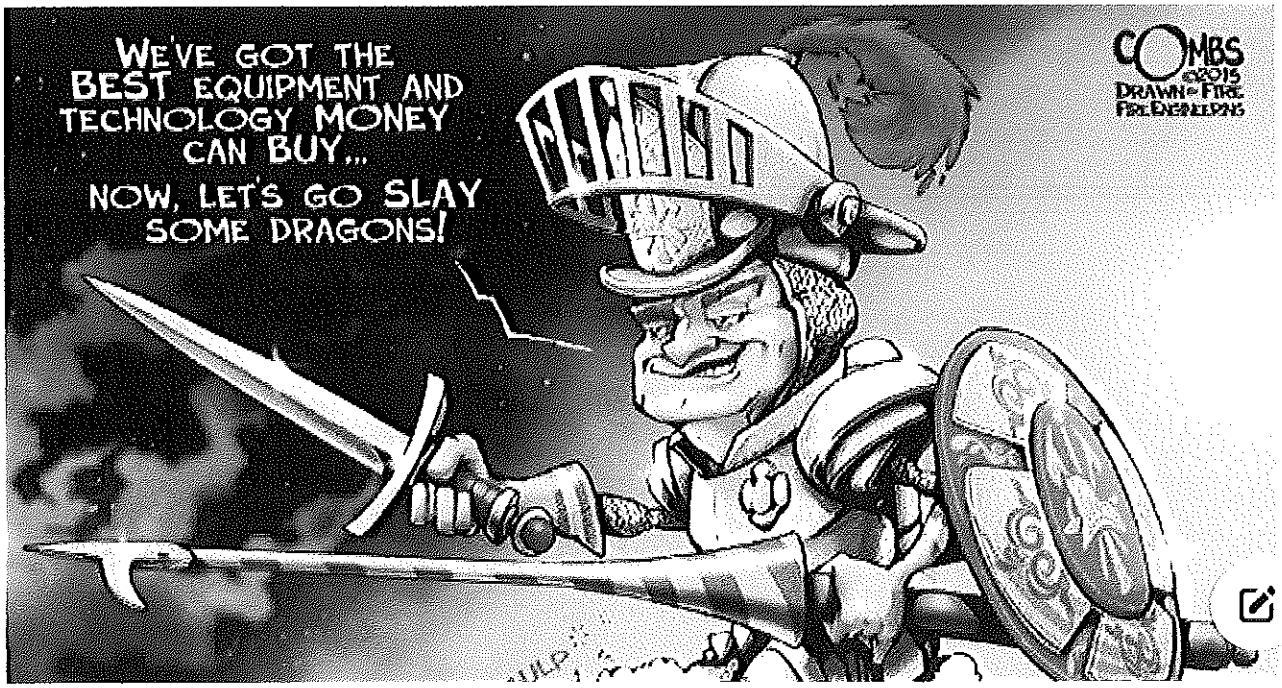
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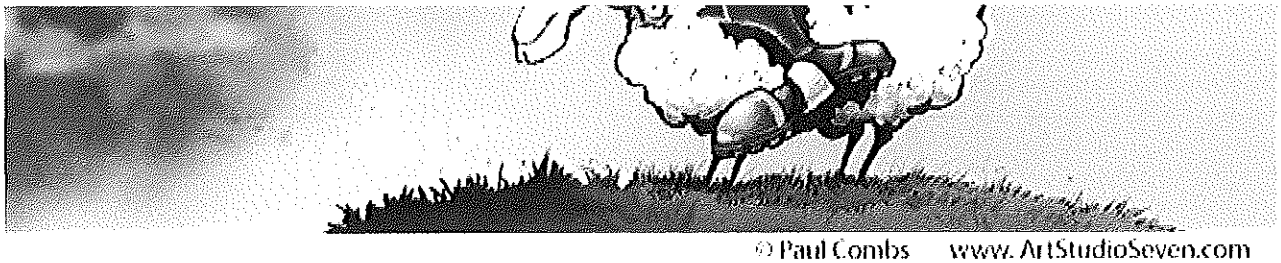
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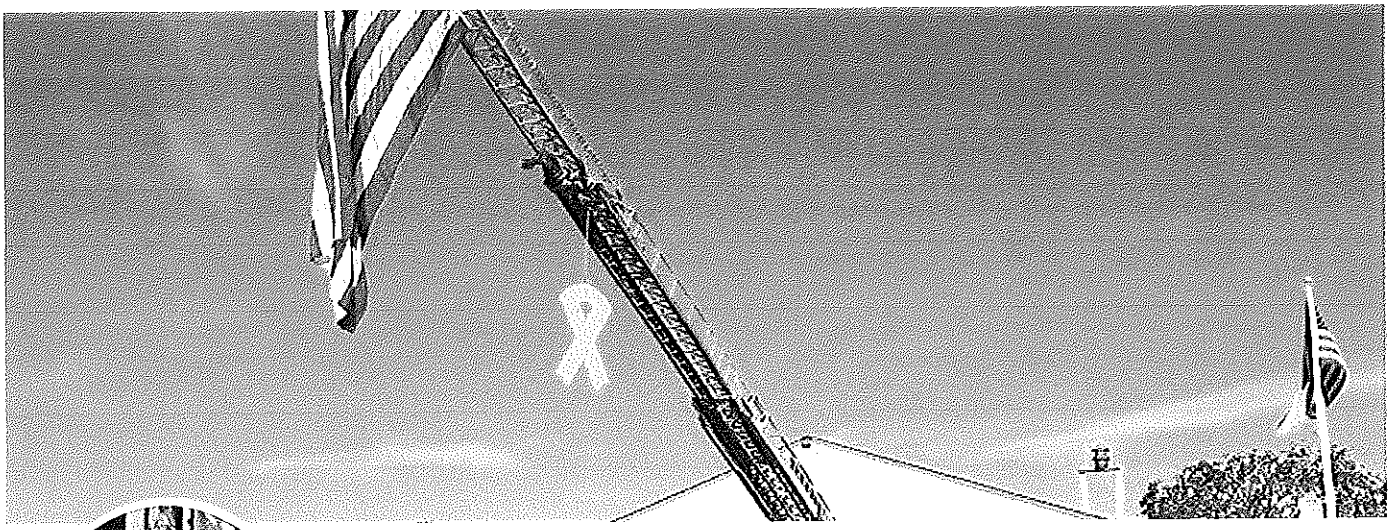
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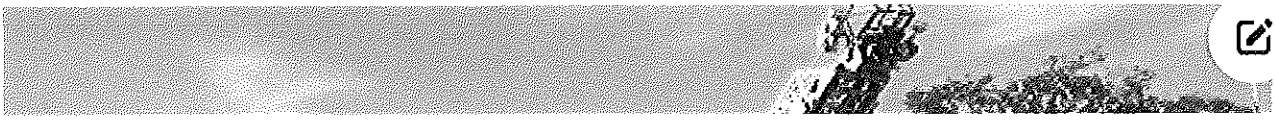
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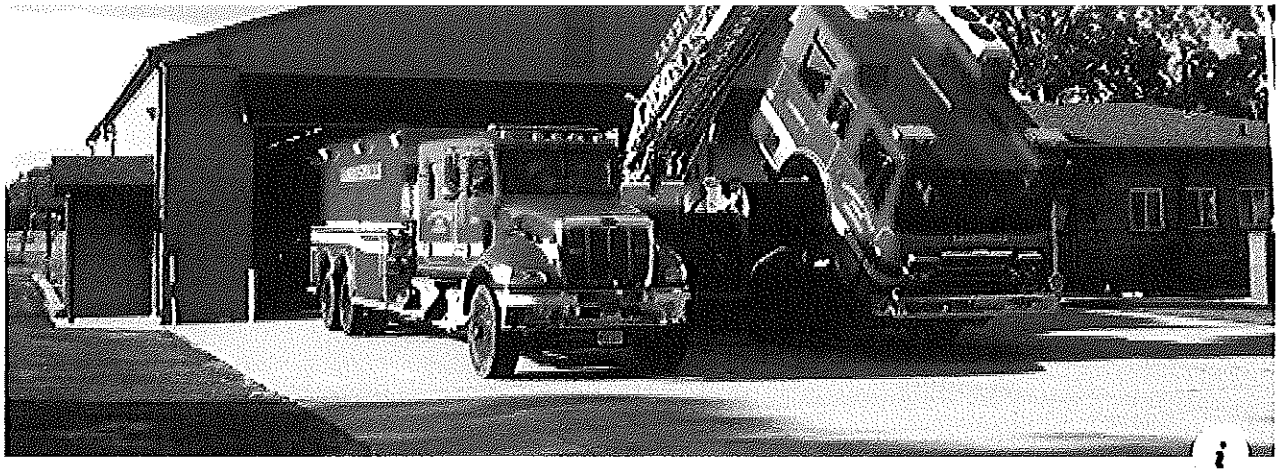
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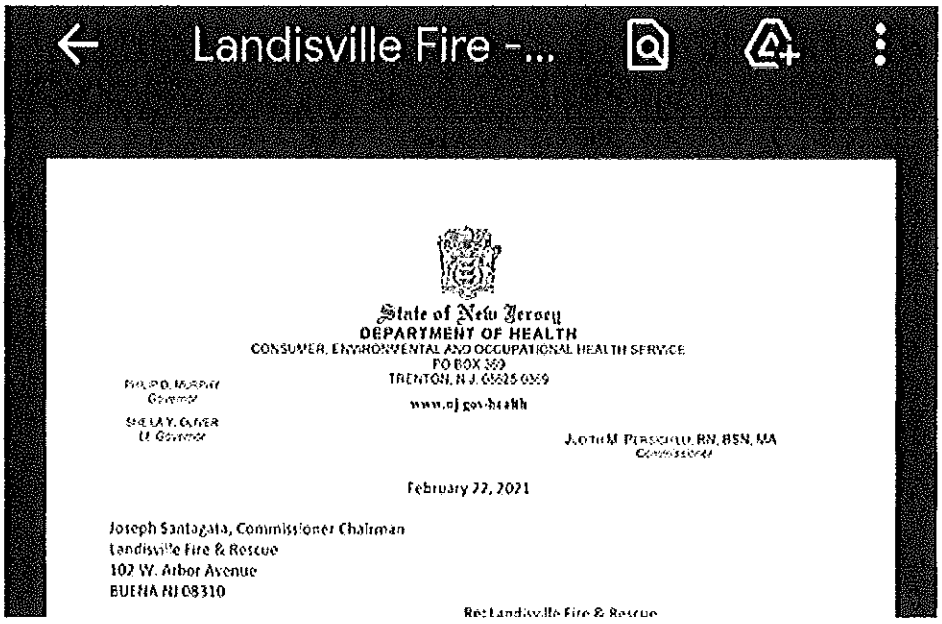
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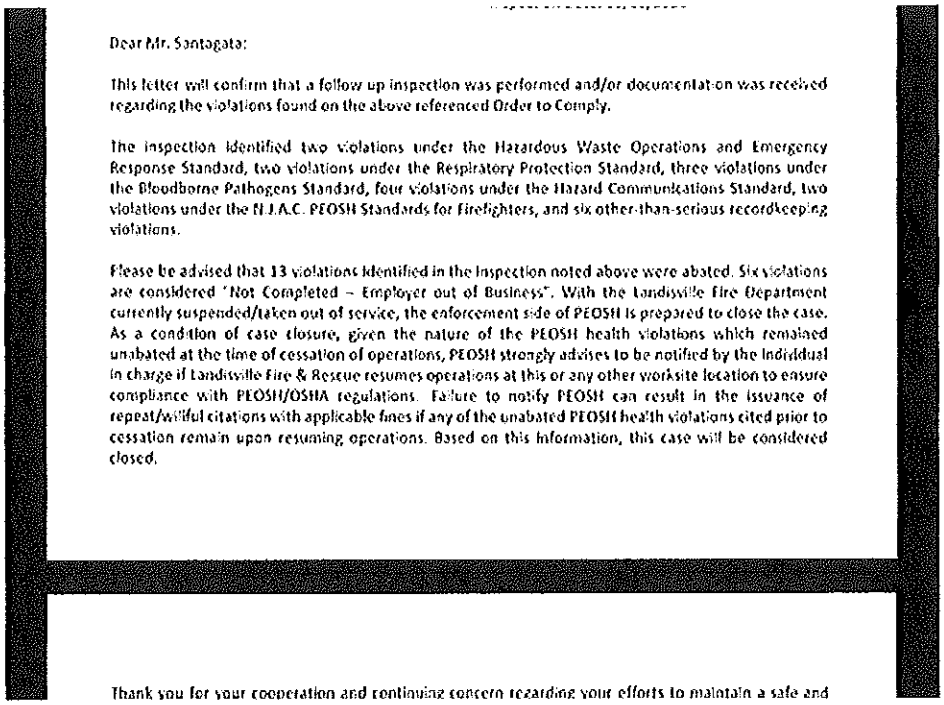
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Landisville Fire
March 12 ·

We regret to have not informed everyone until now, but the fire company has been placed out of service since December due to many safety concerns and some mismanagement. You can see the below attached letter. The future of the fire company remains unknown at this time.





Dear Mr. Santagata:

This letter will confirm that a follow up inspection was performed and/or documentation was received regarding the violations found on the above referenced Order to Comply.

The inspection identified two violations under the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard, two violations under the Respiratory Protection Standard, three violations under the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard, four violations under the Hazard Communications Standard, two violations under the N.J.A.C. PEOSH Standards for Firefighters, and six other-than-serious recordkeeping violations.

Please be advised that 13 violations identified in the inspection noted above were abated. Six violations are considered "Not Completed – Employer out of Business". With the Landisville Fire Department currently suspended/taken out of service, the enforcement side of PEOSH is prepared to close the case. As a condition of case closure, given the nature of the PEOSH health violations which remained unabated at the time of cessation of operations, PEOSH strongly advises to be notified by the individual in charge if Landisville Fire & Rescue resumes operations at this or any other worksite location to ensure compliance with PEOSH/OSHA regulations. Failure to notify PEOSH can result in the issuance of repeat/willful citations with applicable fines if any of the unabated PEOSH health violations cited prior to cessation remain upon resuming operations. Based on this information, this case will be considered closed.

Thank you for your cooperation and continuing concern regarding your efforts to maintain a safe and

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Susan Testa Romeo
If I am reading this correctly, the only way for the 6 remaining violations to be corrected is for the department to open since they were operational violations. The state would then need to evaluate the operations to ensure compliance is occurring.

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Linda DeFelice
This is awful

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Invoice submitted to:
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Minotola NJ 08341

July 17, 2020

Invoice #15251

Professional Services

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
7/1/2020	Draft/revise prepare resolution on takeover agreement for lauren court	1.80 150.00/hr	270.00
	Communicate (other external) answer questions and assist Tiffany Morrissey on Fair Housing compliance form.	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00
	Review/analyze Read monitoring report and review done by Morrissey for Fair Housing and determine which to place on website	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
7/6/2020	Review/analyze read GRC order for compliance on AADARI OPRA of 2018	0.70 150.00/hr	105.00
7/8/2020	Draft/revise Prepare solicitor's report for meeting of July 13	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
7/1/2020	Communicate (other external) call with County on tax appeals for July 14	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
	Review/analyze review three stips for appeals serttlements from Lisa	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
7/2/2020	Review/analyze review use of force records to produce to AADARI pursuant to order of GRC	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00
7/8/2020	Review/analyze read DWI tickets 22 pages for AADARI OPRA production	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
	Review/analyze read 2018 complaints of drug arrests for AADARI OPRA 140 pages	1.20 150.00/hr	180.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
7/8/2020	Review/analyze read general arrest records for AADARI OPRA for 2018	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	Review/analyze read 2016 drug arrests for AADARI for OPRA 150 pages	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Review/analyze read general arrest records for 2016 for AADARI OPRA request	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
	Review/analyze read 2017 drug arrests for AADARI OPRA request 133 pages	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00
7/9/2020	Draft/revise prepare certification for clerk on compliance with GRC order for AADARI OPRA	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
	Review/analyze read MOA with Red Cross	0.40 150.00/hr	60.00
	Communicate (other outside cou call with attorney Alongi on Foxmoor	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
7/10/2020	Communicate (other external) two conferences with bonding counsel and engineer on lauren court and revision of agreement	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
7/14/2020	Draft/revise prepare resolution for infinity fence on rejection	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
7/10/2020	Review/analyze read agenda for 7-13	0.70 150.00/hr	105.00
7/13/2020	Appear for/attend attend meeting	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
	Review/analyze read engineer report	0.40 150.00/hr	60.00
	Review/analyze read revised takeover and completon agreements for lauren court	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Review/analyze read trailer extension letter for consideration at meeting tonight	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
	Review/analyze read infinity fence request for tax abatement and non-demolition	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
7/14/2020	Appear for/attend attend tax appeals	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
7/13/2020	Review/analyze review comps for two properties from borough and taxpaper for tax appeals and discussion with tax assessor on defense at hearings	1.70 150.00/hr	255.00
7/21/2020	Draft/revise review title to RR tracks and land inbetween	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
7/24/2020	Draft/revise prepare resolution for Osteria Gaetano LLC and review order and opinion of ABC dated 7-22-20 to prepare resolution	1.60 150.00/hr	240.00
7/23/2020	Review/analyze read statute and ordinance on fire districts creation and dissolution	1.20 150.00/hr	180.00
7/30/2020	Communicate (other outside cou Call with attorney for infinity fence	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
7/31/2020	Communicate (other external) update on Infinity	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
	For professional services rendered	**28.30**	**$4,245.00**
	Previous balance		**$2,670.00**
	Balance due		$6,915.00

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Minotola NJ 08341

September 01, 2020

Invoice #15253

Professional Services

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
8/3/2020	Draft/revise prepare RCR report for Marge at County Taxation	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
8/6/2020	Review/analyze review dissolution procedures	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Review/analyze review engineer report for meeting of 8-10	0.70 150.00/hr	105.00
	Communicate (other outside cou contacts with infinity fence attorney on reconsideration and meeting on august 10	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
8/10/2020	Review/analyze read engineer report for meeting tonight	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	Plan and prepare for read agenda for meeting tonight and prepare for meeting	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00
	Appear for/attend attend meeting	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
8/12/2020	Draft/revise read bond anticipation note and bond and prepare solicitor letters to bond counsel	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
8/17/2020	Review/analyze review ordinances for tree and sidewalk responsibility	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
8/14/2020	Communicate (with client) read OPRA request for police officers from 2010-present and discussion with clerk	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
8/19/2020	Draft/revise prepare resolution for infinity fence	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
	Review/analyze read OPRA from Asbury Park and see what can be sent	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00
8/21/2020	Review/analyze read OPRA request from Ford and research compliance on emails from police this year	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
8/24/2020	Draft/revise read personnel manual for further revisions	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
8/26/2020	Draft/revise prepare ordinance for trees, sidewalks and curbs	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
	Review/analyze Read new employee handbook I and personnel manual sent from Mike for implementation in borough	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
8/31/2020	Review/analyze Read new state and federal guidelines for quarantine of EMTs after out of state travel for our staff	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
8/28/2020	Draft/revise begin new personnel manual and employee handbook as two separate documents as requested by the JIF	3.00 150.00/hr	450.00
	For professional services rendered	**20.50**	**$3,075.00**
	Previous balance		**$6,915.00**
8/10/2020	Payment - thank you		($2,670.00)
8/27/2020	Payment - thank you		($4,245.00)
	Total payments and adjustments		**($6,915.00)**
	Balance due		$3,075.00

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Invoice submitted to:
Borough of Buena
616 Central Avenue
Minotola NJ 08341

November 02, 2020

Invoice #15258

Professional Services

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
10/1/2020	Draft/revise prepare RCR for county tax board	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Draft/revise prepare fence permit ordinance	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00
	Review/analyze Review property maintenance ordinance for appeal procedures and call to county on same	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
10/2/2020	Communicate (other external) calls on Family leave act and with JIF on personnel manual and handbook	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
	Draft/revise read current ordinance for property maintenance appeal and entire chapter for amendment	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
10/9/2020	Communicate (with client) read division of fire safety and on resolution we may need	0.40 150.00/hr	60.00
	Review/analyze read updated EMS manual in conjunction with ours as updated and our new handbook	1.80 150.00/hr	270.00
	Review/analyze read engineer's report for meeting of 10-13	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
10/12/2020	Plan and prepare for prepare for meeting of 10-13	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
10/13/2020	Communicate (other outside cou read new joint municipal court agreement with franklin and discussion with attorney for franklin	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
10/13/2020	Draft/revise prepare ordinance on appeal of prop management notice of violation	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
10/14/2020	Appear for/attend attend meeting of 10-13	0.40 150.00/hr	60.00
	Review/analyze review Feaster OPRA emails for production	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00
10/8/2020	Communicate (with client) call with Clerk on Feaster OPRA and research on no emails available	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
10/16/2020	Review/analyze read ordinances on traffic control	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
10/19/2020	Draft/revise discussion with department heards on manual and handbook	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
	Review/analyze read HUD for closing on infinity fence	0.40 150.00/hr	60.00
10/20/2020	Communicate (other outside cou read interlocal agreement for municipal court with Franklin for new agreement as per solicitor for Franklin and discussion with him	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Draft/revise make revisions to manual and handbook per department heads and discussion with them	2.40 150.00/hr	360.00
10/26/2020	Review/analyze read code amendments needed	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Appear for/attend attend meeting	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
	Plan and prepare for review agenda and prepare for meeting	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
	For professional services rendered	**25.20**	**$3,780.00**
	Previous balance		**$6,135.00**
	Balance due		$9,915.00

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January 04, 2021

Invoice #15264

Professional Services

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
12/1/2020	Review/analyze review MOA for Rhonda	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Communicate (with client) notify all dept. heads of need to obtain signatures on manual and handbook and prepare checklist	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
12/2/2020	Communicate (other external) call with triad on scott property	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
12/4/2020	Review/analyze read covid 19 update for borough from CDC	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
12/7/2020	Review/analyze read ordinance on fire districts	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Draft/revise prepare resolution for extension of moa for Rhonda	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
12/9/2020	Review/analyze read statutes for fire districts	2.50 150.00/hr	375.00
12/10/2020	Draft/revise prepare resolution for suspension	3.50 150.00/hr	525.00
12/14/2020	Draft/revise prepare revisions to resolution	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Appear for/attend attend meeting	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
	Plan and prepare for review agenda and prepare for meeting today	3.00 150.00/hr	450.00

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12/22/2020	Communicate (other outside cou read letter from attorney pilles and speak to him	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	Review/analyze read Borough Covid 19 guidelines and those of Mercer	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Review/analyze Read title 4OA as per Attorney Pilles	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
12/29/2020	Review/analyze review OPRA request for emails	0.90 150.00/hr	135.00
12/10/2020	Review/analyze read peosh violations both sets	2.50 150.00/hr	375.00
12/28/2020	Communicate (other external) speak to Attorney Pilles	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
12/31/2020	Review/analyze review employee certs for manual	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	For professional services rendered	**24.70**	**$3,705.00**
	Previous balance		**$4,290.00**
12/21/2020	Payment - thank you		($4,290.00)
	Total payments and adjustments		**($4,290.00)**
	Balance due		$3,705.00

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February 03, 2021

Invoice #15266

Professional Services

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
1/4/2021	Communicate (other external) review opra	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Plan and prepare for read agenda for tonight	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
	Appear for/attend participate in reorg	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
1/6/2021	Review/analyze Read new letter from Pilles	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
	Communicate (other external) Call with Streets	0.70 150.00/hr	105.00
1/7/2021	Communicate (with client) review fire district 1	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
1/11/2021	Communicate (other outside cou call with Attorney Pilles	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
1/13/2021	Review/analyze review trailer ordinance	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Review/analyze review appointing power of LUB	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
	Communicate (other outside cou call with Attorney Pilles	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
1/15/2021	Review/analyze read engineer's report for meeting	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
1/15/2021	Review/analyze Read agenda for meeting	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00
1/19/2021	Appear for/attend Attend meeting	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Communicate (other external) call with Pilles	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	Draft/revise prepare second extension on MOA	0.70 150.00/hr	105.00
	Review/analyze Read OPRA for r and V	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
1/21/2021	Review/analyze read stormwater letter from pinelands of 1-7	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	Review/analyze read memo from JIF on covid- vaccines for employees	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
	Review/analyze read notice of overburdened community status	0.40 150.00/hr	60.00
1/20/2021	Review/analyze read statute before meeting with mayor	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Appear for/attend attend meeting	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Draft/revise prepare trailer ordinance amendment	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
1/25/2021	Review/analyze Read state covid guidelines for employees	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
	Review/analyze read signed audit	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
1/28/2021	Draft/revise prepare covid-19 policy	6.00 150.00/hr	900.00
	Draft/revise prepare resolution for covid-19 policy	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Draft/revise prepare resolution for trailer	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Draft/revise revise ordinance amendment for trailers	0.90 150.00/hr	135.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
1/28/2021	Draft/revise prepare draft ordinance for fire	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Communicate (with client) discussion on draft ordinance and moa	2.50 150.00/hr	375.00
1/29/2021	Draft/revise revise covid policy	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
	For professional services rendered	**33.70**	**$5,055.00**
	Previous balance		**$3,705.00**
1/29/2021	Payment - thank you		($3,705.00)
	Total payments and adjustments		**($3,705.00)**
	Balance due		$5,055.00

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Invoice submitted to:
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February 25, 2021

Invoice #15266

Professional Services

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
2/3/2021	Draft/revise prepare solicitor's report	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
2/8/2021	Review/analyze review 1608 S. Central Ave.	0.70 150.00/hr	105.00
2/7/2021	Draft/revise Prepare petition	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Draft/revise prepare resolution	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Draft/revise prepare ordinance	2.70 150.00/hr	405.00
2/8/2021	Communicate (other external) call on statutory requirements	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	Appear for/attend attend meeting	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	Review/analyze review engineer report for meeting today	0.40 150.00/hr	60.00
	Plan and prepare for prepare for meeting today	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
	Communicate (other external) discussion on fire districts	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
2/17/2021	Review/analyze Read new info on Peosh	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
2/17/2021	Draft/revise prepare new resolution for Rhonda	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
2/22/2021	Review/analyze Read Non-CDL Policy for positive drug test	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
2/19/2021	Review/analyze review further PEOSH violations	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
2/22/2021	Appear for/attend Review Agenda for meeting today	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Plan and prepare for prepare for meeting tonight	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
	Appear for/attend attend meeting	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
2/17/2021	Review/analyze read OPRA for r and V invoices and contracts	3.00 150.00/hr	450.00
2/25/2021	Review/analyze Read DCA emails	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	Draft/revise Prepare bid spec and notice for Construction official	2.60 150.00/hr	390.00
	Review/analyze Call with tax cert buyer of Lot 17.01 Block 121 and review all deeds sent by him	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
	For professional services rendered	**23.50**	**$3,525.00**
	Previous balance		**$3,705.00**
2/26/2021	Payment - thank you		($3,705.00)
	Total payments and adjustments		**($3,705.00)**
	Balance due		$3,525.00

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March 31, 2021

Invoice #15269

Professional Services

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
3/1/2021	Draft/revise revise Bid for Construction official and prepare resolution	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
3/2/2021	Draft/revise revise four job descriptions for construction, plumbing, fire and building sub-codes	3.00 150.00/hr	450.00
3/3/2021	Review/analyze cannabis review	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
3/4/2021	Draft/revise revision of resolution for provisional CO	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
3/5/2021	Review/analyze Read notice of violation for central avenue and research status of law on municipal declaration of dangerous condition	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
	Review/analyze Research marijuana legislation of 2021	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
3/8/2021	Appear for/attend attend meeting	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
	Review/analyze review agenda for meeting today	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Plan and prepare for prepare for meeting today	1.30 150.00/hr	195.00
3/5/2021	Draft/revise read engineer's report	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
	Review/analyze read petition	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
3/5/2021	Communicate (other external) call with code enforcement on central avenue property	0.70 150.00/hr	105.00
3/10/2021	Review/analyze prepare resolution to further dissolve	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
	Plan and prepare for begin application and my areas to cover	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
3/9/2021	Draft/revise prepare resolution on Jason Brandt	1.20 150.00/hr	180.00
	Draft/revise prepare public notice of special meeting	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Draft/revise work on application	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
3/10/2021	Communicate (other external) calls with Pilles and Braslow and Rhonda	1.70 150.00/hr	255.00
	Review/analyze Read docs sent by Pilles	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
3/12/2021	Appear for/attend attend meeting	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Plan and prepare for prepare for meeting	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Draft/revise prepare resolution for plumbing inspector	1.20 150.00/hr	180.00
	Plan and prepare for prepare for meeting tonight	2.50 150.00/hr	375.00
	Appear for/attend call on meeting	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
3/11/2021	Communicate (other external) Call with Pilles and read PEOSH LETTERS	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
3/16/2021	Draft/revise Prepare amedment to ordinance 195	1.60 150.00/hr	240.00
	Review/analyze read response to Press	0.70 150.00/hr	105.00
3/19/2021	Review/analyze read letter from Barbagli	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
3/19/2021	Communicate (other external) call with Local finance board on meeting next week	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
3/22/2021	Review/analyze read agenda and two revisions for meeting tonight	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
	Appear for/attend attend meeting	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
	Plan and prepare for prepare for meeting	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Review/analyze read termination letter for ems	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
3/23/2021	Review/analyze read all documents sent by Joe on dissolution	3.50 150.00/hr	525.00
	Draft/revise prepare initial application for dissolution	3.00 150.00/hr	450.00
	Plan and prepare for prepare for meeting with local finance board	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
	Appear for/attend calls on DCA meeting	1.40 150.00/hr	210.00
3/24/2021	Appear for/attend attend meeting with DCA and Preparation with Joe	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Plan and prepare for prepare for meeting and continue with draft application	3.00 150.00/hr	450.00
	Review/analyze review little league and basketball covid guidelines	0.30 150.00/hr	45.00
	For professional services rendered	**58.80**	**$8,820.00**
	Previous balance		**($180.00)**
3/3/2021	Refund		$3,705.00
3/15/2021	Payment - thank you. Check No. 28312		($3,525.00)
	Total payments and adjustments		**$180.00**
	Balance due		$8,820.00

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Invoice submitted to:
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April 30, 2021

Invoice #15275

Professional Services

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
4/1/2021	Communicate (with client) calls on and amend exhibits to application	2.50 150.00/hr	375.00
4/2/2021	Review/analyze read updated audit and expansion plan from FD2	1.60 150.00/hr	240.00
	Draft/revise finalize ordiinance and resolution	2.50 150.00/hr	375.00
4/1/2021	Communicate (other external) Call with Braslow	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
	Communicate (other external) call with Rhonda	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	Draft/revise prepare solicitor's report	0.80 150.00/hr	120.00
4/12/2021	Appear for/attend attend meeting	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Plan and prepare for review agenda and engineer's report	1.60 150.00/hr	240.00
4/13/2021	Draft/revise prepare resolution and MOA for Rhonda	2.50 150.00/hr	375.00
4/14/2021	Appear for/attend attend meeting of 4-12	2.00 150.00/hr	300.00
	Review/analyze Read gazzara opra	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00

		Hrs/Rate	Amount
4/14/2021	Communicate (other external) respond to ms. testa	0.60 150.00/hr	90.00
4/16/2021	Communicate (other external) Calls with DCA and Braslow and stafff	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
	Review/analyze Research OPRA by Gazzara	1.00 150.00/hr	150.00
4/21/2021	Review/analyze Raad all submissions for OPRA request from gazzara for distribution	2.50 150.00/hr	375.00
	Draft/revise read Opra from William and Bianca and prepare answers to same	1.90 150.00/hr	285.00
	Communicate (other external) letter to gazzara	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
4/23/2021	Appear for/attend attend and prepare for meeting with LFB	2.70 150.00/hr	405.00
	Draft/revise complete application	3.00 150.00/hr	450.00
	Draft/revise prepare all exhibits for finalization	2.50 150.00/hr	375.00
4/26/2021	Plan and prepare for review agenda and prepare for meeting	1.50 150.00/hr	225.00
	Appear for/attend attend meeting	0.90 150.00/hr	135.00
	Communicate (other external) discussions on Fd	0.50 150.00/hr	75.00
	For professional services rendered	**35.20**	**$5,280.00**
	Previous balance		**$8,820.00**
4/29/2021	Payment - thank you		($8,820.00)
	Total payments and adjustments		**($8,820.00)**
	Balance due		$5,280.00

Landisville Fire House

emvspp@yahoo.com <emvspp@yahoo.com>

Tue 5/25/2021 12:12 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>

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I'm sure that the governing body has a path and idea in which direction the plan to proceed with this matter, and even know as a resident I'm no expert in fire safety etc but mostly I find that our fire house is part of our little town history, and I personally as I'm sure many other residents also do feel that way it's only fair to try in any which way possible to preserve that! I've read over the ordinance of the dissolution of fire district # 1 and respect the letter issued by minotola fire house in regards to joining the two districts, but honestly my point here is that as much as I understand the action mayor and council is taking in regards to health and safety issues and protecting the town financial issue of another potential lawsuit, I would much rather see the Landisville fire department building and station history remain in place! I know that there are outstanding fines due to be paid if the department is reopen, and that the trust of having someone running it properly has been obviously lost due to the outcome over the years. All I'm asking is an attempt to save part of our town history, maybe an agreement of some sort, where the fines are paid and the department would be reinstated to be opened BUT in exchange to keep Landisville fire district 1 the mayor and council would then have the choice to put a qualified, trusted individual in charge of fire district 1 to go ahead and run and get fire district 1 back in working order, this keeping the Landisville fire house building and district intact to continue their 99 years existence! I'm aware that this requires finding the man power of volunteer firefighter and certification etc which would take time, I'm just simply making a point as to an opinion to possible considering keeping a piece of our town history! I'm sure this would require communication and people putting their pride and egos aside but if somehow an agreement could be made, I think town residents would really appreciate and understand that effort to make sure they get to keep something that has been in town for so long that many present and past family members have been part of, at the end of the day it's about saving Landisville fire house and memories and not dissolving that! If we can all work together I think with the right leadership we could have two outstanding fire departments in our town as we've had for so many years!
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Sincerely
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Tue 5/25/2021 12:12 PM

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Rowan - PEOSH Inspection Fwd: June 11th Inspection

Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
Tue 6/1/2021 3:35 PM
To: David Zapparlello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

Mr. Mayor / Councilman D'Alessandro,

I have forwarded you my correspondence to state inspector Terri Malinoski regarding the re-inspection and closing conference scheduled for June 11, 2021 at the Landisville Vol. Fire Company. This conference has been set to go over the remaining unabated citations issued from the State of New Jersey Department of Health. At this time, I do not feel it is in my best interest to attend this meeting. I have outlined my concerns below to Ms. Malinoski with respect to the turmoil and hostility surrounding the fire company situation. I believe attending this meeting by myself presents a safety concern. However I am willing to assist if needed in any other capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Rowan
BGRowan@comcast.net
(856) 563-4444

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>
To: "Malinoski, Terri (DOH)" <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>
Date: 06/01/2021 2:38 PM
Subject: June 11th Inspection

Terri,

Due to recent events and an uptick in hostility regarding the Landisville Vol. Fire Company situation, I do not feel comfortable meeting at the fire company for the closing inspection on June 11th. I feel the only way to avoid confrontation would be to remove myself from the meeting entirely. I would rather not compromise my safety or be accused of any wrong doing as I'm sure I would be rather outnumbered as in the past. They have previously proven to retaliate and I'm unsure how far they may take it. Buena Borough Council also felt it was necessary to have state police attend the last special meeting on May 26th.

I would also recommend that you too bring a coworker as the fire company has made some rather harsh comments about the state keeping the company closed on purpose and colluding with Buena Council.

I hope you can understand where I am coming from. I am willing to help or participate in any other ways.

Brian Rowan

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Due to my active schedule I am often unable to respond from my home computer in a reasonable amount of time. Please excuse any grammatical errors and typos while using my Verizon Wireless mobile email.

Re: Landisville Fire Company

Matt Gray <MGray@njadvancemedia.com>
Tue 6/1/2021 11:33 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

Joe – had a few follow-ups

-As I understand this, the borough is seeking state approval to dissolve fire district one and have district two and Minotola Fire Co assume fire protection for the borough. Is that correct?

-Are there any dates set for that process to move forward? As far as public hearings on eliminating the one district and fire co.? I heard there was a June 9 meeting of some sort involving Local Finance Board.

-Were any injuries reported that were tied to any of these violations identified in the state inspections?

-The statements made in the powerpoint you sent - May I attribute those to you? Such as "A faulty regulator could result in the serious injury or death of a firefighter."

Thanks

Matt

From: "Joseph D'Alessandro, III" <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 3:12 PM
To: Matt Gray <MGray@njadvancemedia.com>
Subject: Re: Landisville Fire Company

Mr. Gray,

Please see the attached files containing Mayor David Zappariello's opening remarks and the slide presentation from last night's special meeting regarding the Borough of Buena Board of Fire Commissioners District #1 and the Landisville Volunteer Fire/Rescue Company.

If you have follow-up questions, please submit them via email.

Thank you!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council

Director of Public Safety
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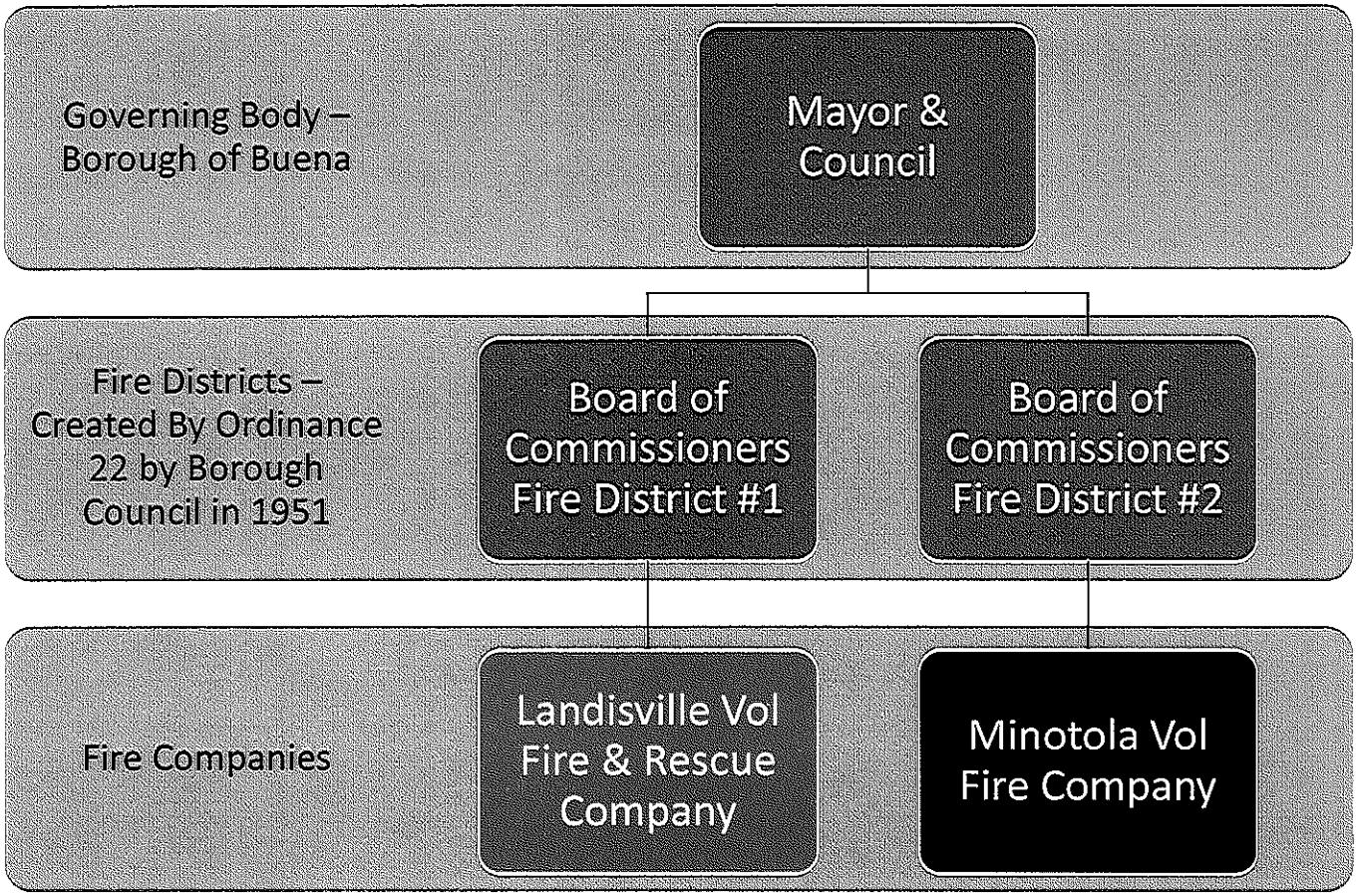
Good morning – I'm a reporter with NJ.com and was hoping to speak with you about the status of Landisville Fire Company. Would you have a few minutes to chat? Thank you

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Presentation of the Borough of Buena May 26, 2021

Creation of Fire Districts by the Council of the Borough of Buena



Creation of the Fire Districts

- On February 26, 1951, the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Buena by Ordinance 22 created two Fire Districts. The Ordinance states:

  § 18-1. Boards of Commissioners; election.

  The two fire companies in the Borough of Buena, Landisville No. 1 and Minotola No. 2, shall be under the control of their separate Board of Commissioners. The Boards of Commissioners shall be elected at a public election once each year on the third Saturday in February at their firehouses, as their terms expire.

  § 18-2. Officers; election.

  The separate companies shall once a year elect from their membership the officers needed to operate their respective companies for the year.

Dissolution & Enlargement of Fire Districts

- **The following authorizes the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Buena to dissolve Fire District #1 and enlarge Fire District #2:**

- **N.J.A.C. 40A:5A-20 Dissolution of authority by local unit**
  - The governing body of a local unit which has established an authority shall have the power and is authorized by ordinance in the case of a municipality to dissolve the authority, except that the ordinance shall be approved by the Local Finance Board prior to adoption.

- **N.J.A.C 40A:14-90. Enlargement of fire district**
  - The governing body of a municipality having a fire district therein, by ordinance, may enlarge such fire district by extending the boundaries thereof to include additional territory in such municipality but not included in another fire district.

Why are we here?

- On January 1, 2020, I was appointed Director of Public Safety by Mayor Zappariello. During my research, I became aware in June 2019 of an investigation by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety that concluded the Chief and Assistant Chiefs of Sea Isle City's volunteer fire company lacked proper certifications.

- Proactively, and after consultation with the Borough's solicitor, we decided to ensure both Minotola Volunteer Fire Company and Landisville Volunteer Fire/Rescue company were in compliance with their own basic requirements.

Why are we here?

- On April 24, 2020, I sent an email to both Minotola (Habersham) and Landisville's (Coraluzzo, Jr.) Fire Chiefs requesting the following information:
  - A Roster of all current members
  - Drivers License numbers of all members operating vehicles owned by the Fire Districts to confirm they are in good standing with the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission
  - Copies of required DFS certifications for all Line Officers
  - A copy of the Fire Companies' bylaws
  - List of the Fire Companies' current Executive Board

Email from Councilman D'Alessandro to Fire Chiefs

Request for Information

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Fri 4/24/2020 1:34 PM

To: Ricky Coraluzzo <enricocoraluzzo@gmail.com>; Tony Habersham <eng61@aol.com>
Cc: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>

Gentlemen,

I hope that all is well with you and your families. As I have mentioned to each of you previously, I was planning to have regularly scheduled meetings with the Chiefs of our Public Safety Departments in 2020. The current COVID-19 epidemic has certainly changed a lot of our plans and forced all of us to operate differently on a daily basis. I had hoped to meet and discuss the items below in person, but it doesn't seem that we will be able to do that in the near future. Since becoming the Director of Public Safety, I have been working hard to support our First Responders, elevate our situational awareness and readiness in the Borough and to ensure that the Borough and is following proper protocols. The information that you provide will aid in that effort. Please note that the information provided will remain confidential and placed in a locked filing cabinet in the Public Safety Director's Office at Borough Hall.

Please send me the information requested below by 9am on Wednesday, April 29, 2020:

- Roster of all current members
  - Please indicate if the individual members meet the requirements for your Company's Active Duty Status and if they hold a minimum of Firefighter 1 Certification
- Please provide the following for all members authorized to drive apparatus/vehicles so that the Borough may confirm that their NJ Drivers Licenses are in Good Standing with NJMVC
  - Full Name (as it appears on their valid NJ Driver's License)
  - NJ Driver's License Number
- Please provide copies of all credentials/certifications required by the NJ Division of Fire Safety for the following list of Officers (Lists of Current Officers were provided by the Chiefs in March 2020):
  - 11-1 Landisville
    - 11-100 Chief Ricky Coraluzzo, Jr
    - 11-101 1ST Asst Chief Charles Gazzara
    - 11-102 2nd Asst Chief Joe Kaspar
    - 11-103 Capt Brian Rowan
    - 11-104 Capt Lou Nardone
    - 11-105 Lt. Scott Dortu
    - 11-106 Lt. Frank Scancella
  - 11-2 Minotola
    - 11-200 Chief Tony Habersham
    - 11-201 Deputy Chief Dom Pace
    - 11-202 Asst Chief John Belfi
    - 11-203 Capt Chaz Bramble
    - 11-205 Lt Mark Dixon
- Please provide a copy of the Company's Bylaws
- Roster of all current members of the Company's Executive Board

Thank you in advance for you cooperation and I appreciate your continued service to the residents of the Borough of Buena!

Regards,

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Why are we here?

- Fire District #2 and Minotola Volunteer Fire Company supplied the requested information within 48 hours and was found to be in compliance.

- However, what started as a simple request for basic information, quickly became like a loose thread, once pulled it began the unraveling of Fire District #1 and the main reason why we are here tonight.

Why are we here?

- What follows are some examples of the systemic problems with Buena Borough Board of Fire Commissioners District #1. For these reasons and more the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena have applied to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Local Finance Board to dissolve Fire District #1 and enlarge Fire District #2.

The Relationship Between the Fire District and the Fire Company

New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts: Fire Commissioner's Handbook

- The purpose of this manual is to supply sufficient background information, provide guidance, and answer enough questions so that a newly appointed or elected Fire Commissioner may feel comfortable in carrying out this function as an active, participating Board member.
- It is also intended to serve as a resource for more experienced members as they go about the business of attempting to provide adequate, affordable protection to their constituents, the residents and taxpayers of the fire district.

FIRE COMPANY vs. FIRE DISTRICT

- A Fire Company is a non-profit corporation which is established pursuant to Title 15 of the New Jersey statutes. This entity has its own certificate of incorporation filed with the Secretary of State. It also has its own bylaws which govern the actions and activities of the members of the organization.

FIRE COMPANY vs. FIRE DISTRICT

- A Fire District is a municipal entity which is established and governed by the laws and statutes of New Jersey and are found in New Jersey Statutes Annotated Title 40A:14-70 and 40A:5A. It is of the utmost importance that the members of the Boards of Fire Commissioners make themselves knowledgeable of and adhere to the principles contained therein. It is a public body corporate which is an autonomous entity separate and distinct from the Fire Company. A Fire District by statute has the obligation to provide fire protection to the residents and taxpayers within the geographical boundaries of the Fire District.

FIRE COMPANY vs. FIRE DISTRICT

- It is important to remember that a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners of a Fire District is an elected public official and must recognize that he or she represents therefore the entirety of the public in making decisions and not just the Fire Company. You must be able to distinguish your role as a firefighter from your role as a Commissioner.

FIRE COMPANY vs. FIRE DISTRICT

- A Fire District and a Fire Company are separate entities with each providing fire protection services to the public. Each has its own officers and its own bylaws. It is important to recognize this distinction in serving as a Commissioner.

Blurred Lines Between Fire District #1 & Landisville Fire Company

- Amendment Nine of Landisville Fire Company's Certificate of Incorporation states, "The Board of Trustees shall consist of all Fire Commissioners of the Borough of Buena Fire District No. 1 in Atlantic County, New Jersey who shall be elected pursuant to law."

Blurred Lines Between Fire District #1 & Landisville Fire Company

- The Local Finance Board has issued an ethics opinion concerning the issue of whether various administrative (i.e. Trustees of the Fire Company) and firematic officers of a Fire Company serving the Fire District could also serve as a Fire Commissioner or whether this created a conflict of interest.
  - The opinion states that individuals in administrative roles or hold the rank of Chief or Assistant Chiefs of the Fire Company in the Fire District cannot serve as a Fire Commissioner.
  - **The Commissioners of District #1 serving as Trustees of Landisville Fire Company is improper.**

Improper Relationship between Fire District and Fire Company

John Pilles, Jr. attorney for District #1, confirmed to Mayor and Borough Council the District's improper entanglements with the Fire Company.

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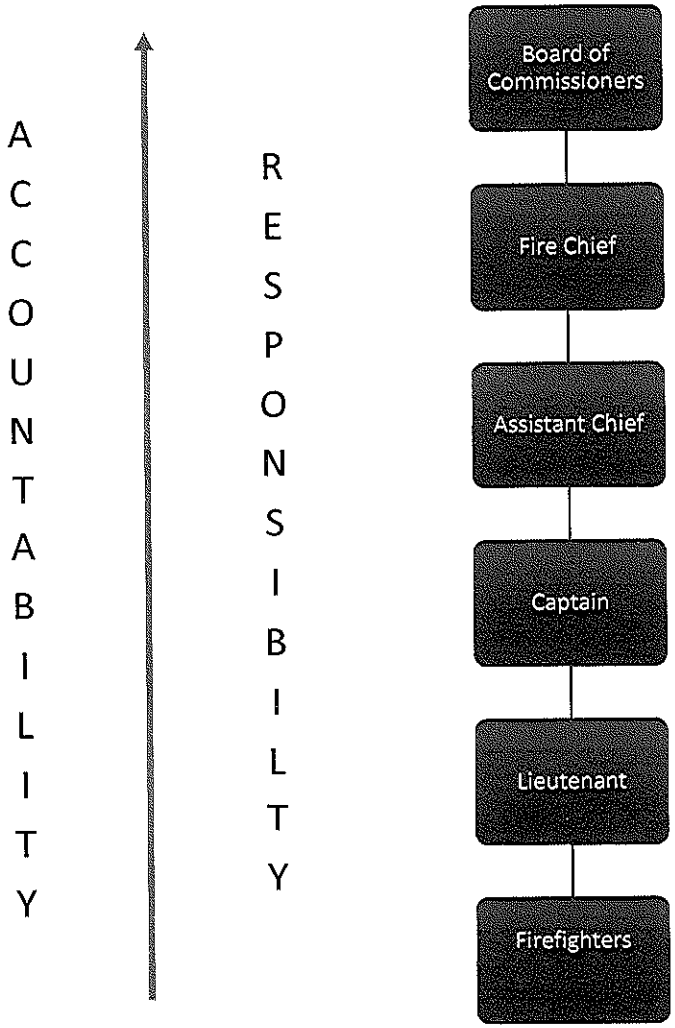
My objective is also to properly divorce the District from Landisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. (hereinafter "Landisville) in accord with State law and established principals. A fire district, under Title 40A, is a body corporate and politic whose elected commissioners are prohibited from holding any firematic and/or administrative office within the volunteer organization receiving tax funding from same district. The District is not the alter ego of Landisville; rather – as you know – the District is a governmental entity explicitly empowered by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-81 to exercise the same "powers, duties and functions ... as in the case of municipalities." N.J.S.A. 40A:14-81.3 empowers a fire district with ultimate supervisory authority over personnel. I hope to begin discussions between the District and Borough as to the many steps which the District intends to pursue in achieving such legislative intent. I have found that dialog best advances the interests of all parties having an interest in a potential controversy. Toward that end, I intend to invite the Borough to propose, in addition to the District, the manner by which both governmental entities may continue mutually beneficial dialog in resolution to problems as same may be discovered or incurred.

Please advise, at your earliest convenience, proposed dates and time for a meeting.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. PILLES, JR.

JFP/krs
cc: Loretta Grzzara, Fire Commissioner - Fire District No. 1
File



Although Lieutenants and Captains may have assigned responsibilities through by-laws or standard operating guidelines, the ultimate responsibility and accountability for maintaining complete readiness of the Fire Company (training, certifications, proper equipment, etc.) lies with the Chief Officers of the Company.

The Board of Commissioners has the responsibility and accountability for the entirety of fire safety and suppression within the Fire District.

The Commissioners must ensure the Chiefs are adhering to standards prescribed by the agencies that provide oversight (PEOSH, DFS, NFPA, etc.).

Serious Concerns Raised by Line Officers in March 2020

On March 25, 2020, Asst Chief Joseph Kaspar sent an email to Chief Rick Coraluzzo, Jr. expressing his concerns regarding the Fire Company. Here are some excerpts from that email.

-------- Original Message --------
From: "josephkaspar .." <josephkaspar@comcast.net>
To: enricocoraluzzo@gmail.com
Date: 03/25/2020 7:46 PM
Subject: company

Hi Rick

This is a very hard email to write to you because it means I'm risking this being taken the wrong way and losing everything at the firehouse. I am overwhelmed with frustration with how things are at the firehouse. I am watching a company that I love fall apart at the seams. I alone am not the only one feeling this way. Many of the (Landisville group) meaning not the Newfield group of 7 people,(Judy and Lindsey are part of Newfield) are feeling the same way. Several have looked into leaving or joining Minotola. If this happens Newfield will have taken over. It wouldn't be long before Bill and friends would come after you. Being how they group together, they would decide on if the company lives or dies. To be honest with you, anyone looking to join a new fire company would not join Landisville. Brian and I have a friend that is a Vineland FF and was looking for another company to join. We said come to Landisville His reply was "you guys don't do anything. You don't even go to other departments calls and can't get trucks on the road" What could we say. He's right. We're not being taken seriously as a company. Even if we did get a new member that is seasoned from somewhere else they wouldn't stay due to the lack of rules and structure. We don't even have legal officers and so many state DFS, and PEOSH violations along with none of the mandatory's that were due in Jan. I know you don't care too much about the state and PEOSH problems but others do. The response to this is always "were vol so we don't need to, or no one else does all of that or we will worry about that when it happens". These are all excuses for not doing what we need to. The truth is other departments are doing these things. We in turn look like a clown show for not doing them. It gets harder and harder to defend these things. It makes those of us in leadership look like idiots. The other side to that is by not complying with state DFS and PEOSH regs you are putting yourself, line officers, and executive line at personal legal risk. People should not have to decide between the firehouse and undue risk of losing everything they have worked for. It's true we cannot protect against everything but we should be making that risk as low as possible. I know we have had a history and that you didn't want me as asst chief but I have always had one goal. To help better this company in any way I can. I want this company to succeed and become a company that other company's look up to and aspire to be. This will take a lot of work and time to do. Business as usual will not do it. Something very sad to hear from people not only from within the company but also outside of the company, is the belief that the company will not be around in 5 years. I don't know if you know this but, the state shuts down firehouses with less then 10 active members. Active as in running calls and drills. It has happened to 2 firehouses in the general area. One was able to reopen. The fire service today is not the service of the past and requires a different approach to running a house, getting members, keeping members and the legal mine field that is today's fire service. The time and

Serious Concerns Raised by Line Officers in March 2020

effort that a chief needs to put in is like never before in history. Large town or small, fire, state, victims and lawyers know no difference. 10 members or 100 members, regs and responsibility is the same. I am in no way questioning your commitment to the company or your service. Bottom line is I believe you are a good man with a big heart with the best wishes for the company. I don't sleep at night now thinking about the company falling. My frustration is coming out at home. I am lost on how to help right the ship knowing, deep down as to what needs to be done to rebuild the company but not be in the position to do anything about it. I don't want to leave the company and neither do the others, but how long do you watch the ship sink before getting off?. So I'm going to ask you to consider something that I know will not be easy. Would you consider letting me take the wheel as chief, even if its only for a few months to see how things go. It would take the pressure off of you with Newfield, the state and PEOSH and other things. At anytime you wanted, I would step away and leave the company if you wanted. I'm just asking for a chance. I know this email will probably be taken the wrong way and it's something I'll have to risk. If after reading this you no longer want me as the asst chief I understand and will step down. I only want to see the company do well and I believe I have the tools, time and drive. Please do not take this an a attack on you. This is definitely not meant to be that. If you are willing to consider this I will await your response. I have no plans of leaving the company either way at this time.

1st Chief Change – May 4, 2020
Chief Rick Coraluzzo, Jr Resigns

- Chief Rick Coraluzzo, Jr. resigns at the May 4, 2020, Commissioners Meeting and recommends to the Commissioners that Asst Chief Joseph Kaspar be appointed Chief of Landisville Fire Company.
- Commissioners vote 4-0 to accept Coraluzzo, Jr.'s resignation and to approve Joseph Kaspar as Fire Chief of Landisville Fire Company
- Commissioners ratify Kaspar's Line Officer Appointments
- Meeting minutes are written by Chairman Paul Lucchesi, Jr. to assure the minutes reflect a true transcription of the Chief change. (Per July 8 meeting)

Fire District 1 Commissioners Meeting Minutes May 4, 2020

Landisville Volunteer Fire Company

Commissioner's Meeting

The monthly Commissioner's meeting of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was held online via Zoom and was called to order at 7:00 PM on May 4th by Chairman Paul Lucchesi Jr

Present were X Paul Lucchesi Jr (Chairman) X Richard DeMarco

A Ricky Coraluzzo, Sr X Loretta Gazzara X Joe Santagata

Chief's Report:

- I spoke to Chief Coraluzzo today and effective 12:01AM May 5th he will be stepping down as chief. I told him with great regret I would accept his stepping down as chief but stated he will remain as an active member and firefighter. A formal letter would be forth coming to the Commissioners on this request from him. I told Chief Coraluzzo, on behalf of the Commissioners and entire membership, I thanked him for over 5 years of being our chief and his unmatched devotion and always doing the right thing for the community, our fire company and its membership. At Chief Coraluzzo's request I present to the Commissioners for their approval the accepting of Joe Kaspar, currently our Assistant Chief to now become the acting/interim Chief. Joe, with your approval, will assume all the authority and powers of that position effective 12:01AM. As following our bylaws, Joe will fill this position until the Commissioner's December 2020 meeting and at that time a decision will be made for Joe to move from acting/interim to that of permanent Chief effective January 1, 2021. Also following our bylaws, today I spoke to Joe since the Chief is responsible to appoint line officers. Joe has requested the following
- Assistant Chief – Louis Nardone
- Captain – Brian Rowan
- Lieutenant – Frank Scancella

Commissioners, I make a motion to you to authorize these requested changes - I will do a roll call vote:

Ricky Coraluzzo, Sr.-absent, Richard DeMarco-yes, Loretta Gazzara-yes, Paul Lucchesi-yes, Joe Santagata-yes

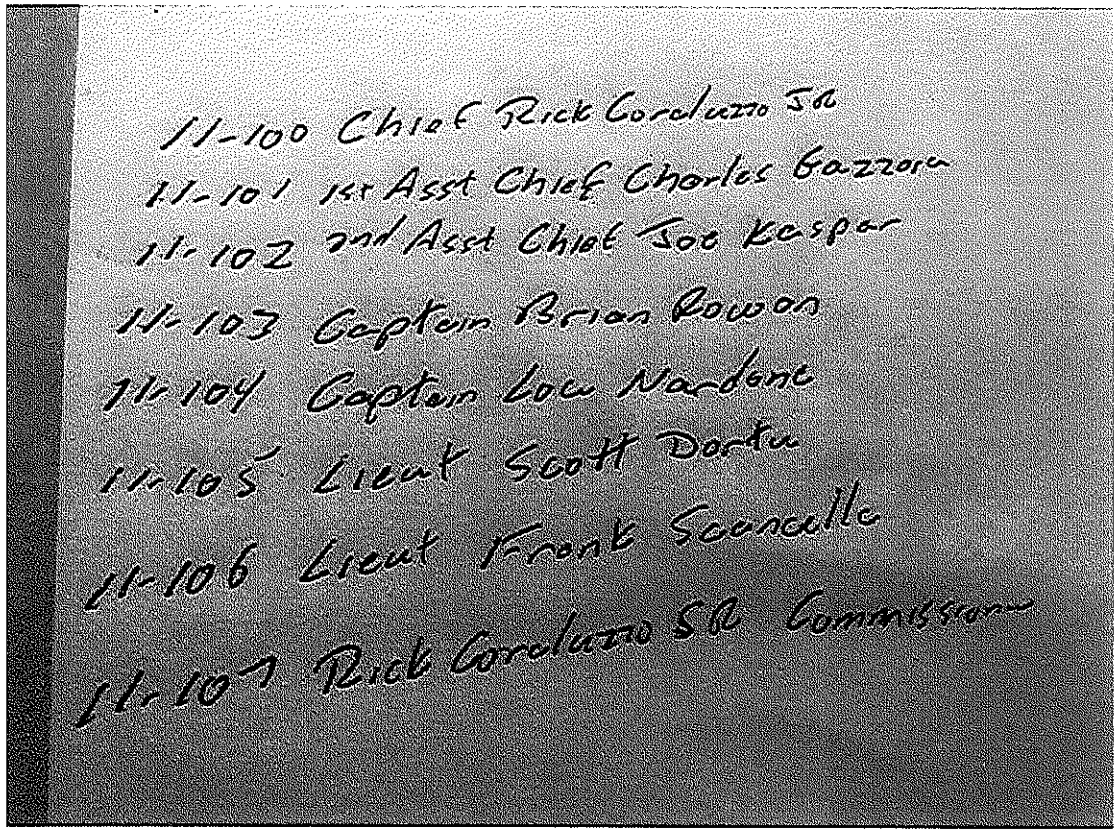
Critical Leadership Failures
Illegal Line Officers

- **On May 4, 2020, newly appointed Chief Kaspar immediately removed two illegal Line Officers.**
- **These officers were appointed by Chief Rick Coraluzzo, Jr. and ratified by the Commissioners, in spite of their lack of required training and credentials,** per Landisville Fire Company Bylaws 12.2 Line Officer ***"The Commissioners shall ratify line officers appointed by the Chief."***
- As a side note, when Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. was appointed Chief for the third time in 2020, which I will explain shortly, he appointed another illegal Line Officer, which resulted in a Cease-and-Desist Order from the NJ Division of Fire Safety.

Landisville Fire Company
Line Officer
List Provided By
Chief Coraluzzo, Jr
3/12/2020

11-100 Chief – Rick Coraluzzo, Jr
11-101 1st Asst Chief – Charles Gazzara*
11-102 2nd Asst Chief – Joe Kaspar
11-103 Captain – Brian Rowan
11-104 Captain – Lou Nardone
11-105 Lieutenant – Scott Dortu*
11-106 Lieutenant – Frank Scancella
11-107 – Rick Coraluzzo, Sr.

*Unqualified Line Officer



Landisville Fire Illegal Line Officers

- 1st Assistant Chief Charles Gazzara
- Lieutenant Scott Dortu

- Neither had the qualifications for Incident Management Level 1

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY FIRE OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

N.J.A.C. 5:73-1.6 states, that no person shall be promoted, assume or assigned (including elected) any fire service position, the duties of which include the management of emergency operations. Unless, that person has obtained, at a minimum, Incident Management Level 1 Certification issued by the Division of Fire Safety.

In order to qualify for Incident Management Level 1 Certification, a person must meet the following requirements:

- Obtained Firefighter 1 Certification issued by the Division of Fire Safety;
- Have three years of documented experience in the fire service. (This means three years as a firefighter and does not include time spent in an Explorer or Junior Firefighter Program);
- Attended a 12 hour classroom based Basic Incident Management Course (I-200) offered or approved by the Division of Fire Safety.

A certification application must be submitted to receive the Incident Management Certification. This means that every fire officer, career and volunteer MUST have, at a minimum, Incident Management Level 1 Certification issued by the Division of Fire Safety. We have heard a number of times that some volunteer fire departments believe that these requirements do not apply to them. This is incorrect. Failure to comply may result in violations being issued to the fire company, municipality and the individual holding the office.

2nd Chief Change – July 6, 2020
Commissioners Remove Chief Kaspar

- July 6, 2020, Chairman Paul Lucchesi, Jr., phoned me, the Director of Public Safety, to inform the Borough that Chief Kaspar has unexpectedly resigned as Chief for personal reasons, and that Rick Coraluzzo, Jr. had been reappointed Chief of Landisville Fire Company.

- When asked by the Mayor, Chief Kaspar indicates that he did not resign, but was told that he was removed by the Commissioners after a 4-1 vote in a closed session during the July 6 Commissioners meeting.

- Concerned by this sudden change, Mayor Zappariello immediately requests a meeting with representatives from Fire District #1. On July 8, 2020, myself, along with the Mayor met with the Commissioners.

Meeting with Commissioners
July 8, 2020

- Chairman Lucchesi indicates that the Commissioners made "the right decision" regarding Chief Kaspar's removal on July 6th and "Each of the Commissioners felt strongly about the decision to do what they did on Monday night (July 6th)."
- Lucchesi's statement clearly contradicts his original version of events namely that Chief Kaspar resigned. It is clear that the Chief change was made by the Commissioners.
- During the same meeting, Commissioner Coraluzzo, Sr. states that Kaspar was removed because "they have something good going now, I want to leave it alone and let it stay the way it is. I'm not going to take any bull from him or anybody else."

3rd Chief Change of 2020 – July 9, 2020

- During that July 8, 2020 meeting with representatives of Landisville Fire Company and Fire District #1, the Mayor indicated further informational inquires into the operations of Landisville Fire Company and District #1 would be forthcoming.
- Surprisingly the next day, on July 9, 2020, Chairman Paul Lucchesi, Jr. phoned me to inform the Borough that, after consultation with its Attorney, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District 1 had "acted prematurely" in their removal of Joseph Kaspar as Chief of Landisville Fire Company.
- Chairman Lucchesi indicated their own attorney told him that Chief Kaspar could not be removed without cause and should remain in his position until December 31, 2020.

Mayor Zappariello requests info from Landisville Fire Company July 10, 2020

- **List of all active members as defined by your bylaws.**
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Information Received from Landisville Fire Company

July 13, 2020

- **List of all active members as defined by your bylaws.**
  - List of Members Received
- **Copies of BLS-CPR cards for all active members.**
  - BLS-CPR certifications were expired for all but one member
- **Copies of Firefighter 1 & 2 Certificates for all active members who hold them.**
  - Certificates Received – Not all members responding to fire calls had FF1 or FF2
- **List of Line Officers and their Incident Management Level 1 Certificates.**
  - List of Line Officers and Incident Management Level 1 Certificates Received
- **List of members who have current annual SCBA Fit Testing.**
  - List was received and one-third (1/3) of members had not Fit Tested
- **Copies of current ladder tests, pump tests and hose tests.**
  - Hose Tests – Current, Ground Ladder – Current, Aerial Ladder Test – Past Due, Pump Tests – 5 Years Past Due
- **Copies of annual training records for Hazmat, Exposure Control and Right-to-Know.**
  - NO valid training records available, partial records from 2014, and the last full set of training records were from 2011
- **SCBA cylinder records.**
  - **All 36 SCBA Bottles were expired by at least 10 months**

Leadership Issues

- When the Mayor asked Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. how many members Landisville Fire Company had, he was unable to answer. Commissioner Loretta Gazzara indicated "30 something". After some discussion among the group, it was determined that there were around 16 members.
- The Mayor asked if all members were SCBA fit tested. Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. answered that not all members were current because "they didn't want to show up because of internal issues". It was noted that certain members stopped responding to calls once Chief Kaspar was appointed.
- Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. admitted he had no knowledge of how many members were fit tested in 2020 because the fit testing did not occur during his tenure as Fire Company Chief from 1/1/2020 to 5/4/2020.

Leadership Issues

- The Chief stated they were exempt from fit testing because of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. The DCA never issued waivers indicating that SCBA fit testing was not required.
- The Mayor and I were easily able to get the correct information from the NJ Division of Fire Safety, however no one from District 1, including Chief Coraluzzo, Jr., thought to contact the DCA for clarification on this critical requirement.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) as of July 2020

- **All thirty-six (36) SCBA Cylinders at Landisville Fire Company were beyond the 15-year expiration date (and were still in service).**

- **Annual SCBA Regulator Flow Testing was two (2) years past due**

- **One-third of the Landisville Fire Company's members had not completed required annual SCBA fit testing**

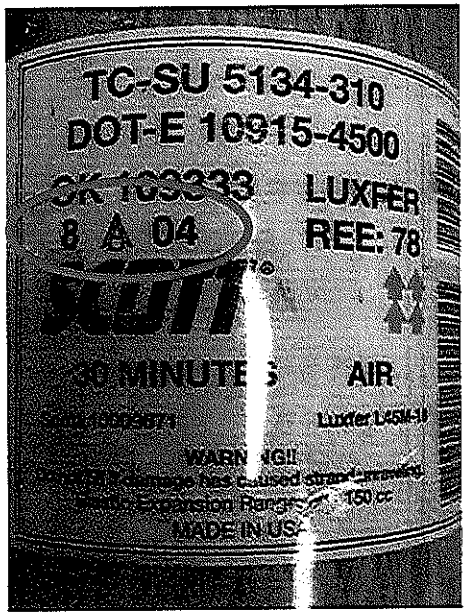
36 Expired SCBA Bottles (Air Bottles)

- All composite SCBA cylinders have a maximum service life of 15 years, provided they are hydrostatically re-tested on a regular basis, in accordance with DOT regulations. At the end of the 15-year service life, composite cylinders must be removed from service and destroyed (to ensure that they cannot be used again).

36 Expired SCBA Bottles Were Still in Service on July 13, 2020

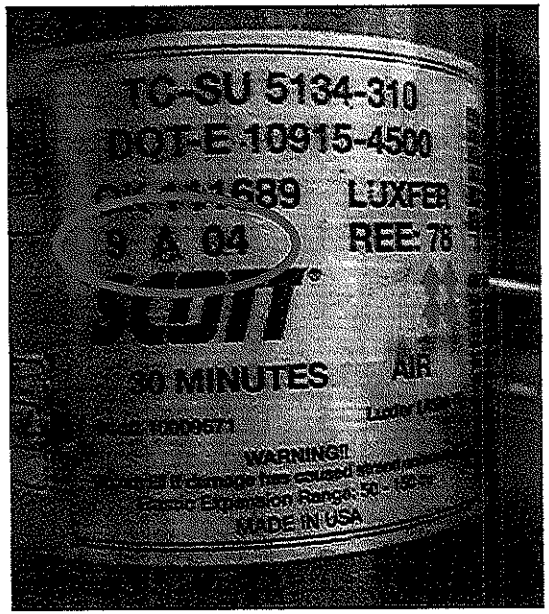
Lot 1 – Mfg Date 8/2004

Must be removed from service by 8/2019



Lot 2 – Mfg Date 9/2004

Must be removed from service by 9/2019



SCBA Regulator Flow Test Two (2) Years Overdue

Annual SCBA Regulator Flow Test Performed on 5/22/2017 Last Ordered by Chief Coraluzzo, Jr.

Landisville Fire Co

Manufacturer	Model	Unit ID	Location
Scott	Air-Pak 4.5	09	Landisville Fire Co

Test Due Date: 5/22/2018 2:52:18 PM
5/22/2017 2:52:15 PM - Mike Heacock: Unit ID added

Functional Test test performed on: 5/22/2017 2:52:17 PM by Mike Heacock
All required tests were performed
All required tests that were performed passed

Scott Air-Pak 4.5 E-1 Landisville Fire Co
Test Due Date: 5/22/2018 11:02:18 AM
5/22/2017 11:02:10 AM - Mike Heacock: Unit ID added

Functional Test test performed on: 5/22/2017 11:02:17 AM by Mike Heacock
All required tests were performed
All required tests that were performed passed

Report clearly establishes Test Due Date of 5/22/2018

Annual SCBA Regulator Flow Test Performed on 7/14/2020 Ordered by Chief Kaspar

SCOTT

Posi3 USB Test Results 7/14/2020 11:49:00 AM
Functional Test

Landisville Vol. Fire Company

Scott
Air-Pak 4.5
Unit ID: E-1

Posi3 USB serial # L04224 - Calibration was up to date when the test was performed

Auxiliary IDs	
-	
Regulator	REG0410016915HH
Reducer	RED0410018578AA
-	
-	
-	
-	

Visual Inspection	
Facepiece	Not Perform
Backframe/Harness	Pass
Cylinder	Not Perform
Low Pressure Warning	Pass
Hoses	Pass
Manifold Volume: 0.075	

Functional Tests			
Exhalation Pressure	Pass	2.1	"H2O
Facepiece Leakage	Pass	0.1	"H2O
Positive Pressure	Pass	0.8	"H2O
Primary Lockup	Pass	90.2	PSI
Primary Creep	Pass	-0.1	PSI
Air Saver Switch Activation	Pass	-3.6	"H2O
Transfer	Pass	1061	PSI
Secondary Lockup	Pass	164.2	PSI
Secondary Creep	Pass	1.3	PSI
High Pressure Leakage	Pass	10	PSI
Secondary Pr. at High Cylinder	Pass		
Purge	Pass	180	L/min
Alarm Activation Pressure			
HP Vibralert	Pass	1061	PSI
Gauge Accuracy			
HP Numbers	Pass		

1000 PSI		2000 PSI		3000 PSI	
Pass	895	Pass	1820	Pass	3084

Two SCBA Regulators Failed Flow Test

- **Two regulators FAILED their Flow Tests because of faulty O-rings** and were repaired by Mid-Atlantic Fire & Air on July 14, 2020.

- A faulty regulator could result in the serious injury or death of a firefighter. Since it regulates the airflow from the air cylinder to the SCBA mask, any fault in the regulator could result in a rapid loss of all air in the cylinder or a diaphragm stuck closed could result in no air passing into the SCBA mask. Either way, no breathable air.

Criticality of SCBA Maintenance and Training

Per the **U.S. Fire Administration/Technical Report Series (FEMA)** Special Report: **Prevention of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Failures/November 2001**

"Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) are one of the most important items of personal protective equipment used by firefighters and rescue personnel. SCBA allow firefighters to enter hazardous environments to perform essential interior operations including offensive fire attack, victim search, rescue and removal, ventilation, and overhaul. They are also used at non-fire incidents involving hazardous materials and confined spaces where there is a threat of toxic fumes or an oxygen-deficient atmosphere."

"There have been several well-documented incidents during the past 10 years where SCBA failure may have been a contributing factor in the deaths or injuries of firefighters."

Leadership Issues

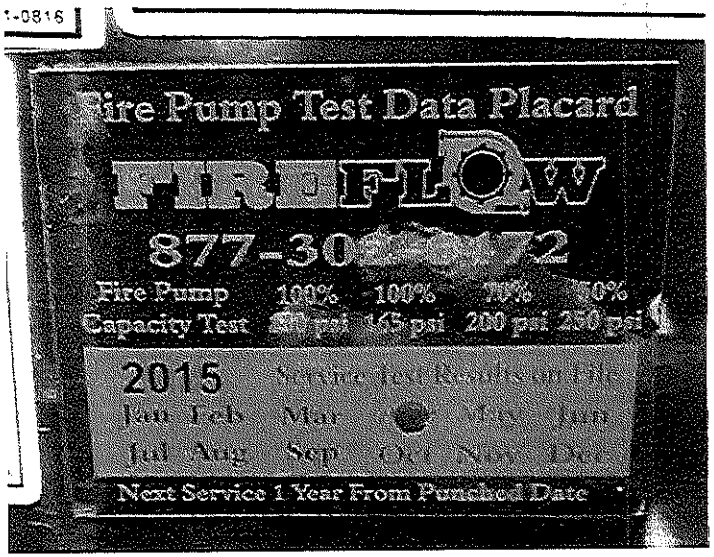
- On July 8, 2020, Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. admitted that he does not keep track of annual training and certification requirements, showing clear negligence of his responsibilities as Fire Chief.
- Per Chief Coraluzzo, Jr., he implemented agreements for automatically scheduled annual testing, so no annual training, inspections or certifications are missed, thereby transferring his responsibility of compliance to outside vendors.
- Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. stated that the Fire House's SCBA cylinder filling station is set up for automatic annual service with their vendor
  - PEOSH later cited Landisville Fire Company for deficiencies related to the SCBA cylinder filling station.

Deficient Annual Fire Truck Pump Testing

- An annual pump test is a documented procedure to prove an apparatus can perform at its rated capacity. The chassis, drivetrain, pump, pump transmission and associated plumbing are run through a progressive series of tests that are designed to prove the system is in sound working order.
- Annual pump testing allows for safer operations and firefighter safety

Deficient Annual Fire Truck Pump Testing

Pump Test Last Performed 2015



Pump Test Performed July 2020

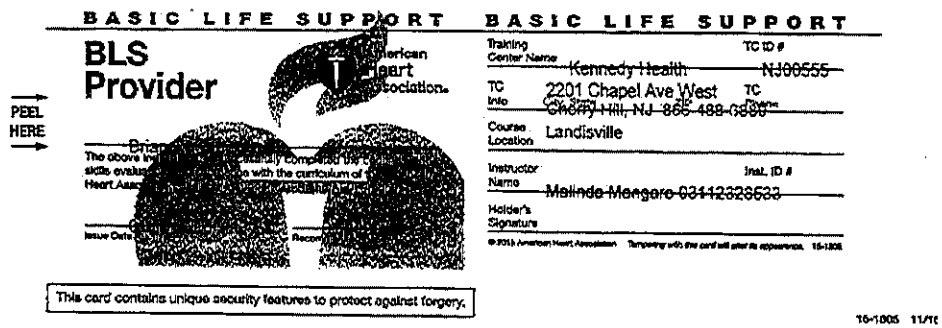


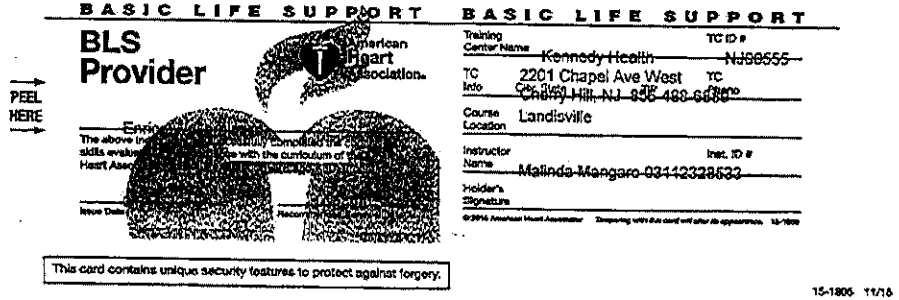


Deficient Annual Fire Truck Pump Testing

- Fire District #1 took delivery of an apparatus that cost the taxpayers approximately $250,000.00 and never tested the pump in over three (3) years to ensure it functioned properly.
- Chief Kaspar ordered the pump test in July 2020, which resulted in a pump failure after seven (7) minutes of operation.
- The failure was determined to be a manufacturing defect and the apparatus was returned to the factory for repair.

Examples of Expired BLS-CPR Cards





BLS-CPR Certifications for all but one member of Landisville Fire Company expired January 15, 2020

Importance of CPR Training

- Landisville Fire Company had an incident in September 2019, when a member of the Fire Company suffered a Cardiac Arrest on an active fire scene.
- Members of the Landisville Fire Company immediately began performing Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation on the fallen member.
- Because of the rapidly administered, high quality CPR performed, the stricken member survived the event.

Lacking Proper Certifications

- When asked at the July 8, 2020 meeting, if all the members had proper certifications, Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. answered with "You have a couple of guys who are strictly Engine Operators and drive the truck...they aren't going to pack-up and go in." Some of the members do not have the required Firefighter 1 certification.
- This contradicts Landisville Fire Company's Standard Operating Guideline 11-17 Driver Training/Documentation, as directed by Chief Coraluzzo, Jr., requires that any member submitting an Apparatus Operator Application must have NJ Firefighter 1 Certification.
  - When questioned about this discrepancy Chairman Lucchesi said that they are "**following all of the criteria as closely as we can**".

Landisville Volunteer Fire/Rescue Company SOG 11-17

SECTION 1 **APPLICATION**	1. Any member seeking to become an operator of apparatus and/or vehicles operated by the Landisville Vol. Fire Company shall complete an Apparatus Operator Application in full. This application shall be approved by a Chief Officer. 2. Members seeking to be trained as apparatus operators shall provide copies of the following credentials: a. Copy of their current & valid N.J. driver's license. b. Copy of their EVOC or CEVO certification; c. Copy of N.J. Firefighter 1 certification d. Copy of Basic Pump Class 3. While there are many similarities between apparatus, each make of apparatus has their own nuances. An application shall be completed for each type/make of apparatus that the candidate is seeking to be trained on. (i.e.; pumper, ladder, mini-pumper). 4. Training should be tailored to each type of apparatus in the fire company.

Leadership Concerns

- It is the duty of the Fire Commissioners of District 1 to provide proper oversight of all aspects of fire safety and suppression in the District.
  - On Monday, July 6, 2020, at 22:42:37 there was a call for service at Buena Gardens. Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. responded in the Command Vehicle, along with two (2) fire trucks, staffed with a total of four (4) members of Landisville Fire Company. All five (5) responding members had either NOT BEEN fit tested or were missing required turnout gear. Therefore, none of the five (5) members would have been able to perform interior firematic functions.
  - Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. confirmed the accuracy of the aforementioned statement when questioned during the July 8th meeting.

Budgeting Concerns

- Records provided by Landisville Fire Company indicate that the majority of required annual testing was never completed and historically deferred.
    - It raises the question, where did the budgeted funds go and how were these funds used?

Budgeting Concerns

- **Fire District #1 is quick to point out its surplus is over $300,000.00 and has no debt.**

Budgeting Concerns

- District #1 has built up its surplus by…
  - Not completing required annual training
  - Not performing annual equipment testing
  - Not replacing expired SCBA cylinders
  - Not replacing expired gear

Some Steps Towards Compliance

- During Chief Joseph Kaspar's brief tenure, years of mismanagement and neglect, at the highest levels of the Fire Company, were beginning to be corrected:

  - SCBA Fit Testing was performed
  - SCBA Regulator Flow Testing was completed
  - Expired SCBA Cylinders were decommissioned and new were put into service
  - After five (5) years the required annual Pump Tests were completed
  - CPR training was completed
  - Two (2) long serving illegal Line Officers were removed

Example of Commissioners Involvement with the Fire Company

- The Mayor and I attended the September 8, 2020, Commissioners Meeting and witnessed the following event.

- In May 2020, Chief Kaspar suspended, with the approval of Chairman Paul Lucchesi, Jr., a member and referred the matter to Landisville Fire Company's Personnel/Grievance Committee, as required by Landisville Fire Company's By-Law 16.8 Personnel/Grievance Committee.

Example of Commissioners Involvement with the Fire Company

- *16.8* ***Personnel/Grievance Committee.*** *The Personnel Committee will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Chief and line officers. At least five (5) members of the Committee must be present to conduct any company business or review any personnel items. It will be the responsibility of this Committee to review all applications, handle any personnel matters to include disciplinary actions or complaints of any member.*

Example of Commissioners Involvement with the Fire Company

- The Personnel/Grievance Committee met and upheld the member's suspension and provided a memo regarding the matter and their decision to the Board of Commissioners.

- Both Chief Kaspar and President Jones consulted with the Fire Company's attorney to confirm they were following proper personnel procedures.

Example of Commissioners Involvement with the Fire Company

- During the September 8, 2020, Commissioners Meeting, Commissioner Coraluzzo, Sr. chastised Chief Kaspar and reminded him that he was instructed, by the Commissioners, to write and sign a letter nullifying the suspension.
- Chief Kaspar argued that the Fire Company and the Fire District are two separate entities, and the personnel matter is a Fire Company issue as defined by the Company's by-laws.

Example of Commissioners Involvement with the Fire Company

- Several members of the Board of Commissioners admitted in the meeting that **they had never read the by-laws until this matter came up.**

- **The Commissioners involved themselves in a Company personnel matter by overriding the Personnel Committee's decision.**

Letter from Landisville Fire Company Personnel Committee

8 September 2020

To: Landisville Vol. Fire Company Commissioners

From: Personnel Committee

Re: [redacted] - Suspension

Memo:

Please be advised that on August 17, 2020 the Personnel Committee met regarding issues brought forward by member [redacted]. Some of these issues were presented in a letter during the August 10th meeting. It is the determination of the committee that the suspension of [redacted] by Chief Joseph Kaspar on May 19, 2020 was within Landisville Vol. Fire Company policy as determined by our current Bylaws and Standard Operating Guidelines. Based on this determination, no credits will be given to Mr. [redacted] for his absence. A certified letter and a letter sent via regular mail was sent to [redacted] stating the same. However, even though our Bylaws do not mention anything in regards to an appeal, the committee felt it was only right to afford Mr. [redacted] an appeal to this decision by meeting with the Personnel Committee in person if he so chooses.

Sincerely,

Captain Brian Rowan

Commissioners Argue with Members over Training Expenses

- September 8, 2020, Commissioners Meeting – Commissioner Coraluzzo, Sr. questioned Chief Kaspar about a $450 invoice for required annual Bloodborne Pathogen training. Captain Rowan explained that the annual training in question had not be performed since 2011.

- Coraluzzo, Sr. stated, "It doesn't matter, you cost us $450. If it was up to me, I would have denied payment of the invoice." Chief Kaspar replied, "Lawn cares costs $650 per month, so required training takes a back seat to the lawn?"

Commissioners Argue with Members over Training Expenses

- The invoice in question was authorized by former Chairman Paul Lucchesi, Jr. prior to his abrupt resignation on July 22, 2020.

Commissioners Argue with Members over Training Expenses

The Board of Fire Commissioners had well over **$350,000.00** in their bank accounts while disputing a $450 invoice for required annual training.

Only 25 SCBA Bottles in Service September 8, 2020

- Later in the meeting, Chief Kaspar informed the Commissioners that although Landisville Fire Company had purchased 10 new SCBA cylinders and had acquired 15 loaners, **40 were required** to keep all four fire trucks in proper response condition. NFPA requires a cylinder and a spare for each assigned riding position in the fire truck.
- Commissioner Coraluzzo, Sr. stated "you don't need that many. We started with **20 and that should be sufficient**."
  - **20 cylinders is not enough for two fire trucks to legally respond to calls.**
- Commissioner DeMarco added that Buena Boro is a seven (7) square-mile town with two fire companies and that's a lot of cylinders. He stated "You want to operate like it's Chicago!"

4th Chief Change of 2020
September Commissioners Meeting

- At the Commissioners Meeting during the public portion, Firefighters Bill Mason and Ken Barbagli demanded the Commissioners take action to remove Chief Kaspar because the bylaws state the Fire Chief should live in the Borough.
- Ken Barbagli stated, **"If you can't run it right. I would close you up. Run it right!"**

4th Chief Change of 2020

14 ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE.

14.1 Officers. In order to hold the office of President, Vice President, Chief or a line officer position, an individual must be an active member for three (3) years, prior to the election.

14.2 Fire Chief. To be eligible to hold the position of Fire Chief, the member must be an active member in good standing. The Chief shall be a resident of the Boro of Buena and must have prior experience as a line officer for four (4) years. If there are no qualified residents of the Boro, the Commissioners may seek a qualified member outside of the Boro of Buena or may waive one or more qualifications.

14.3 Assistant Fire Chief. To be eligible to hold the position of Assistance Fire Chief, the member must be a resident of the Boro of Buena and must be an active member in good standing and must have had prior experience as a line officer for three (3) years. If there are no qualified residents of the Boro, the Commissioners may seek a qualified member outside of the Boro or may waive one or qualifications.

4th Chief Change of 2020

- Commissioner Coraluzzo, Sr. stated that Ken Barbagli is right and the Chief needs to live in the Borough.

- The Board of Commissioners entered into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

4th Chief Change of 2020

- Upon returning to the open meeting, **Commissioner Rick Coraluzzo, Sr. made a motion to nominate his son, Rick Coraluzzo, Jr. for Fire Chief** and a second was made by Commissioner Richard DeMarco.

- The Board of Commissioners voted 5-0 to remove Chief Joseph Kaspar and install Rick Coraluzzo, Jr. as Fire Chief of Landisville Fire Company.

Landisville Fire Company
Line Officer List
Provided By Chief Rick Coraluzzo, Jr.
September 2020

Chief – Rick Coraluzzo, Jr.
Asst Chief – Ken Barbagli
Captain – Frank Scancella
Lieutenant – Raymond Jones

In spite of several requests for copies of new Line Officers certificates, none were provided.

Landisville Fire Illegal Line Officer

- **Lieutenant Raymond Jones**
- **Cease and Desist Order issued by NJ Division of Fire Safety (10/8/2020)**
- Was determined by DFS & PEOSH that Raymond Jones did not posses the qualifications for Incident Management Level 1

Sir,

The Division of Fire Safety has received a complaint in regards to command officers not having the proper incident management certification required by the State of NJ. I would like to schedule a meeting with board of commissioners to discuss and investigate this complaint. Please forward me your availability for a meeting. Information supplied to the Division of Fire Safety stated a Raymond Jones is currently a Lieutenant for the Landisville Fire Company. My preliminary investigation and review of the Division's training report for Landisville states Raymond Jones has no certifications this being the case, please cease and desist having Raymond Jones perform the role of fire officer and firefighter.

Sincerely,

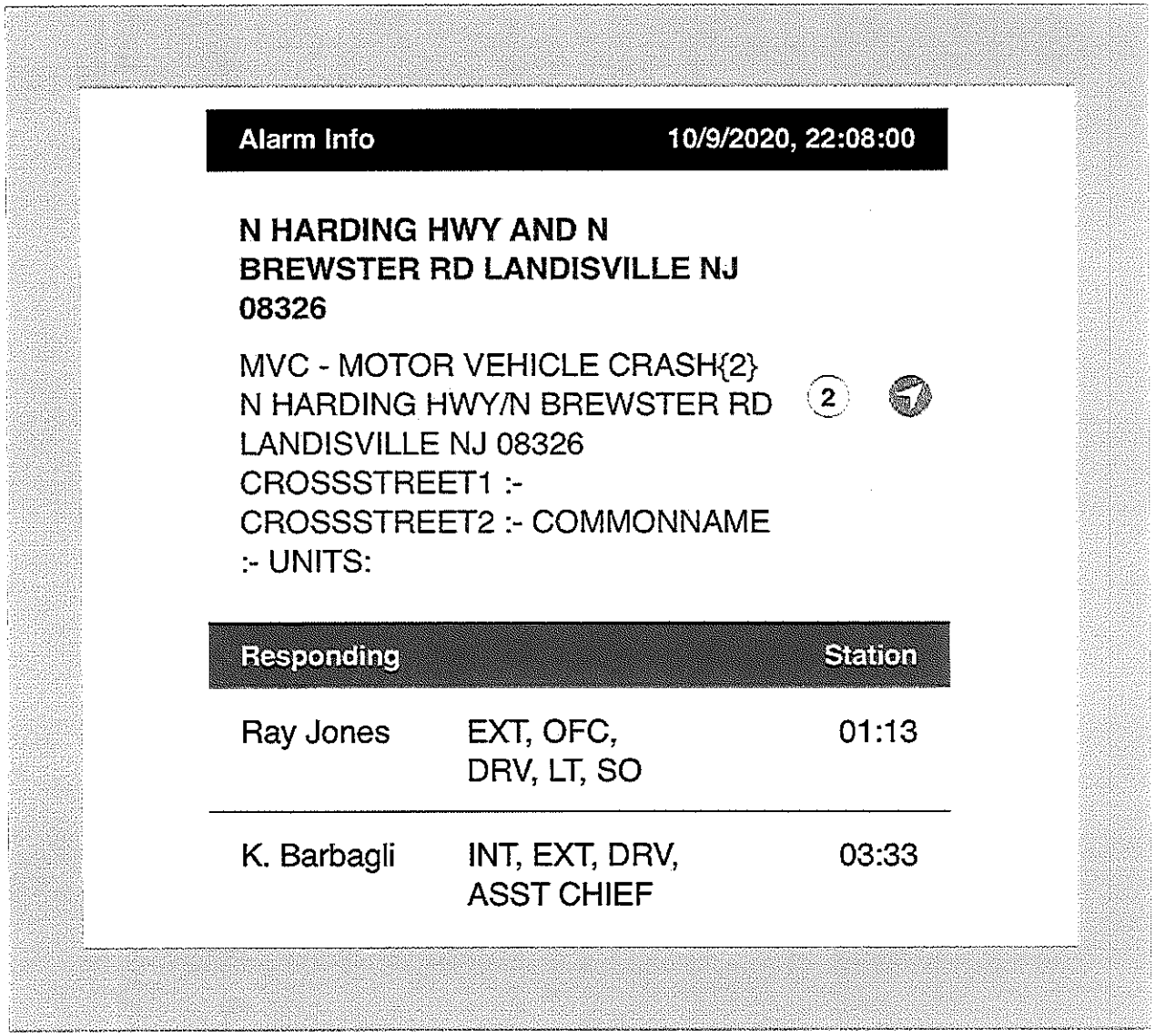
Robert Tharp
Delaware/Shore Regional Fire Coordinator



NJ State Fire Marshal's Office
NJ Division of Fire Safety
PO Box 809
Trenton, NJ 08625

Landisville Fire Illegal Line Officer

- Landisville Fire Company ignored the NJ Division of Fire Safety's order that stated, "please cease and desist having Raymond Jones perform the role of fire officer and firefighter."
- Raymond Jones still appeared as a Lieutenant on Landisville Fire Company's response app, which would lead members to believe that Raymond Jones was still a line officer
- Raymond Jones responded on Engine 11-11 on the MVC on 10/9/2020 22:08:00



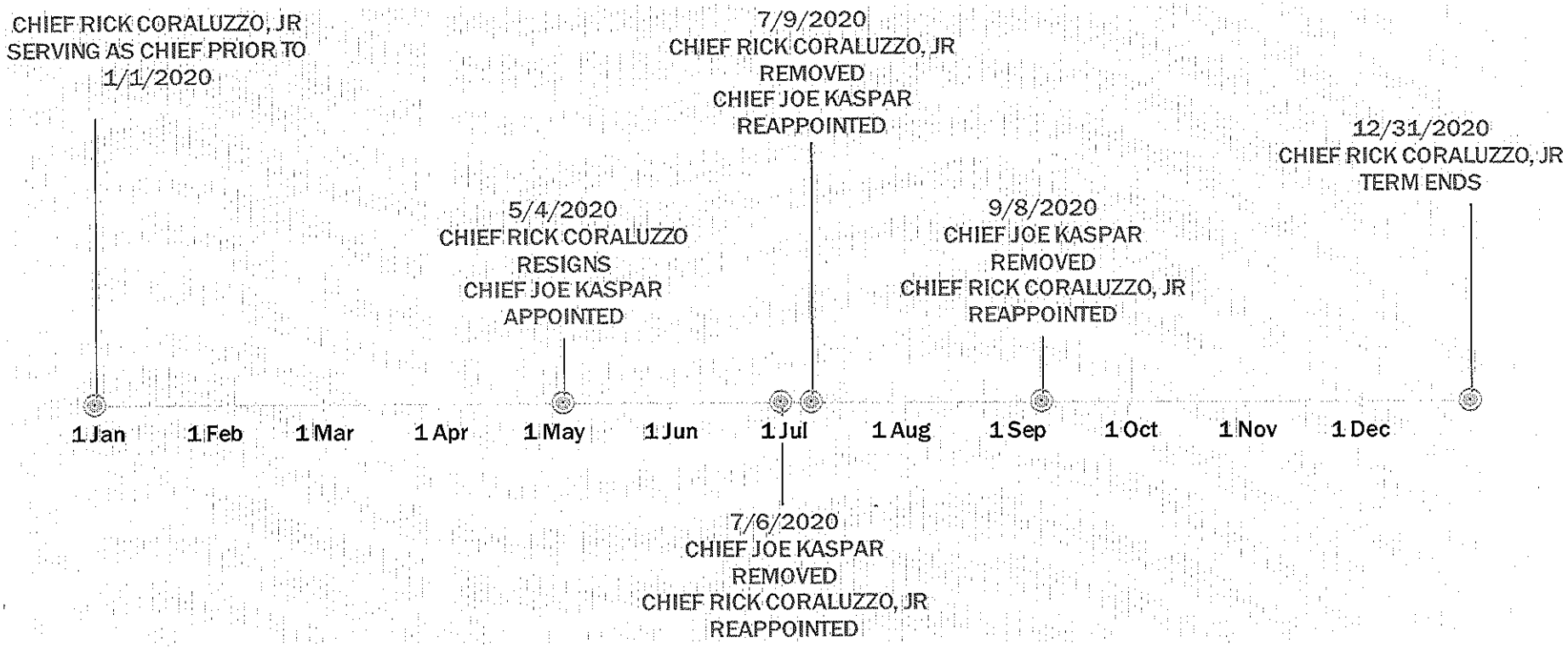
Alarm Info **10/9/2020, 22:08:00**

N HARDING HWY AND N BREWSTER RD LANDISVILLE NJ 08326

MVC - MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH{2}
N HARDING HWY/N BREWSTER RD
LANDISVILLE NJ 08326
CROSSSTREET1 :-
CROSSSTREET2 :- COMMONNAME
:- UNITS:

Responding		Station
Ray Jones	EXT, OFC, DRV, LT, SO	01:13
K. Barbagli	INT, EXT, DRV, ASST CHIEF	03:33

2020 Fire Chiefs
Landisville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company



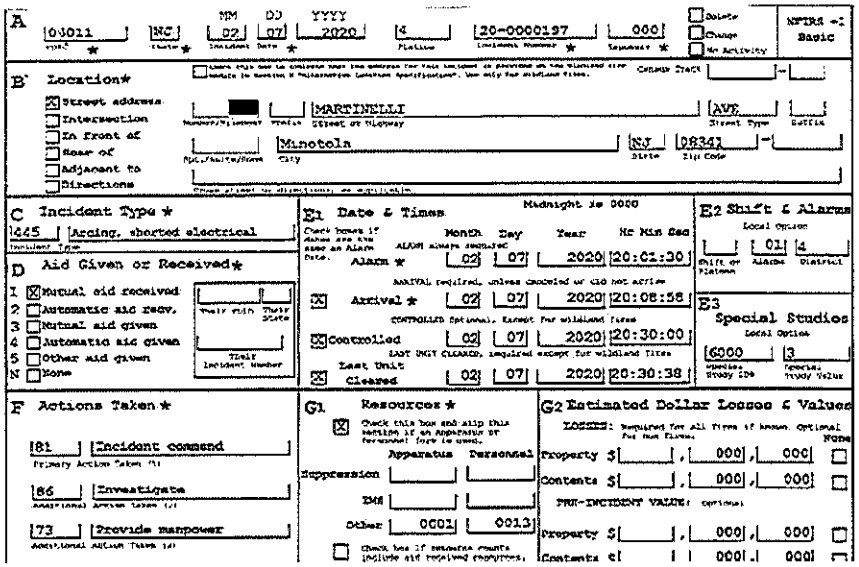
Selection of Fire Chief

- The New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts' Fire Commissioner's Handbook states, "A Fire District and Fire Company are separate entities with each providing fire protection services to the public. Each has its own officers and its own bylaws. It is important to recognize this distinction in serving as a Commissioner."
- N.J.A.C. 40A:14-70.1 states "the appointment or election of the chief of the volunteer fire company shall remain the prerogative of the membership of the fire company as set forth in the company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws."

Leadership Concerns

- Up until this point, internal issues have been the focus of this presentation.
- I'd like to note one important incident that involved several mutual aid partners.

Incident 02/07/2020
Chief Coraluzzo, Jr. 11-100
Violation of Landisville Fire Company Standard Operating Guidelines



A
04011 | NJ | MM 02 | DD 07 | YYYY 2020 | 4 | 20-0000197 | 000 | Delete | Change | No Activity | NFIRS 5.0 Basic

B Location*
Street address | [redacted] | MARTINELLI | AVE
Intersection
In front of
Near of
Adjacent to
Directions
Minotola | NJ | 08341

C Incident Type *
645 | Arcing, shorted electrical

D Aid Given or Received*
1 Mutual aid received
2 Automatic aid recv.
3 Mutual aid given
4 Automatic aid given
5 Other aid given
N None

E1 Date & Times
Alarm * 02 07 2020 20:01:30
Arrival * 02 07 2020 20:08:58
Controlled 02 07 2020 20:30:00
Last Unit Cleared 02 07 2020 20:30:38

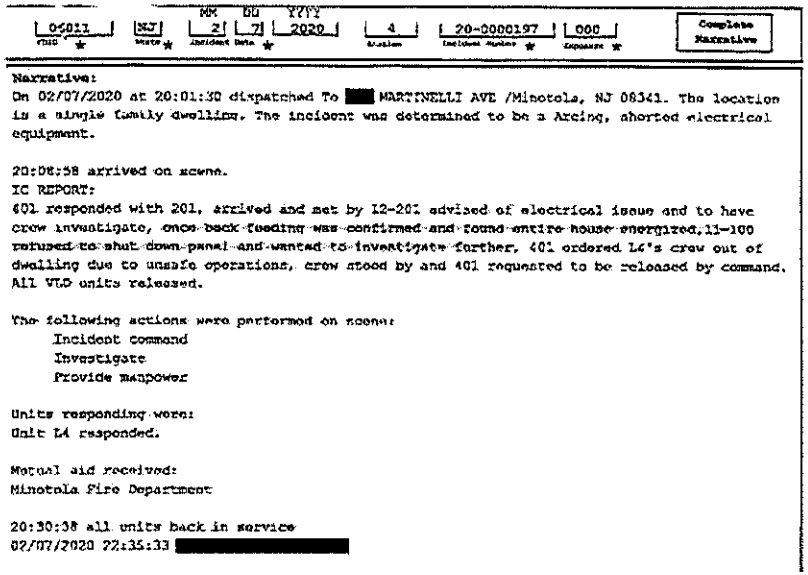
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E3 Special Studies
6000 | 3

F Actions Taken *
81 | Incident command
86 | Investigate
73 | Provide manpower

G1 Resources *
Suppression
EMS
Other 0001 | 0013

G2 Estimated Dollar Losses & Values
Property $ 000 | 000
Contents $ 000 | 000
Property $ 000 | 000
Contents $ 000 | 000



04011 | NJ | MM 2 | DD 7 | YYYY 2020 | 4 | 20-0000197 | 000 | Complete Narrative

Narrative:
On 02/07/2020 at 20:01:30 dispatched To [redacted] MARTINELLI AVE /Minotola, NJ 08341. The location is a single family dwelling. The incident was determined to be a Arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

20:08:58 arrived on scene.
IC REPORT:
401 responded with 201, arrived and met by 12-201 advised of electrical issue and to have crew investigate, once back feeding was confirmed and found entire house energized,11-100 refused to shut down panel and wanted to investigate further, 401 ordered L4's crew out of dwelling due to unsafe operations, crew stood by and 401 requested to be released by command. All VLD units released.

The following actions were performed on scene:
Incident command
Investigate
Provide manpower

Units responding were:
Unit L4 responded.

Mutual aid received:
Minotola Fire Department

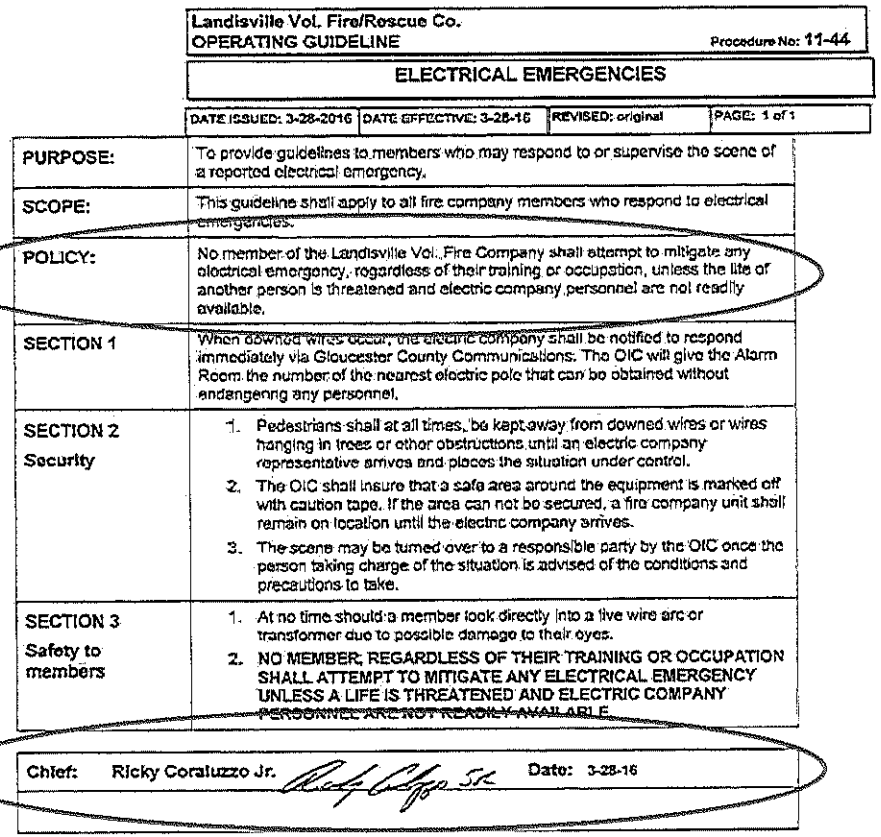
20:30:38 all units back in service
02/07/2020 22:35:33 [redacted]

Incident 02/07/2020
Landisville Fire Co
Chief Coraluzzo, Jr 11-100
Violations of Landisville Fire Standard Operating Guidelines

Violation of SOG: 11-44
Policy:

No member of the Landisville Vol. Fire Company shall attempt to mitigate any electrical emergency, regardless of their training or occupation, unless the life of another person is threatened, and electric company personnel are not readily available.

Chief Coraluzzo violated his own SOG, see signature.



Landisville Vol. Fire/Rescue Co.
OPERATING GUIDELINE Procedure No: 11-44

ELECTRICAL EMERGENCIES

DATE ISSUED: 3-28-2016	DATE EFFECTIVE: 3-28-16	REVISED: original	PAGE: 1 of 1

PURPOSE:	To provide guidelines to members who may respond to or supervise the scene of a reported electrical emergency.
SCOPE:	This guideline shall apply to all fire company members who respond to electrical emergencies.
POLICY:	No member of the Landisville Vol. Fire Company shall attempt to mitigate any electrical emergency, regardless of their training or occupation, unless the life of another person is threatened and electric company personnel are not readily available.
SECTION 1	When downed wires occur, the electric company shall be notified to respond immediately via Gloucester County Communications. The OIC will give the Alarm Room the number of the nearest electric pole that can be obtained without endangering any personnel.
SECTION 2 **Security**	1. Pedestrians shall at all times, be kept away from downed wires or wires hanging in trees or other obstructions until an electric company representative arrives and places the situation under control. 2. The OIC shall insure that a safe area around the equipment is marked off with caution tape. If the area can not be secured, a fire company unit shall remain on location until the electric company arrives. 3. The scene may be turned over to a responsible party by the OIC once the person taking charge of the situation is advised of the conditions and precautions to take.
SECTION 3 **Safety to members**	1. At no time should a member look directly into a live wire arc or transformer due to possible damage to their eyes. 2. NO MEMBER; REGARDLESS OF THEIR TRAINING OR OCCUPATION SHALL ATTEMPT TO MITIGATE ANY ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY UNLESS A LIFE IS THREATENED AND ELECTRIC COMPANY PERSONNEL ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE

Chief: Ricky Coraluzzo Jr. **Date:** 3-28-16

Mishandling of COVID-19 Exposure

Protocol for a Member Contracting COVID-19

i. Response to a member contracting COVID-19
    i. Proper reporting to other members and public health officials
    ii. Initiate in house contact tracing /Cooperate with Public Health Officials in contact tracing and other means of mitigation
    iii. Alert Mutual Aid of Fire Company's that will be out of service do to quarantine
    iv. Decontamination of building and ALL Equipment. The department will be placed out of service until contact tracing, decontamination and all persons needing quarantine is complete and health department has cleared to return to service

COVID-19 Protocols

- A member of Landisville Fire Company tested positive for the COVID-19 virus in October 2020.
- Exposure to other members occurred at the Fire House
- Notification was made to those members who were in direct contact with the known positive person.
- This event should have triggered several actions by Landisville Fire Company if they followed their COVID-19 Guidelines.

COVID-19 Protocols

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- Notification was **NEVER** made to membership, nor to public health officials
- Mutual Aid partners – Franklin Twp Police, Minotola Fire Co and Buena EMS were **never** notified by Landisville Fire Company

- Landisville Fire Company did not put themselves out of service.
- The building was professionally cleaned, but no mention of apparatus or equipment.

COVID-19 Protocols

LVFC COVID-19 SOG

Joseph D'Alessandro <buenaoem@buenaboro.org>
Sun 10/18/2020 10:45 PM

To: Ricky Coraluzzo <enricocoraluzzo@gmail.com>
Cc: kb3nfe@comcast.net <kb3nfe@comcast.net>; chiefjrs@aol.com <chiefjrs@aol.com>; David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>

1 attachments (274 KB)
Landisville FC COVID-19 SOG 031720.pdf;

Gentlemen,

This evening I was informed by Chief Coraluzzo, via telephone, that a member of Landisville Volunteer Fire Company tested positive today for COVID-19. Please see attached LVFC's COVID-19 Standard Operating Guidelines that were sent to Buena OEM on March 17, 2020 to address Fire Operations at LVFC during the COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency.

Please review your attached SOG with particular attention to ***Section I: Response to a member contracting COVID-19***, which indicates your adopted procedures and guidelines for a member testing positive for COVID-19.

Please confirm ASAP that procedures/guidelines in the attached SOG are being followed to ensure the health and safety of the members of LVFC, the residents of the Borough of Buena and Mutual Aid partners. Please keep me updated on 11-1's operational status as it relates to this event.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Director of Public Safety
Emergency Management Coordinator

COVID-19 Protocols

- COVID-19 testing guidance recommends that individuals with a known exposure to a positive should wait 3-5 days before testing to allow for the potential viral load to be great enough to be detected.
- This information was relayed to Chief Coraluzzo, Jr., who replied that the members received negative tests and were fine. They did not need to quarantine nor take any other preventative measures.
- The Landisville Fire Company members who had been exposed but tested negative on Day 2 (**not** 3-5 days) of exposure continued to respond to calls.
- One exposed member entered a residence on a CO Alarm call, only one day after testing, potentially exposing the residents and Landisville Fire Company's mutual aid partners to COVID-19.
- Earlier the same day, there was a fire that, once again, put some of the exposed members of Landisville Fire Company in contact with the public and their mutual aid partners.

Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Inspections

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH)

- Mayor and Council were notified by PEOSH that a former line officer from Landisville Fire Company had filed a complaint with PEOSH alleging several areas of concern regarding the members' health and safety.

- The NJ Division of Fire Safety (NJDFS) also contacted the Mayor and I to inform us that NJDFS was investigating allegations regarding an unqualified Landisville Fire Company Line Officer.

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH)

Department of Labor Findings: 9 Violations (6 Serious and 3 Other-than-Serious)

Citations issued on November 18, 2020

- 9 Citations (6 Serious and 3 Other-than-Serious)
  - Illegal Line Officer (demoted on the spot)
  - Lack of Accountability Tags
  - Lacking documentation of Pump Testing, Aerial Testing and Roadworthiness for Trucks
  - Improper Head Protection
    - Helmets lacking proper Eye Protection
  - Not providing proper equipment to firefighters
    - Bunker Pants missing thermal layer

Violations were abated and the Department of Labor case was closed on January 7, 2021.

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH)

Department of Health Findings: 19 Violations (13 Serious and 6 Other-than-Serious)

Citations issued on November 18, 2020

- No evidence of an effective Emergency Response Plan
- Landisville Fire Company did not provide yearly First Responder Operations refresher training
- Not all members were fit tested on SCBA masks
- Lack of annual SCBA respirator training
- Deficient Hepatitis B Program
- Members lacking annual Bloodborne Pathogen training
- Bloodborne Pathogen training did not include the Exposure Control Plan
- Several chemicals stored in improperly labeled containers
- Lacking proper Safety Data Sheets for hazardous chemicals stored at the Fire House
- Landisville Fire Company did not provide Hazardous Communication training for all members
- Landisville Fire Company did not provide Hazardous Communication training that included information on the Company's Written Program and Safety Data Sheets
- Landisville Fire Company was lacking training for (SCBA) air cylinder filling station
- Landisville Fire Company was lacking records for filling of SCBA cylinders and lacking manual for filling equipment

Violations above in RED are still not corrected and unabated as of today, over six (6) months since issuance.

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH)

- The Borough of Buena provides Liability Insurance coverage for Fire District #1 through the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. Due to the volume and severity of the PEOSH violations, Mayor and Council, in consultation with our professionals, decided the safest and most prudent course of action was the suspension of operations of Landisville Fire Company.

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH)

- On two separate occasions, December 14, 2020, and March 12, 2021, Mayor and Council passed resolutions suspending the operations of Fire District 1 and the Landisville Volunteer Fire/Rescue Company.
- As of today, the PEOSH NJ Department of Health enforcement case remains open and six (6) Serious Violations remain unabated.

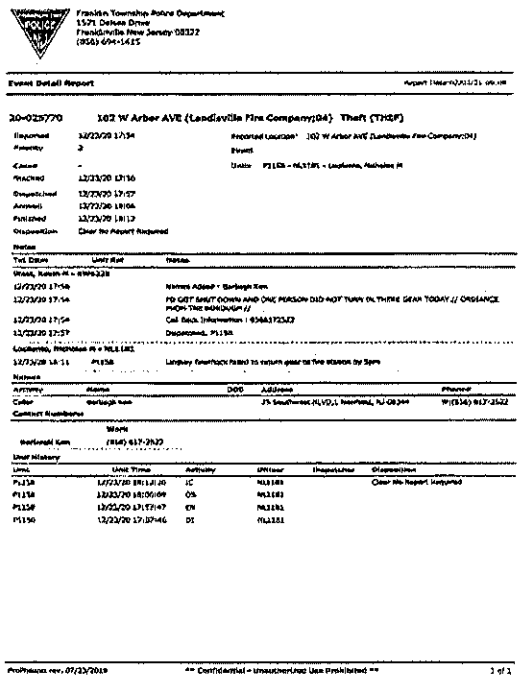
New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH)

- PEOSH's enforcement case with Landisville Fire Company remains open and active until the NJ Department of Health revisits the Fire House, conducts their inspection and issues a closeout letter.
- Reinspection does not guarantee compliance and may even trigger additional citations.

Police Report Filed By Asst Chief Barbagli

- Landisville Fire Company required all members to return any company property by 5pm on December 23, 2020.
- On December 16, 2020, a Landisville firefighter returned Landisville Fire Company property to Borough Hall where I received on behalf of the Fire Company.
- On December 21, 2020, I notified the Chief, the President and Chair of the Fire Commission that Landisville's property had been dropped off at Borough Hall and was available for pickup.
- On December 23, 2020, Assistant Chief Ken Barbagli filed a Police Report for theft of Landisville Company property that was at Borough Hall.

Police Report Filed By Asst Chief Barbagli



Franklin Township Police Department
1571 Deluxe Drive
Franklinville New Jersey 08322
(856) 694-1415

Event Detail Report

20-025770 102 W Arber AVE (Landisville Fire Company:04) Theft (THEF)

Reported	12/23/20 17:54	Reported Location*	102 W Arber AVE (Landisville Fire Company:04)
Priority	3	Event	
Cause	-	Units	P1158 - ML1181 - Loudenslo, Nicholas M
Attached	12/23/20 17:56		
Dispatched	12/23/20 17:57		
Arrived	12/23/20 18:06		
Finished	12/23/20 18:12		
Disposition	Clear No Report Required		

Notes

Txt Dtm	Unit Ref	Notes
Wood, Kelvin M - KW6228		
12/23/20 17:56		Names Added : Barbagli Ken
12/23/20 17:54		FD GOT SHUT DOWN AND ONE PERSON DID NOT TURN IN THERE GEAR TODAY // ORDIANCE FROM THE BOROUGH //
12/23/20 17:54		Call Back Information : 8566172522
12/23/20 17:57		Dispatched: P1158
Loudenslo, Nicholas M - ML1181		
12/23/20 18:11	P1158	Langley Kenrick failed to return gear to fire station by 5pm

Names

Activity	Name	DOB	Address	Phone#
Caller	Barbagli Ken		25 Southwest Blvd, Deerfield, NJ 08344	W:(856) 817-2522

Contact Numbers:

	Work
Barbagli Ken	(856) 817-2522

Unit History

Unit	Unit Time	Activity	Officer	Dispatcher	Disposition
P1158	12/23/20 17:56:49	IC	ML1181		Clear No Report Required
P1158	12/23/20 18:06:09	OS	ML1181		
P1158	12/23/20 17:57:47	EN	ML1181		
P1158	12/23/20 17:57:46	DI	ML1181		

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Contact Numbers:

2020 Response Rates

Landisville Fire Company 2020 Response Rates

- Response rates can be confusing. Technically, a Chief's Command Vehicle (usually an SUV) is generally considered a piece of fire apparatus.
- According to this definition, when a Chief, in his/her Command Vehicle gets on radio and advises the dispatch center that he/she is responding, that counts as the company "responding". When that Chief arrives on the location of the incident, then the company has "arrived".
- For our purposes, the Borough looked at the response and arrival component differently. The Borough is more concerned with the response and arrival time of the fire trucks – actual apparatus that can fight a fire.

Landisville Fire Company 2020 Response Rates

- The Borough of Buena operates on a Dual-Station Dispatch meaning that both Landisville and Minotola Fire Companies are dispatched for every call for service within the Borough of Buena.
- Irrespective of the District from which the call originates, **both** Companies receive the same dispatch.
- The response and arrival information that follows is based on 111 Calls for Service received by Landisville Volunteer Fire/Rescue Co and Minotola Volunteer Fire Co during 2020 (01/01/2020-12/14/2020).

Landisville Fire Company 2020 Response Rates

- The data that has been compiled is taken from the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) Summary reports from Gloucester County Emergency Response Center, which dispatched all Landisville Fire Company's calls for service in 2020.
  - There are two exceptions, the TS Isaias calls on 8/4/2020 & the unprecedented thunderstorms and flooding that ensued on 8/7/2020.
  - These two dates were excluded because of the sheer volume of calls for service in the area and the lack of accurate times from the Dispatch Center.

Landisville Fire Company 2020 Response Rates

Borough-Wide Dual-Station Dispatch

- Total 111 Calls for Service
- Fire Truck Responded on 66 Calls
- Truck Response Rate of 59.5%
- 9.45 Minutes for Truck to Respond
- Fire Truck Arrived on location on 47 Calls
- Fire Truck on Location Rate 42.3%
- The difference (19 calls) between response and arrival is because of recalls by crews already on location.
- 13.1 Minutes to Arrive on Location after initial dispatch

Dwelling Calls in the Borough in 2020

- There were 5 Dwelling Calls (House Fires) in the Borough in 2020
- Landisville Fire Company responded with a Fire Truck to one (1) of the five (5)
- 20% Response Rate to Dwelling Calls
- The one call that Landisville Fire Company made took 15 minutes to get the Fire Truck on the road and **17 minutes to arrive on location** after Command Issued a Reduce Speed order.
  - Ladder 11-16 was the 6th and final Fire Truck to arrive on location, which was only 1.4 miles from Station 11-1

Landisville Fire Company 2020 Response Rates

Calls for Service in District 1 - Landisville Section

- 40 Calls in Landisville Section
- Fire Truck Responded to 26 Calls
- Truck Response Rate of 62.5%
- 8.4 Minutes for Truck to Respond
- Fire Truck Arrived on location on 22 Calls
- Fire Truck on Location Rate 52.5%
- The difference (4 calls) between response and arrival is because of recalls by crews already on location.
- 11.2 Minutes to Arrive on Location after initial dispatch

Borough-Wide Response Rates

Calls for Service – September 8, 2020 – December 14, 2020

Landisville Vol Fire Co

- 8.2 Minutes for a Truck to Respond
- 10.7 Minutes to Arrive on Location after initial dispatch
- 2.69 Firefighters/Call
- Truck Response Rate of 45.5%

Minotola Vol Fire Co

- 5.5 Minutes for a Truck to Respond
- 6.87 Minutes to Arrive on Location after initial dispatch
- 4.48 Firefighters/Call
- Truck Response Rate of 96.6%

Landisville Fire Company 2020 Response Rates

Calls for Service in District 1 – Landisville Section
September 8, 2020 – December 14, 2020
Under the Command of:
Chief Coraluzzo, Jr., Asst Chief Ken Barbagli & Capt Frank Scancella

- 11 Calls in Landisville Section
- Fire Truck Responded to 6 Calls
- Truck Response Rate of 45.5%
- 8.2 Minutes for Truck to Respond
- Fire Truck Arrived on location on 3 Calls
- Fire Truck on Location Rate 27.2%
- 10.7 Minutes to Arrive on Location after initial dispatch

27.2%

Truck on Location Rate

Disinformation & Misinformation

Disinformation/Misinformation

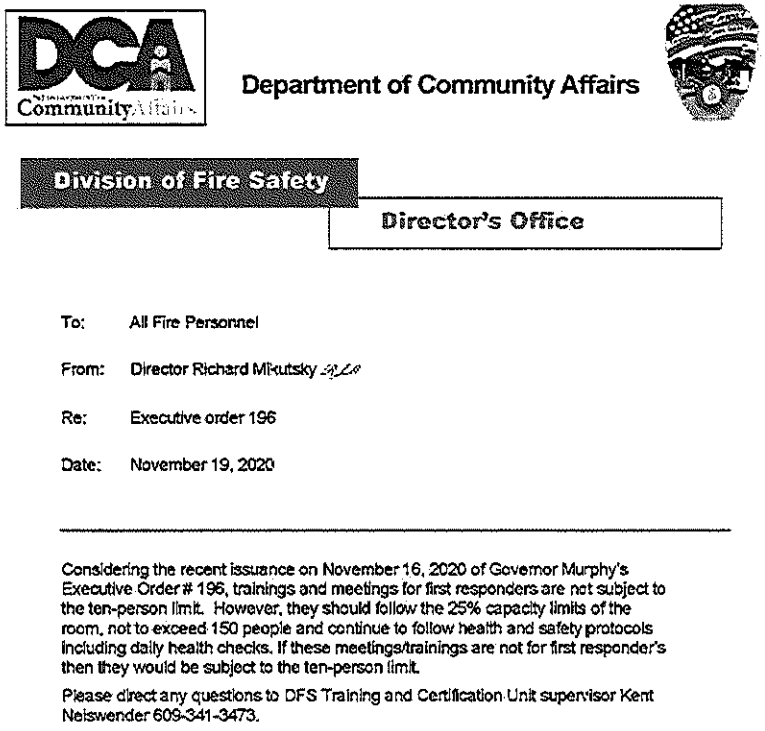
- "Mayor and Council are trying to get their hands on Landisville's money and building!"
  - The Borough of Buena does not "get" the money. If District 1 is dissolved, District 2 will be expanded and will assume all assets and liabilities of District 1 to continue to provide fire safety services to the residents.
- "All violations have been abated. We are waiting on the State!"
  - As of today, there are still six (6) Serious Dept of Health Citations outstanding from November 2020.
- "I do not consider violations related to antique vehicles or elderly member's equipment that do not actively fight fires to be serious violations."
  - There were no citations issued by PEOSH relating to "antique vehicles or elderly member's equipment."

Disinformation/Misinformation

- "Mayor and members of council have not been in touch with the department since the violations were issued to discuss a resolution or to see with their own eyes the violations that were issued and how they have been corrected."
  - Mayor and Council members have met with the Commissioners on at least three occasions since PEOSH opened their investigation.
    - October 15, 2020, to discuss the NJ Division of Fire Safety's Cease & Desist Order regarding an illegal Line Officer
    - December 8, 2020, to discuss all of the PEOSH violations and plans for correction
    - January 20, 2021, at the request of the Commissioners and their Attorney to discuss their situation. Once the Fire District retained Counsel, all communication with the Fire District has been between the attorneys.

Disinformation/Misinformation

- "The six (6) Serious PEOSH Violations that remain uncorrected are due to the restrictions on gathering that are in place because of the COVID-19 Pandemic."
  - FACT: EO-196 issued 11/16/2020 indicated that training and meetings for First Responders are not subject to the ten-person limit. (See Memo from NJ Division of Fire Safety Director dated 11/19/2020)



DCA Community Affairs

Department of Community Affairs

Division of Fire Safety

Director's Office

To: All Fire Personnel

From: Director Richard Mikutsky

Re: Executive order 196

Date: November 19, 2020

Considering the recent issuance on November 16, 2020 of Governor Murphy's Executive Order # 196, trainings and meetings for first responders are not subject to the ten-person limit. However, they should follow the 25% capacity limits of the room, not to exceed 150 people and continue to follow health and safety protocols including daily health checks. If these meetings/trainings are not for first responder's then they would be subject to the ten-person limit.

Please direct any questions to DFS Training and Certification Unit supervisor Kent Neiswender 609-341-3473.

Disinformation/Misinformation

- Press of AC article dated May 6 indicated that Landisville Fire Company has more than 20 members.
  - The number of members does not equal the number of certified firefighters.
  - The Borough of Buena received 3 different lists of firefighters on March 10 (9), April 23 (13), and April 26 (11).
    - The lists received lack consistency and not all members listed appear to have Firefighter 1 Certification.

"Know the Real Facts"

"Financial audit ordered of Landisville Fire Department (Report Released at 4/12/2021 Council Meeting - Only 3 Clerical Procedures Noted and Procedures Have Been Revised to Comply)"

The financial audit of Borough of Buena Board of Fire Commissioners District 1 was not an attempt by the Borough of Buena to find wrongdoing. The Borough had no expectations of finding financial improprieties. The audit is simply a step required in the dissolution process, prescribed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Local Finance Board.

"Know the Real Facts"

"Mayor Zappariello and Councilman D'Alessandro visited select Boro residents at their homes explaining to them that LVFD received many violations that resulted in the Boro being responsible for paying hefty fines as a result of those violations."

Neither Mayor David Zappariello, nor Councilman Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III have ever told residents that Landisville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company had incurred fines as a result of the active and ongoing investigation currently being conducted by the New Jersey Department of Health (PEOSH). The Borough of Buena would not be responsible for any fines incurred by the Borough of Buena Board of Fire Commissioners District 1 and Landisville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company, even if they have been issued.

"Know the Real Facts"

"Mayor Zappariello stated at the above council meeting that he and Councilman D'Alessandro met with LVFD on multiple occasions regarding these violations when THEY DID NOT!"

Mayor David Zappariello, Council President Rosalie Baker and Councilman D'Alessandro have met with the Borough of Buena Board of Fire Commissioners District 1 and Landisville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company on at least eight (8) separate occasions since July 2020 regarding various issues, including, but limited to the current PEOSH investigation. (7/8/2020, 7/13/2020, 9/8/2020, 9/9/2020, 10/5/2020, 10/15/2020, 12/8/2020, 1/20/2021)

"Know the Real Facts"

"Landisville Volunteer Fire has resolved all violations and is awaiting action from the State to be officially cleared to reopen. Delays were incurred due to the COVID-19 Pandemic."

Borough of Buena Board of Fire Commissioners District 1 and Landisville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company are in the midst of an investigation by the New Jersey Department of Health. The outstanding violations cited by the NJ Department of Health have not been resolved and will not be resolved until the NJ Department of Health conducts a reinspection of Borough of Buena Board of Fire Commissioners District 1 and Landisville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company. The correspondence received throughout the ongoing NJ Department of Health investigation has not referenced COVID-19 as a reason for the delay in compliance, but rather a continued lack of required training. Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 196 (11/2020) which stated that training and meetings for first responders are not subject to the ten-person gathering limit.

"Know the Real Facts"

"Does the Mayor & Council want the building for another purpose or just their fat bank account?"

The Borough of Buena's application to the Department of Community Affairs specifically states the Borough of Buena is dissolving Borough of Buena Board of Fire Commissioners District 1 and expanding Borough of Buena Board of Fire District 2. The assets and liabilities will be transferred from Fire District #1 to Fire District #2. The Borough of Buena does not take possession of any of Fire District #1's assets. Fire District #1's assets will continue to serve the residents of Fire District #1 but will be administered by the Fire Commissioners of Fire District #2.

"Know the Real Facts"

"Eliminating one department will result in the BORO PAYING A FEE by requiring neighboring fire departments to cover our town when our fire department is on an active call."

The Borough of Buena does not pay for mutual aid, just as the Borough's first responder agencies do not charge neighboring municipalities for mutual aid. Communities work together to provide mutual aid to each other to supplement their municipalities resources, such as manpower and equipment.

"Know the Real Facts"

- It has been stated time and again that dissolving Fire District #1 will increase property taxes.

- **2020 Fire Tax Rates:**
  - **Fire District #1: 10.1¢**
  - **Fire District #2: 15.5¢**

"Know the Real Facts"

- **Estimated annual savings** (Financial Analysis by Ford, Scott & Associates)**:**
  - **$102,684.00 per year**
- **The New Estimated Borough-wide Fire Tax Rate after dissolution of District #1 & expansion of District #2:**
  - **9.52¢ = Fire Tax Savings for the Entire Borough**

Deficiencies of the Fire Commissioners

- The Fire Commissioners of District 1 knew of the many irregularities within the Landisville Fire Company and its line officers.
- Leadership does not take responsibility for the actions of the membership.
- Leadership has not consulted appropriate State rules and/or laws that pertain to the daily operations of the Fire District.

This meeting is regarding the Landisville Fire Company.

This is also the proper forum where you will hear our side of the story.

What makes this meeting so difficult and probably the most trying aspect of local politics, is we all know each other. Our families have grown up together, lived next door to each other and have done business together. But even though there is great familiarity, this doesn't preclude us, as elected officials, to having to make very hard decisions. Some of the fire commissioners have served on council, and although we are on polar opposites on this matter, I'm sure they can at least confirm sitting up here is no easy task.

And this has not been easy. We have been berated on social media, attacked in the newspaper, there have been flyers and yard signs, and be assured what has been verbally said about us eventually gets back to these ears. We've received numerous OPRA requests to uncover so-called backroom deals, Minotola Fire Company has been turned into both the Department of Health and the Department of Labor by an anonymous tipster, fire companies in surrounding communities have even been OPRA'd in an attempt to prove that Landisville's violations are inherent everywhere. They are not. And sadly, just two days ago at Monday night's council meeting, Councilman D'Alessandro's wife was ridiculed by someone sitting in this room. It was uncalled for and classless. But this governing body has taken the high road and whether you agree with us or not, we were not going to debate online or have a newspaper print a salacious headline to create even more derision. This matter should have been handled a long time ago, in-house, and we are now at the point where attorneys are involved, which has limited us greatly to what we could and could not say.

Many of us sitting at this table have gone through this type of issue when we closed our police department and contracted with Franklin Township. It had public safety consequences, financial implications, it had history and it was personal. Very personal. This is no different.

And speaking of personal. We've truly thought long and hard on how to present the facts without putting individuals under the spotlight. As mayor I have neither been vindictive, nor berated someone when debating. It has always been a civil discourse, at least from this end. Unfortunately, to explain the facts tonight, we're going to have to name names and it's going to be extremely uncomfortable. Uncomfortable for us, uncomfortable for those being discussed and possibly for those just listening. I also think you would agree it would be foolish, for us to say, for example, the former chief, when everyone in this room knows who is being referenced. We're all adults, and just as this council has had to endure some blunt remarks, there comes a time when you have

to hear about yourself, your family and your friends. I'm sure some feelings will be hurt tonight. But believe me, it is not intentional but a hard reality of the facts, at least as this governing body views them.

Our presentation is lengthy. It has to be to explain every detail – details that taxpayers are entitled to know. It encompasses over a year of involvement with the commission. Many of you have been focusing on the PEOSH violations as the reason why we are at this juncture. Let me be perfectly clear, we would still be sitting here even if those violations had not come to light. Tonight we will be talking about the failure of the fire commission to separate themselves from the fire department, you will hear about expired air bottles, past due testing of firetrucks, lack of training and even lack of valid CPR certification. Imagine for a moment, a firefighter running into your house with a defective air bottle, outdated training and no CPR certification. Now imagine that firefighter getting hurt or dying on the call. In this case, I picture myself in a courtroom defending a lawsuit. Any seasoned attorney, even one fresh out of law school for that matter, would ask, "Mayor, you knew there were these deficiencies, why did you let the fire company remain in service?" In this instance, there truly is no defense and the Borough and you and I as taxpayers would be responsible for a multi-million dollar settlement. So when these issues were discovered, this governing body could not turn a blind eye because of history, because of tradition, because of who was in charge or based on promises that it would soon get fixed. We had a fiduciary, and more importantly, a legal responsibility to make things right, even if that meant removing the chronic problem altogether. And while many of you have been told we didn't help, I can assure you the five words "How can we help you?" came out of this mouth and in front of some of the commissioners on multiple occasions. The offer was never accepted.

Surprisingly, in a letter council received on May 5, 2021 by the Minotola Fire Company. They indicated on three separate occasions to offer to help Landisville with their PEOSH violations. Again, those offers went unaccepted. Doesn't one have to ask him or herself, why wouldn't you accept a genuine offer of assistance? Is it pride? Is it incompetence? What it is, it's unacceptable.

I'm not going to belabor the facts. But let's be honest. No matter what we present tonight. We're not going to change some of your minds. It's like trying to talk politics and attempting to convince someone to switch parties. It's just not going to happen. All I can ask, is that those of you who are here this evening genuinely looking for answers as to why this governing body is taking action, I think you will clearly see there is overwhelming evidence that there exists a systemic problem, that has been running rampant for years and the only way to correct the issues is to expand Fire District #2.

FW: The Press of Atlantic City newspaper would like to know how it can find out what happened at the Local Finance Board hearing on Wednesday, June 9.

Vincent Jackson <vjackson@pressofac.com>

Thu 6/3/2021 3:17 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

From: Vincent Jackson
To: mayordave@buenaboro.org
Cc: joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org
Subject: The Press of Atlantic City newspaper would like to know how it can find out what happened at the Local Finance Board hearing on Wednesday, June 9.

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Mayor Dave Zappariello and Councilman and Director of Public Safety Joseph D'Alessandro:

This is Vincent Jackson at the Press of Atlantic City newspaper. It is my understanding that Wednesday, June 9 is the day that Buena goes before the Local Finance Board to dissolve the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company.

I have some questions about this. Do you know what time and where this meeting will be held? Do you know if the meeting is open to the media?

What do you know about how a Local Finance Board operates? Is this a state agency even though local is in the title?

Is it your expectation that you will make your case or arguments, and find out the Local Finance Board decision at a later date, or is your expectation that the Local Finance Board will make a decision based on your argument on Wednesday?

If the Local Finance Board does not have to make a decision on Wednesday, how will you be notified of its decision? Email? Text? A phone call? Another meeting? If the Local Finance Board does not tell you its decision on Wednesday, how much does it time or days does it have to make a decision?

That's it. I will be working Sunday through Thursday of next week during the afternoons and evenings generally. My phone number is 609-272-7202 at my desk and 609-328-6770 on my cell.

My email is vjackson@pressofac.com My backup email is acfeatures@gmail.com

Let me know whether you guys receive this email. Also, let me know what answers you have for my questions when you know the answers.

Thanks a lot,

Vincent Jackson

Community Healing

Betty Testa <busylady1937@hotmail.com>

Sun 6/6/2021 9:22 AM

To: Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Cc: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>

Deer Buena Borough Council,
About a week ago I extended an olive branch by e-mail to the mayor with an offer to begin to heal our community over the unjust act to overtake the Landisville Fire Department. To be fair, I asked to meet with him and former mayor Baruffi (a private citizen like I am) to explain my plan. Mayor Zappariello never responded to me but former mayor Baruffi called to tell me that Mayor Zappariello told him he saw no reason to meet with us. This was very disappointing to hear that he wasn't interested in listening to my plan to heal, but I still want all of you council members to know what my idea is to begin healing in this community. In consideration of all the violations brought forth (which all have been corrected and having the state sign off on June 11th) and all the personnel problems with members and commissioners (which has all been addressed internally) and all the social media attacks, our community needs to heal. With all the corrections now met, Chief Ken Barbagli and the LVFD are in a top-notch position to open up. The best plan to follow now is to let each fire department return to covering their original areas. Besides doing this, being a community volunteer all of my adult life, I will personally chair and promote the largest community 50/50 raffle in history to benefit both fire companies. Buena Borough has over 3500 residents, so it will be easy to sell 500 raffle tickets at $100 each, grossing $50,000. Each fire company will help sell 250 tickets each. $25,000 dollars will go to four winners each receiving $6,250 and $25,000 will be divided equally to each fire company with each receiving $12,500. Besides a chance to win the money each ticket sold will entitle two people to attend a breakfast on the date of the drawing. The healing part will be for both company fireman to humbly join together to once again prepare the breakfast sowing civil tone which will be portrayed to our community. Landisville has all the breakfast facilities and would be able to handle the large flow of people. Both companies would benefit financially as well, strengthening their brotherhood. Also, there have been rumors that our Buena Rescue Squad and OEM need new space to operate. Please be aware that Landisville welcomes them and is ready to make room in their building and in the future grant money can procured to build a new addition for the Buena Rescue Squad and OEM. I hope my presentation of my healing offer touches your hearts and agrees this is a new approach to solving the problems in our mist. I can speak for Landisville they are open for mutual dialogue. Anyone who wishes to join my committee please call me at 856-297-6853. I am prepared to begin.

Sincerely,
Betty Testa

Re: June 10 Special Meeting Should Be Postponed

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Thu 6/10/2021 7:04 AM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
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I saw the mayor on election night who informed me this special meeting was to extend the suspension of fire suppression services of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Department. If this is the case, why is there no agenda posted online as required? The agenda for the March 12, 2021 Special Meeting was posted online so I expect an agenda for this meeting to be similarly posted online. The absence of the Boro's transparency is why many residents in the Boro are skeptical of your intentions and the reason why there were 4 unexpected write-in candidates in this week's primary election.

I expect an agenda to be uploaded prior to today's 4pm meeting for the public to view. Can you advise as to why 4pm was selected for a special meeting time? There are several council members that have a difficult time making the regular 7pm meetings due to their work schedule, why would the meeting be scheduled when several council members are likely unable to attend? Should I assume your council was not provided as short a notice as the public for this meeting? Don't you, mayor, work until at least 4pm at your state job? Many in the public that are questioning your actions may also have trouble attending your phone-in meeting as well, was this also a factor in choosing the time for the meeting? Was this meeting scheduled because you are aware that the Landisville Volunteer Fire Department is meeting until 4pm today with the State Local Finance Board and hope their representatives will also not be able to join the meeting?

Lastly, can you also advise why Boro Hall is still absent of Boro employees and closed to the public when the emergency order has ended and it was okay for county election workers and the public to occupy the building just 2 days ago to vote in the primary election?

I look forward to your response.

Susan Romeo
609-774-5648

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:40 PM Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com> wrote:

> Mayor and Council,
>
> You are all aware from the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday, May 26th that the fire department violations were all corrected and are just waiting for the state to arrive to inspect the fire department on Friday, June 11th, the day after you scheduled this most recent Special Meeting. The inspection with the state has been scheduled for more than a month and June 11th was the soonest date they had available.

The Chief, Ken Barbagli, has proof that the violations have been corrected and will forward this information to each council member as well as the mayor on Wednesday, June 9th, please check your email. The fire department just needs the state to come, in-person, to sign off. The violations have been corrected for some time and you should all be aware of this information.

What is the rush to have a Special Meeting prior to their state inspection? This Special Meeting should be postponed until after the state completes their inspection. How could you not agree?

I don't know why the department's past troubles keep being brought up, when all of that has been addressed and past leadership is no longer in charge. All of the violations that you wanted corrected have been corrected. There are at least 10 individuals that are interested in becoming new members once the department reopens...even with all of the negative attention.

Please make the logical decision to postpone this meeting until the state has completed their inspection on Friday, June 11th.

Thank you.
Susan Romeo
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Please confirm receipt of this email.

Re: 11-1 Landisville Volunteer Fire Co - Further Suspension of Operations

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Fri 6/11/2021 12:24 PM
To: Bill Collins <Bc2301@comcast.net>

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Regards,

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Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Fri 6/11/2021 10:12 AM

To: Jones, Jay <jjones@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Cc: Morgan, Diane <dmorgan@co.gloucester.nj.us>

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Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Jones, Jay <jjones@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Cc: Morgan, Diane <dmorgan@co.gloucester.nj.us>
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From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III
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LVFD Passes POSHA Inspection on 6/11/2021

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Fri 6/11/2021 12:56 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
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Good afternoon!

Just writing to inform the mayor and council that the Landisville Volunteer Fire Department passed their state POSHA inspection with flying colors today. Official written confirmation from the state should arrive in about two weeks.

Upon receipt, I hope the Boro will rescind their dissolution proceedings and end the fire suppression service suspension of the department at a Special Meeting on the earliest possible date.

I look forward to your reply and Landisville Fire being put back in service!

Thank you.
Susan Romeo
609-774-5648

Re: The Press of Atlantic City newspaper would like an update on the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company.

David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Tue 6/15/2021 3:00 PM

To: Vincent Jackson <vjackson@pressofac.com>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Angela Costigan <amcostigan@costiganllc.com>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>

Vincent,

We do not yet have a clearance letter from the State and no meeting is scheduled to discuss Landisville. The DCA application is tentatively scheduled for July 14 and it is a public hearing.

Mayor Zappariello

From: Vincent Jackson <vjackson@pressofac.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 3:37:07 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: The Press of Atlantic City newspaper would like an update on the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company.

Monday, June 14, 2021

Dear Buena Boro Mayor Dave Zappariello and Buena Boro Director of Public Safety Joseph D'Alessandro:

This is Vincent Jackson from the Press of Atlantic City newspaper.

I have been informed that the Landisville Fire Department passed their state POSHA inspection on Friday, June 11.

When will the next meeting on this subject be held, whether it is a meeting just about the Fire District, or a meeting where the Fire District is just part of the agenda? When is the next meeting on this subject that is open to the public, the media or both?

I was told on Thursday, June 3 that the DCA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 9 has been postponed. Do you know when the rescheduled date is? If you don't know when the rescheduled meeting date is, when will you know? Would the meeting be open for the media to attend?

Let me know when you know.

Thanks,

Vincenrt

Re: Landisville Vol. Fire Company - Retaliation - Rowan

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Wed 6/16/2021 12:09 PM
To: BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net>

Received, thank you.

Regards,

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> On Jun 16, 2021, at 12:00, BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net> wrote:
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> Mr. Mayor and Council Members,
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> Good afternoon, as some of you may know, my name is Brian Rowan, former member of the Landisville Vol. Fire Company. I have reached out previously about my concerns with the department and have come to be known as a "whistle-blower".
>
> Unfortunately I write this email in regards to further escalation of retaliation against myself and now my family. This morning I was contacted by the Vineland Police Department Internal Affairs Unit referencing a complaint filed by Landisville Vol. Fire Company Chief Ken Barbagli against my brother Jeff Rowan (current Vineland Police Officer). Mr. Barbagli alleged that Jeff Rowan wrongfully accessed privlidged information within law enforcement data bases to provide me with residency or other information about Mr. Barbagli. This couldn't be further from the truth and I would never ask my brother to jeopardize his career for anything and I certainly never asked about Mr. Ken Barbagli.
>
> I believe this to stem from my current Open Public Records Act request to the

Landisville Vol. Fire Company and Borough of Buena Fire District 1 Commissioners regarding the residency certification used to appoint the current Chief (Barbagli) and Assistant Chief (William Mason). As you may know, former Chief Joseph Kaspar was removed from Chief Officer by the Commissioners in September 2020 because he was not a Buena Borough resident. I also asked via OPRA if these requirements were waived for these current officers (as allowed in the Landisville Vol. Fire Company bylaws) and that I be provided with a current member roster and their associated credentials.

I have not received any correspondence back from the Commissioners, however Chief Barbagli did respond on behalf of the fire company and stated that the fire company did not have to comply with the request and that the information would be passed on to the Commissioners. I can also provide these emails upon request.

I feel former Chief Kaspar has been wrongfully removed and discriminated against. It appears during my own research that Mr. Barbagli is still a Newfield resident along with Asst. Chief Mason. Police records from Franklin Township Police Department list a Newfield address for Mr. Barbagli in a report he filed 23 December 2020 as presented by Councilman D'Alessandro during the public meeting. I also believe Mr. Barbagli's license lists a Newfield address as recorded by the fire company when information was gathered and sent to the Joint Insurance Fund and Buena Borough. During a public search of NJ Parcels, 4 Rena St, Newfield, NJ is owned by Mr. Barbagli. Mr. Barbagli does not appear to be an actual Landisville resident.

This is only the lastest in retaliatory acts since I have gone public with the problems surrounding the Landisville Vol. Fire Company and I fear they will continue. The fire company willfully violates its very own bylaws and certificate of incorporation with no disciplinary action. I am writing Buena Borough Council to make you aware of these continuing issues. I am also open to any ideas in an effort to end this harassment. I may be contacted anytime with the information provided below.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Respectfully,

Brian Rowan

Cell phone: (856) 563-4444
BGROWAN@COMCAST.NET

Due to my active schedule I am often unable to respond from my home computer in a reasonable amount of time. Please excuse any grammatical errors and typos while using my Verizon Wireless mobile email.

Re: PEOSH inspection # 1500073

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Fri 6/25/2021 11:47 AM
To: Malinoski, Terri (DOH) <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov>

Thank you, Terri, have a great weekend!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 25, 2021, at 10:53, Malinoski, Terri (DOH) <Terri.Malinoski@doh.nj.gov> wrote:
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> **FYI** – all citations have been abated and the case has been closed.
>
> Terri
>
> **From:** Malinoski, Terri (DOH)
> **Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2021 10:47 AM
> **To:** Landisville Fire <lvfco5@gmail.com>; Keith Kemery <kbkemery1@gmail.com>
> **Cc:** Pulliam, Glenn D (DOH) <Glenn.Pulliam@doh.nj.gov>; Bobrowski, Keith J (DOH) <Keith.Bobrowski@doh.nj.gov>; Petrangeli, LeighAnne (DOH) <LeighAnne.Petrangeli@doh.nj.gov>
> **Subject:** PEOSH Inspection # 1500073
>
> Commissioner Gazzara:
>
> Please see attached letter regarding PEOSH inspection # 1500073 at Landisville Fire & Rescue.
>
> Terri L. Malinoski
> Occupational Health Consultant
> New Jersey Department of Health
> Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health

Cell: 609-331-1412
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<Landisville ER closed.pdf>

LVFD Reopening

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Mon 7/5/2021 3:17 PM

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Mayor and Council,

I'm hoping everyone took the time to celebrate America this weekend! There is actually nothing more American than a small-town community celebrating their volunteer fire department's 100th anniversary which I hope this community will be doing next fall!

The commissioners of Landisville Fire Department District #1 have prepared the information the Boro requested to add to the satisfactory inspection by the State of New Jersey Department of Heath to confirm that the department is stronger and prepared to be placed back in service to protect our residents and their property. Anything that has happened in the past is history. The Boro should not continue to consider mistakes made in the past as to how the future of the department will proceed moving forward. The department has corrected procedures, policies and the overall safety of their equipment and volunteer personnel. There are several new members already scheduled to begin firefighter training and several others interested in joining them for training as new members.

Chief Barbagli has become well-versed in proper procedures and equipment safety and has had other fire departments reach out to him for advice on multiple fronts. In the words of the state inspector, Landisville Fire Department is now one of the best prepared departments in the state! We should all be proud of their accomplishments and allow them to return to service.

Landisville Fire Department has accomplished all that was asked of them...violations have been corrected, procedures have been revised, new members are showing interest, new leadership is in place and community members have expressed interest in serving as commissioners in the future.

Let's work together to make Buena Boro a better community by preserving Landisville Volunteer Fire Department and rescind both their suspension and the dissolution proceedings at the next council meeting scheduled for July 12th. I have spent a lot of time closely monitoring their progress so I can confidently say there are absolutely zero reasons to keep this fire department from returning to service. All council members are welcome to reach out to me if I can assist by answering any questions they may have or wish to schedule a time to visit the fire department to inspect the premises for themselves. As an added insurance, the state will also be closely monitoring the department for the next five years as a result of their initial inspection which should satisfy any council members that have any hesitation to return them to service!

The community will be anticipating the posting of the council meeting agenda this Friday and I hope we can count on this council to do the right thing and approve the reopening of Landisville Fire and the rescission of the dissolution proceedings of Landisville Fire Department District #1.

Regards,
Susan Romeo
Landisville Resident & community advocate for LVFD
609-774-5648

Re: Schedule A Call?

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Thu 7/8/2021 10:05 AM

To: Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>
Cc: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>

Thanks!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
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Municipal Emergency Mgmt Coordinator

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> On Jul 8, 2021, at 10:05, Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com> wrote:
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> Good morning,
> Sent!
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> Robert Garish
> Senior Risk Control Consultant
> J.A. Montgomery Consulting
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> **From:** Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
> **Sent:** Thursday, July 8, 2021 9:42 AM
> **To:** Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>; David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>
> **Subject:** Re: Schedule A Call?

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Rob,

Can you please add the Mayor to the Zoom call?

Thanks!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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Emergency Management Coordinator

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From: Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Re: Schedule A Call?

Good morning,

I'll send out call information a little later for 11 AM.

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> We are good for tomorrow at 11am

Regards,

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> On Jul 7, 2021, at 16:59, Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org> wrote:
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> Works for me, I'll check with the Mayor.
>
> Regards,
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> Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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On Jul 7, 2021, at 1:49 PM, Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org> wrote:

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Rob,

Can we please schedule a call with the Mayor and I?
We have made a request for info from Fire District 1 and Landisville Vol Fire Co prior to considering their operational reinstatement.
They have returned the requested information, but we have a few questions.
Also, we want to be sure that JIF is comfortable with our current position.

Thanks!

Regards,

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July 12 council meeting agenda

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Fri 7/9/2021 2:33 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

Mayor,
The agenda was posted for Monday's council meeting but there is no resolution included to open Landisville Volunteer Fire Department. All of the requested documents were submitted to Borough Hall as required by July 7th.

Could you please tell me why the reopening of Landisville Fire is not included on this agenda? The department has met all of the criteria you outlined for them to have their suspension lifted.

As an elected official, I look forward to your prompt response.

Regards,
Susan Romeo
Landisville Resident
609-774-5648

Re: Follow Up

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Fri 7/9/2021 3:41 PM
To: Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>

Gotcha, thanks!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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From: Robert Garish <rgarish@Jamontgomery.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 3:23 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <Joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: RE: Follow Up

I will check to see the last time we were out! Again it's not yearly, and it would be based on consultants' choice or directed/asked to look at a specific facility.

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From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>
Subject: Re: Follow Up

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Quick question, do you know when the last inspections of the companies occurred?

Thanks!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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From: Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Re: Follow Up

Do you want me to include the RMC, Mr. Donato and/ or Mr. Nimohay as FYI's?

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Contacts are below:

District 1 Commission Chair - Loretta Gazzara - lvfco5@gmail.com
Landisville Fire Company - Ken Barbagli - kbsepticllc@gmail.com

District 2 Commission Chair - Steve LaPorta - minotolafireco@comcast.net
Minotola Fire Company - Tont Habersham - eng61@aol.com

Mayor - David Zappariello - mayordave@buenaboro.org
Director of Public Safety - Joseph D'Alessandro - joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org

Thank you, Rob! Have a great weekend!

Regards,

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From: Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Re: Follow Up

Good afternoon,

I sure will! As indicated the email usually goes to Mr. Nimohay as he is both the Safety Cordinator /fund commissioner for town.

I need direct emails for both Fire contacts if you don't mind and anyone else you would like me to copy?

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> Rob,

The Mayor asked me to follow up with you on the notice to Landisville and Minotola Fire Companies with respect to safety inspection.
Will you be providing notice by the end of the day today?

Thanks!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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REOPEN LVFD

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Sun 7/11/2021 12:13 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

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Gene Iannette FB Comment.jpg;

Hoping verification of the data submitted by Landisville Volunteer Fire Department is completed in time for their reopening to be included on the agenda for tomorrow's Boro council meeting. Please be assured, all of the information will be easily verified as it is all accurate data. What entity or professionals are verifying the information for the Boro?

The Boro can and should be encouraged to pass a resolution to rescind the decision to dissolve Landisville Volunteer Fire Department which the community urges you to do ASAP!!

THE FUTURE OF LANDISVILLE FIRE, OUR VOLUNTEERS THAT PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR PROPERTY, IS AT STAKE!

If the Boro dissolves our fire department, what's next? Minotola Fire? Our rescue squad/EMS? Will neighboring towns eventually cover all of our services? The Boro has stated that Minotola Fire can handle operating a second station out of Landisville's building but that is not the case. Landisville Fire is more than ready to be reopened, then within the year sit down with mayor, council and Minotola Fire leadership to work out a plan to merge the departments if it is the Boro's ultimate goal to operate each fire department under one umbrella and also include creating room for Buena EMS since they are currently looking for a new location in which to operate.

The Boro has claimed the concern is for the residents by saving money as a result of closing Landisville Fire and that Landisville had poor response time to calls...**THIS IS FALSE**!!

CLOSING LVFD WILL NOT SAVE MONEY

- Your plan is to operate a second Minotola station out of Landisville Fire's building - fixed expenses will not be less (electric, heat, insurance, etc.)
- Current fire tax rates:
  Landisville Fire District: .101%
  Minotola Fire District: .155%
  Proposed New Tax Rate if LVFD closes: .0952% (per your slideshow during the in-person special meeting at Buena High School in May)
- Based on an average property assessed at $190,000, current taxes calculate to be:
  Landisville Fire District: $191.90 per year
  Minotola Fire District: $295.50 per year
  Proposed New Tax Rate if LVFD closes: $180.88 per year
- Savings to Boro residents:
  Landisville Fire District: 91 cents per month or $11.02 per year
  Minotola Fire District: $9.46 per month or $113.62 per year

HARDLY A SAVINGS THAT THE MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTINUE TO PAY TO KEEP LANDISVILLE'S FIRE STATION OPEN!!!

Response time from LVFD is no different than response time from MVFD

- Buena Boro is lucky to have 2 fire departments to protect our town - we need them BOTH but they ARE NOT DIFFERENT!!
- Since LVFD has been closed, Minotola Fire has NOT been the first fire department on scene on multiple calls, both East Vineland Fire & Forest Grove Fire arriving on scene prior to Minotola Fire
- On many calls, Minotola Fire has arrived on scene with a truck and a crew of 2 and sometimes a second truck arrived on scene with a crew of 1
- This had sometimes occurred for LVFD in the past BUT if both local departments arrive on scene with the same size crew, they can work together to begin attacking a fire as the state considers a full crew for fires to be a crew of 4 for safety reasons. Any other local departments that arrive on scene can act to support our local volunteers as needed
- No matter the percentages the Boro states Landisville Fire has arrived on scene, those percentages are misleading. On a regular basis when a call came in, the Chief of Landisville Fire went directly to the scene to assess the situation. Many calls are thankfully false alarms in Buena Boro. If that was the case, the Chief would "recall" the firefighters to return to the station or not leave the station if it is determined a false alarm prior to the trucks leaving the station. When the firemen did not come on the radio to state "Engine 11-1 responding", Landisville was not receiving credit for responding to a fire even though the Chief responded quickly and a false alarm was determined. Since the Boro is looking so closely at this data and using it against the fire department, once Landisville Fire is reopened they will respond to EVERY call, even if it is not necessary.

According to data provided to Buena Boro by Minotola Fire and posted on the Boro website homepage, www.buenaboro.org, as Ordinance No. 699 EXHIBIT B, page 7, they list 26 members at Minotola Fire, which is not completely accurate. Of the 26 members listed, 5 are current commissioners which can cause a conflict, 1 has resigned and 3 do not have CPR training as stated during the Special Public Meeting is required to be a firefighter in this town. That leaves about 18 active members (or less as they allow some members to have facial hair which is a violation since a fit test cannot be passed without their mask making a proper seal to their face for safety and required by the state). **HOW CAN 18 MEMBERS (or less) COVER TWO FIRE STATIONS?** Each member would have to be assigned a specific station to report to in the case of a fire...how is that possible with so few members? 9 members per building? For example, if only 2 members are available to report to a call, which often happens during the day on calls made while most members may be out of town at work, if members each report to a different station, that would be very unsafe and ineffective. Even if they both took a truck to the scene and additional members showed up to the station shortly after they pulled out, they would end up on a call with few members and multiple trucks that cannot be properly operated. Additionally, there are times when both departments are toned out for a call so both would need adequate membership. Firefighters cannot take their own vehicle to a fire scene, they are required to ride a fire truck to the scene making the idea of Minotola Fire operating two buildings unrealistic at best. It should be noted that the Minotola Fire Commissioners made it clear in a letter posted on social media in May 2021 that they feel that combining members and management of Landisville Fire with Minotola Fire would place their members at risk. They basically state they would not accept volunteers from Landisville Fire into their station. All Landisville firefighters are certified and have completed all required training. Where would enough volunteers be found to cover both stations when neighboring Vineland is also in need of volunteers according to yard signs seen around the city? Are there enough members in

Minotola Fire qualified to have 2 sets of line officers, a set of officers for each station? In these times, what fire department or municipality wants less volunteers???

Buena Boro has a senior highrise with only one elevator and two other active senior housing complexes. There is also a NEW 55+ community with properties currently for sale and several new residential housing in this community in addition to covering the Teligent scientific building that recently had a hazardous incident. Had any Boro firefighters on scene been contaminated, they would have been placed out of service for a period of time which would put Boro residents at risk since those members would not have been eligible to respond to calls leaving few active volunteers available.

Anyone wishing to read minutes from Minotola Fire Commissioner's meetings can find them at https://bbzone2commissioners.org/meeting-minutes/?drawer=meeting_minutes*2021. After reading the minutes, you will see that many of the violations Landisville Fire received from the NJ Department of Health were also occurring at Minotola Fire as it is noted in their minutes that they corrected some of the same violations that they were also committing before they were inspected and would have been cited by the state. On two separate occasions they also specifically note to remind Minotola firefighters they need to be in gear if they are on a fire call (see Jan 12, 2021 & February 9, 2021 minutes)...concerning.

HAS A COMPLETE FINANCIAL AUDIT BEEN COMPLETED AT MINOTOLA FIRE?
HAS POSHA (NJ DEPT OF HEALTH) COMPLETED A FULL INSPECTION OF MINOTOLA FIRE TO BE CERTAIN THEY ARE COMPLETELY UP TO CODE?
ARE THEY FINANCIALLY SOUND?
SHOULDN'T THESE ITEMS & MORE BE VERIFIED BEFORE THE BORO RUSHES IN TO UNNECESSARILY CLOSE A VIABLE FIRE DEPARTMENT?
AS FORMER MAYOR GENE IANNETTE PUBLICLY STATED (see attached), NEITHER FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE DISSOLVED WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SO THEY CAN PROVIDE SOLUTIONS.

Remember - ALL violations have been corrected at Landisville Fire with NO reason to keep them closed! Landisville Fire will also be closely monitored by the state for the next 5 years to ensure they remain in compliance...this should satisfy mayor and council. Why is Buena Boro Mayor and Council trying so hard to eliminate this department instead of being satisfied that the department is in full compliance. The Boro doesn't appear to this community to be anxious to get Landisville Fire back in service and they absolutely should!!



Gene A. Iannette

Robert James consolidation I believe eliminates two taxing districts if under auspices of Borough... well you know elections have consequences. keep up the advocacy ....I am disappointed how this has been handled.....advisory committee would help provide solutions

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Landisville Fire Co.

Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com>

Mon 7/12/2021 2:28 PM

To: Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>; Angela Costigan <amcostigan@costiganllc.com>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>; David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>

Hi Mayor Dave,
I understand that you are in the process of reviewing the documents submitted by Landisville Fire Commissioner's. As the fire chief, I understand that upon reopening the LVFD will be under more scrutiny than it has been in the past. Therefore, I would like to give you my assurance that the company is ready to be placed back in service. The station looks better than ever. Thus, I would love to show you what we have done with the place. I look forward to hearing from you in regards to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. 856-617-2522

Regards,

Kenneth Barbagli

RE: NJMVC MVRs

Valerie Jones <zoning@buenaboro.org>
Mon 7/12/2021 10:51 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

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20210712104510.pdf;

Went back and checked it out. There is a way to get additional pages.

From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Valerie Jones <zoning@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Re: NJMVC MVRs

Hmmm...How do we verify that they are in good standing?

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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From: Valerie Jones <zoning@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: RE: NJMVC MVRs

Each abstract is only 1 page. I'm not sure why some say "Good Standing" and some do not.

From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Valerie Jones <zoning@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Re: NJMVC MVRs

Valerie,

Thank you! Quick question...

On the following Abstracts, there is no note indicating "Good Standing", is that on a separate page?

Santiago Garzon
Charles Gazzara
Vincent Sciarrone

Can you please confirm? If there is a way to print that report to include the "Good Standing" comment, I would appreciate it.
I'm going to be tied up for a good part of the rest of the day and will try to respond if you email me back.

Thanks and have a great day!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: RE: NJMVC MVRs

Look ups are attached. Originals are in your bin.

From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Valerie Jones <zoning@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Re: NJMVC MVRs

Ok, thank you! Have a great weekend!

Regards,

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On Jul 9, 2021, at 08:20, Valerie Jones <zoning@buenaboro.org> wrote:

Yes. I'm back in the office Monday and can do it then..

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From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 5:06:46 PM
To: Valerie Jones <zoning@buenaboro.org>
Subject: NJMVC MVRs

Valarie,

Can you please obtain MVRs for the members of Landisville Vol Fire Co in the attached document?

Thank you!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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LVFC Firefighter/Drivers License Listing

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DL NUMBER	State	Active/Exempt	Min FF1
BARBAGLI	KENNETH		NJ	A	YES
D'ANNUNZIO	JUDY		NJ	A	YES
GARZON	SANTIAGO		NJ	A	YES
GAZZARA	CHARLES		NJ	E	YES
JONES	RAYMOND		NJ	A	Yes
MARTINELLI	GLENDA		NJ	A	YES
MASON	WILLIAM		NJ	A	YES
SCANCELLA	FRANK		NJ	A	YES
SCIARRONE	VINCENT		NJ	A	YES
SMITH	LEONARD				

Current as of July 1,2021

LVFC Friends

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	State		
BARBAGLI	KENNETH	NJ	A	YES
D'ANNUNZIO	JUDY	NJ	A	YES
GARZON	SANTIAGO	NJ	A	YES
GAZZARA	CHARLES	NJ	E	YES
JONES	RAYMOND	NJ	A	Yes
MARTINELLI	GLENDA	NJ	A	YES
MASON	WILLIAM	NJ	A	YES
SCANCELLA	FRANK	NJ	A	YES
SCIARRONE	VINCENT	NJ	A	YES
SMITH	LEONARD	NJ	A	YES

Current as of July 1,2021

Re: Borough of Buena - Fire Districts - Loss Control Visit

Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com>
Mon 7/12/2021 7:20 PM

To: Landisville Fire <lvfco5@gmail.com>
Cc: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Keith Hummel <khummel@jamontgomery.com>; Michael Donato <mdonato@insuranceagenciesinc.com>; Paul Forlenza <Paul_Forlenza@riskprogramadministrators.com>; Paul Miola <Paul_Miola@riskprogramadministrators.com>; eng61@aol.com <eng61@aol.com>; kbsepticllc@gmail.com <kbsepticllc@gmail.com>; minotolafireco@comcast.net <minotolafireco@comcast.net>

Good evening,

Sorry for the delay as I was on member visits all day. Absolutely, tomorrow @ 1 PM is fine . Who will I be meeting with / ask for?

Just when times allows, kindly confirm.

Robert Garish
Senior Risk Control Consultant

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On Jul 12, 2021, at 12:34 PM, Landisville Fire <lvfco5@gmail.com> wrote:

External Email - This email has come from outside of our company. Think before you click links or open attachments!

Good afternoon, Robert,

Fire District #1 and the Landisville Fire/Rescue Co. are available on Tuesday, July 13 at 1 pm. Please confirm if this time is still available.

Thank you.

On Fri, Jul 9, 2021 at 8:21 PM Robert Garish <rgarish@jamontgomery.com> wrote:

> Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well and everyone is staying warm!

My name is Robert Garish, and I work for J.A. Montgomery Consulting (Safety Director) for the Atlantic JIF. Every year we will visit entities within our 41 member towns that make up the Atlantic JIF. These visits are designed to build stronger relationships with our members, provide Loss Control Visits to ensure compliance within the Atlantic JIF Safety Program, and help our members create a more robust safety culture.

Mr. William Nimohay, who I have copied on this email, serves as the Safety Coordinator / Fund Commissioner for the Borough of Buena. Most of my interactions have been with Mr. Nimohay and/or the Risk Management Consultant, Mr. Michael Donato. Both wonderful assets to the Borough of Buena.

I am looking to specifically visit both District # 1 (Landisville Fire Company) and District # 2 (Minotola Fire Company).

During this visit, items that I will be inquiring about / looking for may include but not limited to:

1. Physical Condition of facilities related to Fire/Life Safety Items (Emergency Lighting, Fire Extinguishers, Exit/Egress, Suppression Systems if needed, etc.)
2. Apparent Slip, Trip, Fall Conditions
3. Right to Know Documentation
4. Training Records
5. Facility Inspections, Job Safety Observations, Tool-Box Talks
6. Parking Lot Conditions/ ADA Compliance
7. Equipment Condition

I am flexible and will make this work for all parties. Our volunteers often have full-time jobs, and it may be easier to make a later in the day/evening appointment. I have the below dates/time windows available.

7/13/21 – 1 PM -6 PM

7/14/21 – 2 PM – 6 PM

7/15/21 - 11 AM – 6 PM

If a later time is needed, just let me know! If none of these times work next week, I will try for the week of July 26th.

I look forward to hearing back from everyone, and I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

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Loretta Gazzara
Chairperson-Secretary
Borough of Buena, Fire District #1
PO Box 305
Landisville, NJ 08326

Re: Incident Command Certification

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Tue 7/13/2021 4:00 PM
To: Tharp, Robert [DCA] <Robert.Tharp@dca.nj.gov>

Great, thanks again!
Have a great evening!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
Director of Public Safety
Emergency Management Coordinator

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From: Tharp, Robert [DCA] <Robert.Tharp@dca.nj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 3:29 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Re: Incident Command Certification

From my understanding they are pretty much up date

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 3:06:12 PM
To: Tharp, Robert [DCA] <Robert.Tharp@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Incident Command Certification

Quick question, not sure if you will know the answer...

Is the DFS behind issuing certifications because of COVID?
If so, how long is the timeframe from receiving an application to the issuance of a certification?

Thanks and have a great day!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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From: Tharp, Robert [DCA] <Robert.Tharp@dca.nj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: RE: Incident Command Certification

Joe,
Leonard Smith FFID 176843 has no certifications in the DFS data-base. This does not mean he has not attended the required training. The issue is he probably did not apply to the division for certification.
Thanks

From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Tharp, Robert [DCA] <Robert.Tharp@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Incident Command Certification

Mr. Tharp,

Just following up on my email from last week regarding the Incident Management Cert for Leonard Smith.

Thank you, sir!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:39 PM
To: Tharp, Robert <Robert.Tharp@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: Incident Command Certification

Mr Tharp,

Can you confirm an Incident Management Level 1 or higher certification for Leonard Smith?

Mr. Smith is currently a member with Landisville Fire Company but did not appear on the training roster that you provided recently.
I believe that he may have been a member at Collings Lakes Fire Company previously.

I can give you the Certification Number 176843 off of his Firefighter 2 DFS Cert for identification purposes.

I am just trying to confirm his credentials as Landisville Volunteer Fire Company indicated that he is holding a Line Officer position but did not provide an Incident Management Level 1 or higher cert.

Thank you, in advance!

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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Re: Open our Landisville FD

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Thu 7/15/2021 4:17 PM
To: Heather Kuhns <purplewings360@aol.com>

Ms. Kuhns,

I have received your email, thank you.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 14, 2021, at 21:31, Heather Kuhns <purplewings360@aol.com> wrote:
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> Hello
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> The stare did not close our FD. The State has inspected our FD and , it has passed inspection to be open. For safety reasons & not financial reasons please open our much needed fire dept
>
> Thank you
>
> Heather Kuhns LPN 🚤 🚤
>
> 😀 This message was sent to you
> from my awesome iPhone 📱
>
> 💜(we all fall. Life's greatest moments are not measured in how we fall, but in how we get up)💜

Landisville Fire - Boro Council Meeting 7/19/2021

Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com>

Fri 7/16/2021 1:55 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
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1 attachments (171 KB)

Preserve Landisville Fire NOW 7.16.2021.pdf;

My grandfather, Bruno Melini, was one of the founding fathers of Buena Boro and the very FIRST council president of this town...the proposed dissolution of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Department is a disgrace to his name and something he would have NEVER allowed to proceed. Council needs to do the right thing by VOTING NO to dissolve this 100 year old fire department! ***SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION***

Join **Landisville Volunteer Fire Department members** at the station to listen in to the **Buena Borough phone-in council meeting** regarding the Boro's **FINAL DECISION** regarding the **dissolution resolution:**

MONDAY, JULY 19TH
6:30PM (COUNCIL MEETING BEGINS AT 7PM)
LANDISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
102 W ARBOR AVENUE (CORNER OF RT 40 & ARBOR AVE), LANDISVILLE

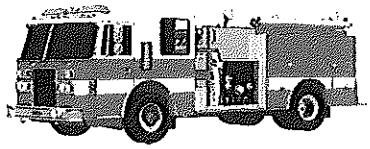
****Invite your family, friends & neighbors to attend****

If you are unable to meet at the fire department but wish to listen in to the meeting, please use the following instructions:
Phone: 425-436-6325 & Use Meeting Code 559063#
OR
Text "Help" to 425-436-6325 then Reply "Call Me" & Use Meeting Code 559063#

Thank you for your continued support!
Susan Romeo
Landisville Resident
609-774-5648

David Zappariello, Mayor - mayordave@buenaboro.org
Rosalie Baker, President of Council - rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org
Jorge Alvarez - jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org
Joseph D'Alessandro, III - joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org
Joseph Mancuso - joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org
Matthew Walker Sr. - matthew.walker@buenaboro.org

KEEP LANDISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN



Landisville Fire IS **NOT UNSAFE** as the Boro claims

- **Certified** by the **State of NJ Department of Health**
- ALL **air pack** bottles are **BRAND NEW**
- ALL **trucks** are **UP TO DATE** on **INSPECTIONS**
- How can **ONE** fire company handle **7.9 square miles** with only 4 pieces of equipment (some dated) – **IN A FIRE EVERY SECOND COUNTS**
- **Do you want to be responsible if something happens to a resident of our town??**

At the State Local Finance Board meeting on 7/14/2021, **Councilman Joe D'Alessandro** and **Mayor Dave Zappariello** clearly stated that the intent of the Boro after dissolving Landisville Fire will be to **SELL** the Landisville Fire **building** and **ALL** of their **fire equipment** because they do not need it.

- **Homeowners insurance** for Landisville residents will **increase** due to being much farther away from the nearest fire department – **some properties as much as 4 miles away from Minotola Fire!!**
- A CLOSURE DOES NOT AFFECT **ONLY** LANDISVILLE RESIDENTS – THIS AFFECTS **ALL BUENA BORO RESIDENTS – EVERY SECOND COUNTS IN A FIRE!**
- **NO REAL TAX SAVINGS** – Fire tax savings on the average property assessed in Buena Boro at $171,000 (according to Boro auditor Mike Garcia) is minimal – not worth dissolving our fire department!!
  - Fire District #1 tax **savings: $1.25 per month**
  - Fire District #2 tax **savings: $9.09 per month**

Exempt members of Landisville Fire who were long-time firemen with **55+ years of service** will be **dishonored** by **not being able to be buried in their dress uniforms** after nobly serving this community!

Current volunteers have been losing contributions to their **LOSAP** pension fund. Since Landisville Fire has been closed, no volunteers have been able to **earn contributions** toward their LOSAP fund. Permanently closing Landisville Fire will rob selfless, dedicated members of what they have **earned** toward their LOSAP fund, especially those that are not vested (serving less than 7 years) if the department closes unless they volunteer elsewhere (Minotola Fire stated in a letter posted to social media in May 2021 that they are not interested in accepting Landisville Fire members into their station and have publicly stated they do not support the volunteers of Landisville Fire).

Buena Boro currently has **3 senior housing developments**. The high-rise complex in Minotola has **76 units** with **3 floors** and only **1 elevator** (the second elevator is not permitted to hold passengers if it were needed for an evacuation). A **4th complex** is currently **under construction** with properties currently for sale. **ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT CANNOT SAFELY PROTECT ALL OF OUR SENIOR RESIDENTS!!!!**

Response Time – Landisville has defended itself regarding response time on multiple occasions. When the **former Chief**, who **lived AND worked in Landisville**, responded immediately to a call to find it was a **false alarm**, he **recalled** the firemen advising them not to leave the station. The firemen then never made the call over the radio "11-1 responding". This **saved fuel** and made our town **safer** by not having firetrucks screaming through town needlessly. **This was held against them.** A large percentage of **calls** received by **Minotola Fire** from **December 2020 through July 2021** were sometimes answered by a **crew of 2, followed**

by a crew of 1 when **neither** of the **2 firetrucks on scene were properly equipped** with manpower to operate them properly. If Landisville were in service, both companies, together, would have been able to properly attack the fire. On one occasion, both **East Vineland** Fire **AND Forest Grove** Fire **arrived** to a **dwelling fire** in the **Boro BEFORE Minotola Fire**. On other recent occasions, Minotola Fire was called to the industrial sites of the old Scott Paper/FiberTech and the new Teligent building where one involved hazardous chemicals. If these had been large events, both departments would have been **desperately needed**. Additionally, if any Minotola **firemen** had become **contaminated**, they would have been **placed out of service** with even fewer volunteers available to protect our community.

Mayor Zappariello **publicly stated** at a **recorded** Boro Council **meeting**, residents would have the opportunity to have a **question-and-answer session** with the members of Landisville Fire Department. Although a public meeting was held, the Boro's **40 minute, 100+ slide presentation** that was prepared 3 weeks in advance of the meeting included a lot of **inaccurate information** while the Landisville Fire Department was **not given** any **advance notice** of this meeting, found out about it the day prior and were only given **5 minutes to speak** during the public portion of the meeting. Hardly a fair chance to respond to **false accusations and supposed facts** in the lengthy presentation from mayor, council and the community, which they would have been prepared to do if given the opportunity.

Open Landisville Volunteer Fire Department up! Give them a chance to **prove** they **deserve to be a part of this community** and **proudly** celebrate their **100th anniversary!** In six months to a year, Landisville Volunteer Fire Department will gladly sit down together with the current Boro Mayor, Council & Minotola Volunteer Fire Department leadership to **assess** whether merging the two departments would **benefit** Buena Boro financially and adequately in the area of fire suppression services.

Why is the Boro **Public Safety Director, Joe D'Alessandro**, working so hard to get rid of community **volunteers**? **New leadership** is in place, **policies and procedures** have been **revised** and every single item in Landisville Fire Department is in **top working order**. Landisville volunteers have been working tirelessly to improve everything about this fire department and are genuinely proud to be part of this department with no support from the Boro! **When did the idea of eliminating a group of qualified volunteers, willing to risk their lives for the safety of our community, become a good idea?**

Landisville Fire also has several **NEW COMMISSIONERS** interested in keeping the department on track to continue to move in the right direction moving forward. If Landisville Fire isn't given the opportunity to reopen, several strong candidates that are Landisville residents have expressed an interest in running for the office of Fire Commissioners for Minotola Volunteer Fire Department at their next election.

Our **Buena Boro elected officials OWE it to the voters** to **visit Landisville Fire Department** to **inspect the premises** and **speak to the fire department leaders** for themselves to make an **educated decision** on the department's future before blindly taking the word of others.

Any council member voting to dissolve Landisville Volunteer Fire Department will be included on the RECALL PETITION prepared by the recall committee that was recently formed. This committee, consisting of Landisville AND Minotola residents, is prepared to RECALL any elected Boro official not acting in the best interest of its residents and on behalf of the will of the people of Buena Boro.

Re: Landisville Fire Department

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Mon 7/19/2021 8:58 AM
To: dtmmatt@verizon.net <dtmmatt@verizon.net>

I have received your email, thank you.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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From: dtmmatt@verizon.net <dtmmatt@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 3:13 PM
To: Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Landisville Fire Department

Hello Mayor & Council:

We wanted you to know that we as longtime residents and taxpayers do not support the closing of the Landisville Fire Company!

Now that the violations have been corrected and they have passed the State inspections we feel that the Fire Department should immediately resume the business of fighting fires.

We hope Mayor & Council reconsider their decision. The Borough should not lose a 100 year old institution whose volunteers have spent countless hours helping our community.

Respectfully, Duke & Toni Mattioli

Sent from my iPhone

Re: LVF

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Mon 7/19/2021 2:10 PM
To: Jo-Ann Sangataldo <sangataldoj@gmail.com>

You're welcome.

Regards,

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>> **From:** Jo-Ann Sangataldo <sangataldoj@gmail.com>
>> **Sent:** Saturday, July 17, 2021 1:27 PM
>> **To:** David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker

<rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; **Jorge Alvarez** <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; **Joseph D'Alessandro, III** <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; **Joeseph Mancuso** <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; **Matthew Walker** <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Subject: LVF

Dear Mayor and Council,

We have been following the events regarding the Landisville volunteer fire Company. As far as we can determine there seems to be no legitimate reason for closing the fire company. What is your reason?? With all issues regarding the state being satisfied, we feel closing should not be an option and not beneficial for us. Looking forward to your response.

Regards,
Andrew, Jo-Ann and Christa Sangataldo

Paul Lucchesi Jr (310 Forest Grove Rd, Vineland, NJ/Buena Boro) Concerned Citizen

Paul C. Lucchesi Jr <Plucchesi@comcast.net>

Mon 7/19/2021 4:44 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>

Mayor Zappariello and Members of Buena Borough Council:

I have been a resident of Landisville for 60 plus years and have faithfully served the community as a member of the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company, Fire District #1, for nearly 45 years in the capacity of firefighter, commissioner, and lastly, chairman of the commissioners. I am truly disheartened by Mayor and Council's lack of empathy and statements/actions that have portrayed many years of hard work by the Landisville Fire Company's volunteer members in such a negative image. Several of the statements that have been made lack validity and are inaccurate.

At a special meeting on May 26, 2021, my name was used several times in regards to things that I said and actions that I took as the chairman of the commissioners. At no time did Mayor or Council contact me to further investigate these actions. Validity and accuracy would have required input from all of parties involved and not just a few.

The PowerPoint from the same meeting indicates:

> "Fire District #1 is quick to point out that its surplus is over $300,000.00 and has no debt. District #1 has built up its surplus by: not completing required annual training, not performing annual equipment testing, not replacing expired SCBA cylinders, and not replacing expired gear."

I vehemently dispute this statement. Completion of the above items in no way would equal a $300,000.00 surplus. The PowerPoint failed to mention the cost savings of over $1,600,000.00 that was realized through application and receipt of Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants by Fire District #1. The paperwork for these competitive grants was extensive and completed solely by its membership. These grants helped offset taxpayer short- and long-term costs and were used to provide the community with a 2009 Pierce 75-foot Ladder and a 2013 Peterbilt 3,000-gallon Tanker. The PowerPoint also failed to mention anything about the effective budgeting practices set forth by Fire District #1's leadership. The commissioners were characterized as careless in the presentation, but these same elected volunteers did not accept Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) stipends. A 2017 Swab Mini Attack Pumper was also purchased through these savings without incurring any debt. These are valid examples of how Fire District #1 realized a surplus. The dedication, hard work, and due diligence of Fire District #1's membership was not acknowledged at any time by Mayor and Council.

The resolution for the July 19, 2021, proposing to dissolve Fire District #1 cites one of the reasons as being the financial practices stated in Exhibit A. It is my understanding that these practices were corrected. It is also my

understanding that Fire District #2 had similar financial practices. Mayor and Council chose to cite these practices as a reason for dissolving Fire District #1. If Fire District #2 had similar practices, how is this decision unbiased and equal?

In comparing the budgets of both fire companies in 2020, Fire District #1 had a budget of $141,362.00 and Fire District #2 had a budget of $226,143.00. One could dispute these differences and form baseless assertions, as displayed similarly to the PowerPoint at the special meeting. I ask each one of you, do you have the expertise to dispute the $84,781.00 overage as being justifiable for basically the same tax base? Wouldn't a review by an unbiased consultant specializing in fire safety operations be warranted to ensure the most cost effective utilization of spending?

If Ordinance No. 701 is approved on Monday, July 19, 2021, Fire District #1's assets of over $1,000,000.00 will be turned over to Fire District #2. I am concerned by the ramifications of this decision because an unbiased party will not oversee the governance of these assets. How are the taxpayers of Fire District #1 and current and past company members ensured that these assets will be allocated correctly for the geographic area of Fire District #1 in the interim and foreseeable future?

As a life-long member of the community and volunteer, I believe safety services (police, rescue, and fire suppression services) are of the utmost importance to all of the Borough's residents and wholeheartedly believe that they should be equitable and accessible to all residents regardless of the geographical area (Landisville, or Minotola).

Mayor Zappariello, Councilman Alvarez, Councilwoman Baker, Councilman D'Alessandro, Councilman Mancuso, and Councilman Walker, I urge you prior to voting on the dissolution of Fire District #1 on Monday, July 19, 2021, to have an independent consultant conduct an unbiased analysis of the full scope of the Borough's safety program. This analysis should include activities and assets related to Franklin Township Police (contracted), Gloucester County Dispatch (contracted), Buena Emergency Medical Services, Fire District #1, Fire District #2, Office of Emergency Management and its newly formed Committee. This big picture analysis will ensure that the borough has a solid, cohesive safety strategy for short and long-term goals that is in the best interest of the entire community and is fiscally sound. The community, and most importantly, the volunteers of Fire District #1 deserve this.

Respectively submitted,

Paul C. Lucchesi Jr.

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Re: Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC)

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From: Corinne A. Martinelli <martinelli.corinne@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 10:04 PM
To: David Zapparielio <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC)

Hello Mayor & Council,

As a former resident of Landisville and as someone with a lifelong history with the town (my Grandfather developed it with Charles K. Landis and started just about everything in the town!), I have a deep seated interest to do what I can to prevent the citizens, the town and LVFC from destruction.

I hope at least some of you will have a change of heart after listening to several citizens of Buena Borough with their pleas and their information in support of keeping LVFC open. I hope that you will open your eyes and ears and make your own decision, with integrity, ignoring the lies/distorted realities that are being advocated by some unscrupulous people that are trying to poison your minds. Please do not allow yourselves to be totally influenced by individuals who have selfish & self-centered motives.

You do not have the best interests of the Borough of Buena or the Landisville Volunteer Fire Department in anything that you are doing. You have a senseless plan to disgrace & ruin an upstanding fire company that is almost 100 years old. Who would have thought when you took your respective offices that your goal would be to ruin a fire company and a town and the people who live there! How do you sleep at night? What do you see when you look in the mirror? How can you go to church (if you do) & think & plan evil actions all day long? This is hypocritical.

Many times other people have highlighted the financial hardship (not saving money, but budget increases) and lack of fire protection for which you are setting up the Borough to experience so I will not go into any details here. If you think Minotola Fire Company, who has given no support to Landisville through this whole fiasco, is capable of handling all of the fire responsibilities, you will be in for a rude awakening. Landisville has always outperformed Minotola, has held very high standards and has had brilliant firefighters on the job.

Thank you for allowing your good conscience to guide you as you caste your vote. Please do not vote out of fear, because you will surely regret it.

Regards,

Corinne Martinelii

FOLLOW QUESTIONS TO DISOLVING FIRE DISTRCT No. 1

Marko, Deb <DMarko@gannettnj.com>

Tue 7/20/2021 3:40 PM

To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

Good afternoon,
Following up on the passage of last night's ordinance, I would like to talk to you about what next.
Is there plan in place for the expansion of Fire District No. 2, the ordinance notes the dissolvement of Fire District No. 1 takes effect immediately.
Would like to explain how this will work...
My cell phone number is 609-851-1529

Deborah M. Marko
The Daily Journal/Courier Post/Burlington County Times
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Re: LVFC

Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>
Wed 7/21/2021 4:15 PM

To: Corinne A. Martinelli <martinelli.corinne@gmail.com>; David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>

Sorry you feel that way. Corinne, are you a resident of tgg hi e Boro?

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From: Corinne A. Martinelli <martinelli.corinne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:58:28 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Joeseph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Subject: LVFC

I hope all of you are happy & sleeping well with your senseless decision!!! Shame on you. All of you are completely incompetent in every aspect of your current roles & all of you should be removed from the positions that you hold & never again be allowed to run for / be elected to public office.

Re: Buena Fire District 1

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Thu 7/22/2021 5:10 PM
To: Bill Duhart <BDuhart@njadvancemedia.com>

Mr. Duhart,

I am sorry, I have been tied up this afternoon.
Yes, the vote was unanimous to dissolve Fire District 1.

The Borough's slide presentation is available on the Borough's website under the Meeting Minutes for the May 26 Special Meeting.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council
Director of Public Safety
Emergency Management Coordinator

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From: Bill Duhart <BDuhart@njadvancemedia.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Buena Fire District 1

Hi Councilman,
I sent you three additional questions on the dissolution of Buena Fire District 1, but I have not received your response and I am nearing deadline. The most pressing question I would still like to address before filing is: Was the vote to disband the fire company unanimous? If not, who voted against it? If you can send that response now, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you,
Bill

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Re: Buena Fire District No.1

Bill Duhart <BDuhart@njadvancemedia.com>
Thu 7/22/2021 3:54 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>

Hi Councilman D'Alessandro,
Thanks so much for getting back to me. I have three additional questions.

- What message do you have for residents in the coverage area that was primarily the responsibility of Buena Fire District No. 1 about what happens now that another fire company will answer their calls?
- What message do you have for the former members of Buena Fire District No. 1 on the opportunity council gave them to comply with certifications?
- Was the vote to disband the fire company unanimous? If not, who voted against it?

I am on deadline and would appreciate a timely response.

Thanks again!
Bill

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Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 2:58 PM
To: Bill Duhart <BDuhart@njadvancemedia.com>
Cc: Angela Costigan <amcostigan@costiganllc.com>
Subject: Re: Buena Fire District No.1

Mr. Duhart,

The governing body of the Borough of Buena is unaware of the published comments that you are referring to. Regarding your specific question about a promise not to dissolve, that is completely unfounded.

I am unable to speak with you on this phone this afternoon. However, you may submit questions via email and I will do my best to respond as quickly as I can.

Thank you.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
Borough Council

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From: Bill Duhart <BDuhart@njadvancemedia.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Buena Fire District No.1

Hi Councilman Dalessandro,
I'm writing about the council action this week to dissolve Buena Fire District No. 1. I would like to speak with you about the measure and about published comments from members of the fire district that borough officials had promised not to dissolve the fire company if cited violations were corrected. Can you please get back to me this afternoon?
I am on deadline and would appreciate a timely response.

Thank you, my best regards!
Bill Duhart

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Re:

Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Wed 7/28/2021 9:51 AM
To: Randy Crowell <rantheman1962@gmail.com>
Received, thank you.

Regards,

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From: Randy Crowell <rantheman1962@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Subject:

Joe
Randy Richard & June Crowell would like you to vote no on dissolving the Landisville fire Co. We feel all violations have been corrected. A new leadership has resolved the trust issues and brought a new professional attitude. We are a better community with more volunteers and volunteerism.
Thank You
Randy Crowell

Re: Buena Borough Fire District 1

Joseph D'Alessandro <buenaoem@buenaboro.org>
Fri 7/30/2021 11:53 AM
To: Jones_Vincent <Jones_Vincent@aclink.org>

You're welcome

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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From: Jones_Vincent <Jones_Vincent@aclink.org>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Joseph D'Alessandro <buenaoem@buenaboro.org>
Subject: RE: Buena Borough Fire District 1

Thanks

From: Joseph D'Alessandro <buenaoem@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Jones_Vincent <Jones_Vincent@aclink.org>
Subject: Buena Borough Fire District 1

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Have a good and a nice weekend.

Regards,

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Copy of Ordinance - Landisville Fire DIstrict

Joseph D'Alessandro <buenaoem@buenaboro.org>
Fri 7/30/2021 4:27 PM
To: zach.tannett@tangotango.net <zach.tannett@tangotango.net>

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SpMeeting July 29 2021.pdf;

Zach,

Please see attached, thanks!
The ordinance was adopted by a 5-0 vote of Borough Council.

Regards,

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BOROUGH OF BUENA
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 29,2021
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The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Flag Salute

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

Council Member	Present	Absent
WALKER		
D'ALESSANDRO		
BAKER		
MANCUSO		
ALVAREZ		

SUNSHINE LAW: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and notices of this meeting have been provided, via email, to The Press of Atlantic City and The Daily Journal on July 26, 2021, as well as having been posted on the municipal bulletin board, front door, and website at www.buenaboro.org

MAYOR'S REPORT: First order of business.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
WALKER							
D'ALESSANDRO							
BAKER							
MANCUSO							
ALVAREZ							

Anyone wishing to address Mayor and Council please step forward and state your name for the record.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
WALKER							
D'ALESSANDRO							
BAKER							
MANCUSO							
ALVAREZ							

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NEED MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:

ORDINANCE NO.701 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY DISSOLVING THE BUENA BOROUGH FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20 AND EXPANDING BUENA BOROUGH FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER TWO PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14-90

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
WALKER							
D'ALESSANDRO							
BAKER							
MANCUSO							
ALVAREZ							

WHEREAS, there is established in the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey the Buena Fire District #1 which provides fire suppression services to the residents of the Borough of Buena in its Landisville section and Buena Borough Fire District #2 which provides fire suppression services to the residents in the Minotola section; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Council that there are serious health and safety issues within the Borough of Buena Fire District #1; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have authorized an audit of the Fire District # 1;
and

WHEREAS, Ford Scott Associates, certified public accountants, has issued an audit report on the Financial Condition of the Board of Commissioners, Fire District #1, Borough of Buena, dated April 2, 2021and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, wherein Michael Garcia, CPA has rendered the opinion that there are violations of statutory obligations and duties by the Board of Fire Commissioners in the operation and administration of the funds of the Borough of Buena Fire District #1; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has received an expansion plan prepared by the Buena Borough Fire Commissioners of Fire District #2, dated April 2, 2021 along with a membership certification list, apparatus list, line officer list, and commissioner list attached hereto as Exhibit "B," and made a part hereof which provides for the safe, efficient and orderly expansion of the Buena Borough Fire District #2; and

WHEREAS, after careful examination and analysis, the governing body has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to dissolve the Borough of Buena Fire District #1 and to expand Fire District #2 to assume responsibility for the fire suppression services of the Borough of Buena Fire District #1 as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the governing body recognizes a compelling public safety and health interest and a financial savings to the residents of the Borough of Buena in dissolving Fire District #1 and expanding the Fire District #2; and

WHEREAS, the governing body finds that the efficient, proficient, fiscally responsible and effective delivery of fire suppression services shall be achieved by the dissolution of Fire District #1 and expansion of Fire District #2; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena adopted Resolution No. 49- 2021, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF BOROUGH OF BUENA FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20 AND EXPANSION OF FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER TWO PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-90; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20, any municipal governing body which has established a Fire District, is empowered to dissolve the Fire District by ordinance, providing said ordinance is approved by the Local Finance Board within the Department of Community Affairs, prior to adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board must approve the dissolution if it finds that said ordinance makes adequate provision for the payment of all creditors or obligees of the authority and that adequate provision has been made for the assumption of those services provided by the Fire District which are necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the recipients of those services; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board approved the application for Dissolution and Expansion on July 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena to dissolve the Borough of Buena Fire District #1 and to expand Buena Borough Fire District #2 who will provide all services previously provided by said Borough of Buena Fire District #1; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2 provides that any municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce such ordinances, as it may deem necessary and proper for good government, order and the protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Councill of the Borough of Buena of the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. DISSOLUTION. Borough of Buena Fire District #1 is hereby dissolved and abolished subject to the terms and conditions hereof and the terms of the offices of the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Buena Fire District #1 are hereby terminated.

SECTION 2. EXPANSION. The Borough of Buena Fire District #2 shall assume all fire suppression services of Fire District #1.

SECTION 3. TRANSFER OF TITLE OF ALL FACILITIES. All real and personal property owned or titled in the name of Borough of Buena Fire District #1 and all monies remaining in Borough of Buena Fire District #1 treasury shall be transferred to the Board of Commissioners of Fire District #2 and a copy of all documents and records pertaining to same shall be delivered to the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Buena forthwith.

SECTION 4. PAYMENT OF ALL CREDITORS AND OBLIGEES. The Board of Commissioners of Fire District #2 shall assume responsibility for the payment of all lawful debts and obligations of the Borough of Buena Fire District

#1 and the Board of Commissioners of Fire District #2 hereby covenants and agrees to comply with and perform all covenants, obligations and agreements of Borough Fire District #1 except as may be modified between the Board of Commissioners and said creditors and obligees.

SECTION 5. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS. The Board of Commissioners of Fire District #2 reserves the right to challenge the validity of any and all debts, covenants, obligations and/or agreements of the Borough of Buena Fire District #1 and to determine whether it is truly a lawful debt, covenant, obligation and/or agreement incurred by the Borough of Buena Fire District #1.

SECTION 6. INJUNCTION AGAINST FURTHER ACTION WITHOUT CONSENT. Borough of Buena Fire District #1 is hereby enjoined from taking any further action without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District #2 including, but not limited to, taking any and all legal action. Simultaneously, upon the effective date of this dissolution as set forth above, the Borough of Buena Fire District #1 shall cease all operations and activities and all operations and activities shall be transferred to the Fire District Number Two automatically and without further action either by the Borough of Buena or Borough of Buena Fire District #1.

SECTION 7. BOROUGH AUTHORITY. The Mayor, Council, Clerk, Solicitor, and other appropriate employees and professionals of the Borough of Buena are hereby authorized and directed to undertake any and all such acts and execute any and all such documents as may be necessary to effectuate and accomplish the purposes hereof. The members of Borough of Buena Fire District# 1 its officers, employees, and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to undertake any and all such acts and execute any and all such documents as may be necessary to effectuate and accomplish the purposes hereof. The Board of Commissioners of Fire District #2 along with its members, officers, employees and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to undertake any and all such acts and execute any and all such documents as may be necessary to effectuate and accomplish the purposes hereof.

SECTION 8. APPROVAL OF LOCAL FINANCE BOARD. Pursuant to the provisions of 40A:5A-20, a copy of this ordinance must be forwarded to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey ("Board") for review and approval. Final adoption of this ordinance shall be subject to the Board's approval. A copy of the ordinance as adopted shall be filed immediately with the Board and with the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISSOLUTION. The dissolution of the Borough of Buena Fire District #1shall be effective upon adoption of this Ordinance and the automatic transfer of all assets and liabilities from Borough of Buena Fire District #1 to the Board of Commissioners of Fire District #2 and the assumption of all duties by Fire District Number Two shall be effective upon adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. REPEAL OF ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES. All ordinances of the Borough of Buena that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication, as required by law and upon approval by the Local Finance Board.

DISCUSSION:

NEED MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
WALKER							
D'ALESSANDRO							
BAKER							
MANCUSO							
ALVAREZ							

ORDINANCE NO: 701 ADOPTED:

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
WALKER							
D'ALESSANDRO							
BAKER							
MANCUSO							
ALVAREZ							

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Meeting adjourned: M_____S_____ All in favor? Any opposed?

RE: Buena Boro Fire District 1

Morgan, Diane <dmorgan@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Fri 7/30/2021 9:07 AM

To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>; Jones, Jay <jjones@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Cc: PhoenixAdmin <PhoenixAdmin@co.gloucester.nj.us>

Thank you,

Diane M. Morgan
GC Emergency Response Center
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Clayton, NJ 08312
856-307-7124

From: Joseph D'Alessandro, III [mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 9:05 PM
To: Jones, Jay <jjones@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Cc: Morgan, Diane <dmorgan@co.gloucester.nj.us>; PhoenixAdmin <PhoenixAdmin@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Subject: Re: Buena Boro Fire District 1

Will do, thank you for your help.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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From: Jones, Jay <jjones@co.gloucester.nj.us>
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To: Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>
Cc: Morgan, Diane <dmorgan@co.gloucester.nj.us>; PhoenixAdmin <PhoenixAdmin@co.gloucester.nj.us>
Subject: Re: Buena Boro Fire District 1

Thank you. Please let me know what we should do with any apparatus number change, ra changes. Right now everything is in place when we made the changes earlier in the year.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 29, 2021, at 21:01, Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org> wrote:

Jay/Diane,

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Have a great evening.

Regards,

Joseph A. D'Alessandro, III
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Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 11:50 AM
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