

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:43 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:22 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Opinion Page of AC Press 5.7.2021 TOP STORY HEADLINE

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

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From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com<<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:07

To: David Zappariello; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joeseeph Mancuso; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Aldo Palmieri; Matthew

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Subject: Re: Opinion Page of AC Press 5.7.2021 TOP STORY HEADLINE

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_2REdEn337Ylp5LO1-q5pFxTQyqQ91oqa4#tracking-source=home-top-story-1

On Fri, May 7, 2021 at 10:51 AM Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com><<mailto: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 These included products that weren't labeled for their chemical contents, some gear that was out of date and some firefighters late in completing their annual respirator training.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

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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:43 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Meeting with Fire Dept??

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From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com><<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 10:26
To: David Zappariello

Cc: Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joeseeph Mancuso; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Aldo Palmieri; Matthew Walker;
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Subject: Re: Meeting with Fire Dept??

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<<mailto: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 <suzie1ni86@gmail.com<<mailto:suzie1ni86@gmail.com>>>

Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 7:41:36 AM

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

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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_inmllzA

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

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:43 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:09 PM

To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>

Subject: Fwd: Please meet for a discussion re: LVFD

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker

Councilman

Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com<<mailto:kbsepticllc@gmail.com>>>

Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 22:06

To: Aldo Palmieri; Joeseeph Mancuso; Jorge Alvarez; Matthew Walker; Rosalie Baker

Subject: Please meet for a discussion re: LVFD

----- Forwarded message -----

Buena Borough Council, I am asking you to meet with me to discuss the future of LVFD prior to the open meeting. We are having the open meeting on Saturday may 22. Your presence would be greatly appreciated by the citizens of the Borough as well as the membership. I hope you can find the time to meet with me to discuss the abated violations as well as the events that led us to this unfortunate suspension. While I have asked to meet with both OEM Coordinator and the mayor several times, with no response. Many citizens whom likely voted on your behalf are in disbelief of what's going on. These same people have been pressuring me to request to meet with all of you, either collectively or on an individual basis. My intentions are not to pry for any "secret" information that you may have. Instead, I'm attempting to have you hear; "the other side of the story." I'm asking any one of you, who will listen, to please find time to briefly meet with me to discuss the future of this nearly 100 year fire department. I look forward to hearing from you. Please respond as soon as possible.
856-617-2522

Regards,

Kenneth Barbagli

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:43 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Community Healing

Sincerely,

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:33
To: Betty Testa

Subject: Re: Community Healing

I have received your email.

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: Betty Testa <busylady1937@hotmail.com<<mailto:busylady1937@hotmail.com>>>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:22:04 AM
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Cc: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>
Subject: Community Healing

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 be 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

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:44 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: June 10 Special Meeting Should Be Postponed

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman

Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org <<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com> <<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 07:04

To: David Zappariello; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joeseeph Mancuso; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Matthew Walker

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Subject: Re: June 10 Special Meeting Should Be Postponed

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 <suzie1n186@gmail.com<<mailto:suzie1n186@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
609-774-5648

Please confirm receipt of this email.

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
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Subject: Fwd: LVFD Passes POSHA Inspection on 6/11/2021

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 14:37
To: Susan Romeo

Subject: Re: LVFD Passes POSHA Inspection on 6/11/2021

I have received your email.

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Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 12:55:57 PM
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Subject: LVFD Passes POSHA Inspection on 6/11/2021

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

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Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Landisville Vol. Fire Company - Retaliation - Rowan

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 15:13
To: BGRowan

Subject: Re: Landisville Vol. Fire Company - Retaliation - Rowan

I have received your email.

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: BGRowan <bgrowan@comcast.net<<mailto:bgrowan@comcast.net>>>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:00:11 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org<<mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>>>; Joeseeph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org<<mailto:joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>>>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>; Solicitor@Buenaboro.org <<mailto:Solicitor@Buenaboro.org>> <<mailto:Solicitor@Buenaboro.org><<mailto:Solicitor@Buenaboro.org>>>
Subject: Landisville Vol. Fire Company - Retaliation - Rowan

Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

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 privileged 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 latest 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<tel:(856)%20563-4444>

BGROWAN@COMCAST.NET<mailto: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.

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:44 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:23 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: LVFD Reopening

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 08:55
To: Susan Romeo

Cc: RepJeffVanDrew@mail.house.gov<<mailto:RepJeffVanDrew@mail.house.gov>>
Subject: Re: LVFD Reopening

Good morning message received.

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com<<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021 3:17:23 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>>; Joeseeph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org<<mailto:joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>>>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org<<mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>>>
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Subject: LVFD Reopening

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 Health 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

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: LVFC/BBFD1 Document request

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org><<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:45:00 AM
To: Landisville Fire <lvfco5@gmail.com><<mailto:lvfco5@gmail.com>>>

Cc: amcostigan@costiganllc.com<<mailto:amcostigan@costiganllc.com>>
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Subject: Re: LVFC/BBFD1 Document request

Loretta,
Dropping them off at Borough Hall is fine. Thank you.
Dave
Get Outlook for Android<<https://aka.ms/ghei36>>

From: Landisville Fire
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 6:36 PM
Subject: LVFC/BBFD1 Document request
To: David Zappariello
Cc: amcostigan@costiganllc.com<<mailto:amcostigan@costiganllc.com>>, Joseph D'Alessandro, III, Rosalie Baker, Jorge Alvarez, Joeseph Mancuso, Matthew Walker, Keith Kemery, Frattarelli, Peter L., Landisville Fire

Dave,
The requested documents are ready. I can drop them off at borough hall tomorrow morning. Is this acceptable? Please advise.
Thank you,
Loretta Gazzara
Chairperson-Secretary
Borough of Buena, Fire District #1
PO Box 305
Landisville, NJ 08326

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:21 PM

To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>

Subject: Fwd: July 12 council meeting agenda

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker

Councilman

Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>

Sent: Saturday, July 10, 2021 13:35

To: Susan Romeo; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joeseeph Mancuso; Matthew Walker; Joseph D'Alessandro, III

Cc: Angela Costigan
Subject: Re: July 12 council meeting agenda

Susan,

We are currently verifying the information as quickly as possible.

Dave

From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 2:32 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>; Joeseeph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>>
Subject: July 12 council meeting agenda

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

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: REOPEN LVFD

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Matthew Walker
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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 08:45
To: Susan Romeo

Subject: Re: REOPEN LVFD

Message received

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 12:13:31 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>; Joeseeph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>>
Subject: REOPEN LVFD

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 <<http://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!!

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From: Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com><<mailto:kbsepticllc@gmail.com>>>

Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 14:28

To: Aldo Palmieri; Angela Costigan; Jorge Alvarez; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Matthew Walker; David Zappariello; Rosalie

Baker

Subject: Landisville Fire Co.

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

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Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:19 PM

To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>

Subject: Fwd: SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA - July 19, 2021

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker

Councilman

Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org<<mailto:depclerk@buenaboro.org>>>

Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 13:12

To: David Zappariello; Rosalie Baker; Matthew Walker; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Joeseeph Mancuso; Jorge Alvarez;

Angela Costigan
Subject: SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA - July 19, 2021

Good Afternoon,
Attached is the agenda for July 19, 2021

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:42 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:52 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Opinion Section of AC Press

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
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Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com><<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 23:39

To: David Zappariello; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joeseeph Mancuso; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Aldo Palmieri; Ma

Walker

Cc: RepJeffVanDrew@mail.house.gov<mailto:RepJeffVanDrew@mail.house.gov>;

Info.vandrew@mail.house.gov<mailto:Info.vandrew@mail.house.gov>;

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bertino_james@aclink.org<mailto:bertino_james@aclink.org>; Brown, Ashley

Subject: Opinion Section of AC Press

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

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:42 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:53 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: **LANDISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com><<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 22:52

To: David Zappariello; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joeseeph Mancuso; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Aldo Palmieri; Ma

Walker

Cc: RepJeffVanDrew@mail.house.gov<mailto:RepJeffVanDrew@mail.house.gov>;
info.vandrew@mail.house.gov<mailto:info.vandrew@mail.house.gov>;
SenChrisABrown@njleg.org<mailto:SenChrisABrown@njleg.org>; sentesta@njleg.org<mailto:sentesta@njleg.org>;
asmarmato@njleg.org<mailto:asmarmato@njleg.org>; asmmazzeo@njleg.org<mailto:asmmazzeo@njleg.org>;
bertino_james@aclink.org<mailto:bertino_james@aclink.org>; Brown, Ashley
Subject: ****LANDISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT****

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****

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:41 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:42 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Landisville Fire Department

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Terry Mancini <terrymancini@comcast.net<<mailto:terrymancini@comcast.net>>>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 22:08
To: Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Joeseeph Mancuso; Matthew Walker;

mancini5sil@gmail.com<<mailto:mancini5sil@gmail.com>>

Cc: David Zappariello; Aldo Palmieri

Subject: Fwd: Landisville Fire Department

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

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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:40 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:46 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC)

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Corinne A. Martinelli <martinelli.corinne@gmail.com<<mailto:martinelli.corinne@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 17:44
To: David Zappariello; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Joeseeph Mancuso; Aldo Palmieri; Matthew

Walker

Subject: Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC)

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.

Best regards,

Corinne Martinelli

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:40 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:50 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: **PLEASE READ** Landisville Fire Company

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com<<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:39:07 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>; Rosalie Baker

rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>; Jorge Alvarez
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Subject: ****PLEASE READ**** Landisville Fire Company

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

Claire Lowe, Press of Atlantic City

Jeff Cole, Fox 29

Copy of letter also attached as PDF.

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:39 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:52 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Please review Special Meeting Agenda March 12, 2021

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org<<mailto:depclerk@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 09:43
To: 2021 Mayor and Council

Subject: Please review Special Meeting Agenda March 12, 2021

Please review attached

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:39 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:01 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Landisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue company

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com><<mailto:kbsepticllc@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 15:55
To: Jorge Alvarez; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Joeseeph Mancuso; Matthew Walker; David Zappariello; Rosalie Baker

Subject: Landisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue company

Dear Mr. Mayor and council members,

Before you make a decision to shut us down, I'm asking that you read this letter and try to understand our desire to continue to volunteer to fight fires and respond to any emergency calls required of us. Also, please take into consideration that PEOSHA has allowed for us to continue operations during the course of their investigation. They have given us realistic time frames in order for the active members of the company to play catch up on required paperwork. In shutting the company down you would be preventing us from completing our tasks assigned by PEOSHA. (PEOSHA has the ability to shut us down due to safety but has not yet seen the need to do so).

While, we understand your position, we are asking you to understand ours. Please try to keep the safety of the citizens at the forefront of your decision.

Shutting down a functioning emergency company during the height of the fire season with the looming global pandemic rearing new heights daily, would be a great mistake. The reality is that the neighboring fire companies as well as citizens of Buena borough and surrounding cities would be at a great loss in the event that we are shut down. We provide a volunteer fire and emergency service which has been successful in providing emergency fire and rescue to our borough for years with no documented safety incidents other than the recent minor issues' brought to light by two former disgruntled officers of our own.

If you decide to give us a chance, moving forward, with the new officers put into play, we have a plan that we would like to discuss with you and council. Until things smooth out, I would like to initiate a weekly meeting with council or appointed member of council to touch base and ensure that we are keeping up with our goals etc. I'm hopeful that in spite of all of the negative nonsense recently cast over the fire department and now council, that if we work together on this, a great deal of good can come from all of this. Thank you for taking the time to read this and understand that we are willing to work with you and council to make things right.

Regards,

Deputy Chief Barbagli

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:38 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:02 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: December 14, 2020

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Maryann Coraluzzo <clerk@buenaboro.org<<mailto:clerk@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 2:31:19 PM
To: Angela Costigan <amcostigan@costiganllc.com<<mailto:amcostigan@costiganllc.com>>>; Robert.Smith@rve.com

<Robert.Smith@rve.com<mailto:Robert.Smith@rve.com>>; Rosalie Baker
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<mayordave@buenaboro.org<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>
Subject: December 14, 2020

Maryann Coraluzzo, RMC, CTC, CMR

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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:37 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:06 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: October 13, 2020- Minutes

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Maryann Coraluzzo <clerk@buenaboro.org<<mailto:clerk@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 3:12:27 PM
To: Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>>; Jorge Alvarez

<jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III
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<mayordave@buenaboro.org<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>
Subject: October 13, 2020- Minutes

Please see attached.

Maryann Coraluzzo, RMC, CTC, CMR

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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:37 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:28 PM
To: Angela Costigan <amcostigan@costiganllc.com>
Cc: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Letter Regarding the Landisville Vol. Fire Company - Complaint

: Is this one to be included?

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

: From: Brian Rowan <bgrowan@comcast.net<<mailto:bgrowan@comcast.net>>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 19:15

To: David Zappariello; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Joeseph Mancuso; Greg McAvaddy;
Matthew Walker
Subject: Letter Regarding the Landisville Vol. Fire Company - Complaint

Mayor and Council,

I am a member of the Landisville Vol. Fire Company and I believe the Borough should be made aware of issues that exist within the fire company. I am seeking outside assistance to address these problems.

If you would be so kind as to review the attached letter and save for your records.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Brian Rowan
BGRowan@comcast.net<mailto:BGRowan@comcast.net>
(856) 563-4444

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:35 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:28 PM
To: Angela Costigan <amcostigan@costiganllc.com>
Cc: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Sp Meeting Contract Negotiations Fire Companies 9-2020

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Maryann Coraluzzo <clerk@buenaboro.org<<mailto:clerk@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 13:07

To: Angela Costigan; Deputy Clerk; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Joeseeph Mancuso; Greg McAvaddy; Matthew Walker; David Zappariello
Subject: Sp Meeting Contract Negotiations Fire Companies 9-2020

Please see attached Agenda for the special meeting that will be held on September 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Maryann Coraluzzo, RMC, CTC, CMR
Borough Clerk
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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:46 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Landisville Fire - Boro Council Meeting 7/19/2021

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 16:29
To: eoseabee21@gmail.com<<mailto:eoseabee21@gmail.com>>

Subject: Fwd: Landisville Fire - Boro Council Meeting 7/19/2021

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com><<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 13:55
To: David Zappariello; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joeseeph Mancuso; Matthew Walker; Joseph D'Alessandro, III
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Subject: Landisville Fire - Boro Council Meeting 7/19/2021

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
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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:47 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:15 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Landisville Fire Department

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: dtmmatt@verizon.net<<mailto:dtmmatt@verizon.net>> <dtmmatt@verizon.net<<mailto:dtmmatt@verizon.net>>>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 20:34
To: Matthew Walker

Subject: Re: Landisville Fire Department

Thank you!
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2021, at 3:36 PM, Matthew Walker
<matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>> wrote:

Message received

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: dtmmatt@verizon.net<mailto:dtmmatt@verizon.net> <dtmmatt@verizon.net<mailto:dtmmatt@verizon.net>>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 3:13:08 PM
To: Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>; Jorge Alvarez
<jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III
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<matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto: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

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To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Circumventing a minefield

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Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 15:35
To: Robert James

Subject: Re: Circumventing a minefield

Message received

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: Robert James <npd615@gmail.com<mailto:npd615@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 2:59:48 PM
To: Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>>; Joseph Mancuse <joseph.mancuse@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.mancuse@buenaboro.org>>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>>>
Subject: Fwd: Circumventing a minefield

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Robert James <npd615@gmail.com<mailto:npd615@gmail.com>>>
Date: Sat, Jul 17, 2021 at 2:57 PM
Subject: Circumventing a minefield
To: <mayordave@buenaboro.org<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>

Mayor,

Not sure if you heard but they (members of the community) have formed a recall committee, and at the same time the Landisville Fire Company has brought on new legal counsel to initiate a lawsuit against you, members of council and the borough. The only thing this process has done is re-open a schism in the borough that has been dormant for 80+ years.

I have reviewed the ordinance on the agenda for Monday evening. I noticed that the borough is relying on two items to support the dissolution, 1. PEOSHA violations and 2 the financial audit. These two issues are materially defective because, 1 the PEOSHA violations have been rectified to the satisfaction of the state, and 2 the financial violations have also been rectified, moreover, District 2 commissioners have committed the same financial violations, but no one took any action. That is considered "disparative treatment" which further down could expose the borough to legal actions.

Now would be an appropriate time to table ordinance 701.

I would like to suggest the council instead pass a resolution, which would allow district one to reopen, under conditions, a probationary period, maintaining memberships, all mandatory training documented, all equipment certifications maintained and these items reported to the borough in a time and format asked for by the borough.

This resolution would provide two things, 1 it would allow district 1 to reopen and 2 provide the borough with the assurances that operations are being handled. It allows the towns to heal, you take credit for correcting deficiencies and the volunteers continue to serve.

If you wish to speak further on this matter my cell is always on.

Sincerely,

Robert L. James, Jr.
Councilman (retired)

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC)

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 5:56:53 AM
To: Corinne A. Martinelli <martinelli.corinne@gmail.com><<mailto:martinelli.corinne@gmail.com>>>

Subject: Re: Landisville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC)

Good morning I have received your message.

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: Corinne A. Martinelli <martinelli.corinne@gmail.com<mailto:martinelli.corinne@gmail.com>>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 10:04:37 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>>; Joeseeph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto: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 cast your vote. Please do not vote out of fear, because you will surely regret it.

Regards,

Corinne Martinelli

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:48 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Paul Lucchesi Jr (310 Forest Grove Rd, Vineland, NJ/Buena Boro) Concerned Citizen

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Paul C Lucchesi Jr <plucchesi@comcast.net<<mailto:plucchesi@comcast.net>>>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 19:22

To: Matthew Walker

Subject: Re: Paul Lucchesi Jr (310 Forest Grove Rd, Vineland, NJ/Buena Boro) Concerned Citizen

Matthew,

I sincerely appreciate your response back to me. I truly apologize but we never have even been introduced. It is truly disheartening being a 63 year boro resident and hard working volunteer for 45 years. Personally speaking I'm even more disappointed that not one other council member has not reached out to me as stated in my email

Sincere appreciation

Paul C Lucchesi Jr

310 Forest Grove Rd

Vineland, NJ 08360-8730

856-697-2501

plucchesi@comcast.net<mailto:plucchesi@comcast.net>>

sent via cellular device

----- Original message -----

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

Date: 7/19/21 5:57 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Paul C. Lucchesi Jr" <Plucchesi@comcast.net<mailto:Plucchesi@comcast.net>>

Subject: Re: Paul Lucchesi Jr (310 Forest Grove Rd, Vineland, NJ/Buena Boro) Concerned Citizen

Good afternoon, I have received your message and I will be in contact with you.

Matthew Walker

Councilman

Buena Boro

From: Paul C. Lucchesi Jr <Plucchesi@comcast.net<mailto:Plucchesi@comcast.net>>

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 4:44:04 PM

To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>

Subject: Paul Lucchesi Jr (310 Forest Grove Rd, Vineland, NJ/Buena Boro) Concerned Citizen

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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Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd:

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
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: Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

: From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 06:26
To: Randy Crowell

Subject: Re:

Good morning I received your message.

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: Randy Crowell <rantheman1962@gmail.com<mailto:[<mailto:rantheman1962@gmail.com>>](mailto:rantheman1962@gmail.com)>>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 9:55:13 AM
To: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto:[<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>](mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org)>>
Subject:

Hello

Me June & Richard Crowell would like you to vote no on dissolving the Landisville fire Co. We feel all violations have been corrected and the new leaders have resolved the trust issues and are bringing a new professionalism to the fire house. We are better community with more volunteers and volunteerism

Thank you

Randy Crowell

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:10 PM

To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>

Subject: Fwd: LVFC

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker

Councilman

Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>>

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 16:15

To: Corinne A. Martinelli; David Zapparello; Rosalie Baker; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Joeseeph Mancuso; Matthew Walker

Subject: Re: LVFC

Sorry you feel that way. Corinne, are you a resident of tgg hl e Boro?

Get Outlook for IOS<<https://aka.ms/o0ukef>>

From: Corinne A. Martinelli <martinelli.corinne@gmail.com<<mailto:martinelli.corinne@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:58:28 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>; Rosalie Baker
<rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>>; Jorge Alvarez
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<matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto: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.

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:00 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Power point presentation

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com><<mailto:kbsepticllc@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 08:50
To: Matthew Walker

Subject: Re: Power point presentation

Great, thanks for letting me know.

On Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 6:26 PM Matthew Walker

<matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>> wrote:

: Message received

Matthew Walker

: Councilman

: Buena Boro

From: Ken Barbagli <kbsepticllc@gmail.com<<mailto:kbsepticllc@gmail.com>>>

Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 4:16:39 PM

To: Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org<<mailto:aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>>>; Angela Costigan

<amcostigan@costiganllc.com<<mailto:amcostigan@costiganllc.com>>>; Jorge Alvarez

<jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III

<joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org<<mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>>>; Matthew Walker

<matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>; Rosalie Baker

<rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>>

Subject: Power point presentation

Good afternoon,

: Since the special council meeting held at the BRHS I have been receiving calls from a variety of Buena borough citizens
: with inquires regarding the Attached PowerPoint presentation. Regretfully, I do not have the time to continue to field
: these calls with my current work schedule.

In speaking with the prosecutors office I managed to confirm my rights on this issue. Furthermore, please let this email
serve as my formal demand to have my address and phone number immediately removed from the attached power
point presentation. Please Acknowledge receipt of this email. I look forward to hearing back from you in a timely
manner. Please note I will be submitting an opra request in exactly one week from today to confirm that my Address
: and phone number have been removed. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. 856-617-2522.

Regards,

Kenneth Barbagli

communication in error, please notify us immediately by email and delete the original message.

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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 3:58 PM

To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>

Subject: Fwd: Landlsville Fire District 1

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker

Councilman

Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org <<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 14:19
To: Joanne ludwick
Subject: Re: Landisville Fire District 1

Good afternoon I have received your message.

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: Joanne ludwick <joanneludwick@comcast.net<mailto:joanneludwick@comcast.net>>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 1:38:18 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>>; Joeseeph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>
Subject: Landisville Fire District 1

Hello members of Buena Borough council,

My name is Joanne Ludwick and I live at 311 N. Harding Hwy Way. This is diagonal from the Landisville fire house. It has been my great privilege over the last seven years since moving into the borough to have been at many functions at that fire house for the community. I have also used the fire house community service to have Santa come on the fire truck, and bring gifts to my special-needs grandson who lives with me at Christmas time. For over 20 years I have been a nurse in the healthcare field. The last six of these years I have been a nurse manager on a very busy medical unit in an inner-city hospital. In this capacity I'm very familiar with state inspections, joint commission inspections and investigations and the need to have staff safety trained and all their certifications in order. While I understand that some areas in Landisville fire house did not meet all the criteria that it was supposed to, I also understand from my experience in my job capacity that part of the states responsibility is to point out these deficits and give time for them to be corrected which was done in this instance. The part that I'm not understanding is why our office of emergency management and you the borough council did not give your support to ensuring that these things were corrected and support the members of the Landisville fire company that wanted to continue doing their much-needed work in the community. From my perspective , and believe me I have been on all the phone calls and at all of the meetings at the fire house except for the last one because I was away. I think it looks very bad or maybe that's not the right word it looks inappropriate to myself and I am sure others that by having Mr. D'Alessandro who is the head of the OEM in Buena borough and also is the fire chief of Minatola Fire Co not recuse himself in this matter as having a conflict of interest. I personally do not know him and I'm not trying to discredit him in anyway my point is this simply under normal circumstance the Director of the OEM would have helped that fire district put themselves back to rights and stay functioning in the community they are a valuable and much needed resource to Buena Borough and its residents and should not be closed. Nor should the community be placed under one fire district, that in itself is unsafe. The other part of this that looks inappropriate is it Mr. D'Alessandro is also the chief for fire district Two which stands to take over 99 years worth of hard work, building a fire building, buying and paying off beautiful new equipment with no debt and over \$300,000 in an account that Hard-working volunteers of Landisville volunteer fire district have managed to build up over the years. From an outsiders view this looks very suspicious and inappropriate. I understand the councils need to protect themselves from liability when things within their district are incorrect however, I also understand the borough council's responsibility when it comes to seeing where the deficits lie, addressing those issues head-on , allowing the fire department to correct the issues, and as a council put some checks and balances in place so that

Landisville fire district one can remain in service to their community as they have for the last 99 years. As I've previously said they are a much needed safety and community entity in Buna borough. I am asking you to please again consider voting no this evening on the dissolution of the Landisville Fire district one and to allow them to remain in service with appropriate checks and balances throughout the borough. I look forward to hearing from each of you at the meeting this evening.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I appreciate all that you do.

Joanne Ludwick

856-625-3059

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:43 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:27 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Buena Boro Mayor & Council Corruption

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
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From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 16:44
To: Susan Romeo

Subject: Re: Buena Boro Mayor & Council Corruption

Email received

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro

From: Susan Romeo <suzie1nj86@gmail.com<<mailto:suzie1nj86@gmail.com>>>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 10:47:16 PM
To: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>; Rosalie Baker <rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:rosalie.baker@buenaboro.org>>>; Jorge Alvarez <jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org<<mailto:jorge.alvarez@buenaboro.org>>>; Joeseeph Mancuso <joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org<<mailto:joseph.mancuso@buenaboro.org>>>; Joseph D'Alessandro, III <joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org<<mailto:joseph.dalessandro@buenaboro.org>>>; Aldo Palmieri <aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org<<mailto:aldo.palmieri@buenaboro.org>>>; Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>>
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Subject: Buena Boro Mayor & Council Corruption

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

On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:43 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: OPRA request - Fire Communication

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org><<mailto:depclerk@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 12:10
To: 2021 Mayor and Council

Cc: Angela Costigan
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Fire Communication

I am forwarding this OPRA request.

From: Maryann Coraluzzo <clerk@buenaboro.org<mailto:clerk@buenaboro.org>>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org<mailto:depclerk@buenaboro.org>>
Subject: Fw: OPRA request - Fire Communication

From: Bianca Hewitt <opra+request-23035-a3470f8b@requests.opramachine.com<mailto:opra+request-23035-a3470f8b@requests.opramachine.com>>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 11:13:38 AM
To: Maryann Coraluzzo <clerk@buenaboro.org<mailto:clerk@buenaboro.org>>
Subject: OPRA request - Fire Communication

Dear Buena Borough,

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

Records requested:

I am requesting copies of all electronic mail (e-mails) between the council members and the mayor in regards to Minotola Fire Dept. and Landisville Vol. Fire and Rescue from the following dates: Jan 1, 2021 to May 13, 2021.

Yours faithfully,
Bianca Hewitt

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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:42 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:51 PM

To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>

Subject: Fwd: Financial Violations

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker

Councilman

Buena Boro

Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: Robert James <npd615@gmail.com<<mailto:npd615@gmail.com>>>

Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 12:49

To: David Zapparello; joseph.dallessandro@buenaboro.org<<mailto:joseph.dallessandro@buenaboro.org>>; Rosalie

Baker; Jorge Alvarez; joseph.mancuse@buenaboro.org<mailto:joseph.mancuse@buenaboro.org>; Matthew Walker; aldopalmieri@buenaboro.org<mailto:aldopalmieri@buenaboro.org>; vjackson@pressofac.com<mailto:vjackson@pressofac.com>; chazgazzara@gmail.com<mailto:chazgazzara@gmail.com>; Maryann Coraluzzo
Subject: Financial Violations

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.

3.Purchase Orders. The audit reviewed all purchase orders for a two year period, and found no purchasing irregularities, and compliance with all contracting laws. The audit did find that the purchase order form was lacking in a claimants certification clause, whereas the vendor would sign off attesting tgo the correctness of the order. This was also remedied by the commissioners, with help from the auditors.

I took the time to review this matter only in fairness due to the prevailing sense of injustice against the LVFC by yourselves and other members of borough council.

I took the time to do some research using publically available websites, the open public records act as well as the common law of access. In this research I found that the Buena Borough Fire District Zone 2, commonly referred to as the Minotola Volunteer Fire Company (MFC) has committed similar violations, as Mayor Zappariello described. Namely,

1. Credit Card. The MFC has utilized a Newfield National Bank Visa Credit card. The transactions are viewable on 21 of 28 months prior bill lists of the MFC commissioners meetings. In the defense of MFC, after learning of the issue, took action and discontinued use of the credit card on April 13, 2021.

2. Purchase Orders. During that same meeting, the commissioners discussed changing their purchase order forms to reflect the changes as recommended to Landisville.

3. Length of Service Program (LOSAP). Currently LOSAP for the Minotola Fire Company is frozen, and has been so for a period of approximately two years. The matter is under review by the NJ Attorney Generals Office. One commissioner has consistently voted against the monthly LOSAP report since 2019. It would behoove the Borough of Buena to conduct an audit of these accounts to ensure that the tax payers hard earned monies are being productively used.

In the spirit of preventing disparate treatment, the audit conducted on Landisville should not be viewed as violations, but as auditors recommendations, which have been successfully completed.

If your looking at what you believe is an attempt at consolidation of services, this is a poor attempt at best. You are blindly giving away over \$300,000 in monies and millions of dollars on equipment without any due diligence. I spoke with the mayor via telephone and explained that the best case scenario would be to disband both fire districts, simultaneously opening the Buena Borough Volunteer Fire Department. This new organization would be a part of the municipal government, with a volunteer chief appointed by Mayor with the consent of council. More importantly it would subject the spending to the normal annual budgeting approval process, with greater oversight eliminating discrepancies such as credit cards and purchase order language.

I would council you to not take further actions without objectively giving the LVFC a fair chance to rectify the issues at hand so that they may continue with their community service.

I am available if you wish to discuss this further,

Regards,

Robert L. James, Jr.

Ex-Councilman, Borough of Buena

Ex-Assistant Chief, Landisville Vol. Fire Company

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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:42 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:52 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: OPRA request - Calls for service data for Landisville Volunteer Fire Company.

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
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From: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org<<mailto:depclerk@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:32:16 AM
To: 2021 Mayor and Council

<2021MayorandCouncil@buenaboro.org<mailto:2021MayorandCouncil@buenaboro.org>>
Cc: Angela Costigan <amcostigan@costiganllc.com<mailto:amcostigan@costiganllc.com>>
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Calls for service data for Landisville Volunteer Fire Company.

Good Morning,
I am forwarding an OPRA request.
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Thank you
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-----Original Message-----

From: Maryann Coraluzzo <clerk@buenaboro.org<mailto:clerk@buenaboro.org>>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org<mailto:depclerk@buenaboro.org>>
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Calls for service data for Landisville Volunteer Fire Company.

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From: Robert James <opra+request-22532-89ea15e1@requests.opramachine.com<mailto:opra+request-22532-89ea15e1@requests.opramachine.com>>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Maryann Coraluzzo <clerk@buenaboro.org<mailto:clerk@buenaboro.org>>
Subject: OPRA request - Calls for service data for Landisville Volunteer Fire Company.

Dear Buena Borough,

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Records requested:

Councilman Joseph D'Alesandro, during several council meetings has made reference that the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company has a calls for service/failure to respond rate of 40%. Meaning that the fire company failed to respond to 40% of their dispatched calls for service.

I respectfully request copies, via the Open Public Records Act, of any and all documentation, reports, emails, and correspondence, physical and electronic, that Councilman D'Alesandro used to rely upon to make that statement. Furthermore, I request copies of all emails, and reports that Councilman D'Alessandro communicated that statement with Mayor Zappariello and other members of borough council.

Regards,

Robert James

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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:42 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:53 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: OPRA request - Audit Scope of Work, authorizing resolution

Sincerely,

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From: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org<<mailto:depclerk@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 8:52:23 AM
To: Angela Costigan <amcostigan@costiganllc.com<<mailto:amcostigan@costiganllc.com>>>; Cindi LoGuidice

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From: Robert James <opra+request-22495-4fcda1c9@requests.opramachine.com<<mailto:opra+request-22495-4fcda1c9@requests.opramachine.com>>>
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 8:31 PM
To: Maryann Coraluzzo <clerk@buenaboro.org<<mailto:clerk@buenaboro.org>>>
Subject: OPRA request - Audit Scope of Work, authorizing resolution

Dear Buena Borough,

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

Records requested: The agenda of the April 12, 2021 Borough Council makes reference to an audit, conducted by Ford-Scott, authorized by the Mayor and Borough Council, of the Borough of Buena Fire District #1. I am requesting a copy of the audit authorization (contract, memorandum of agreement), outlining the scope of the work to be performed of said audit, as well as the authorizing councilmatic resolution. I further request copies of any electronic mail (e-mails) between members of council, mayor, and the vendor that discuss this audit.

Thanking in advance,
Robert James

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On Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 11:41 AM Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org> wrote:

From: Matthew Walker <matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:40 PM
To: Deputy Clerk <depclerk@buenaboro.org>
Subject: Fwd: Landisville Fire Department

Sincerely,

Matthew Walker
Councilman
Buena Boro
Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org<<mailto:Matthew.walker@buenaboro.org>>

From: David Zappariello <mayordave@buenaboro.org<<mailto:mayordave@buenaboro.org>>>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:51
To: Terry Mancini; Rosalie Baker; Jorge Alvarez; Joseph D'Alessandro, III; Joeseeph Mancuso; Matthew Walker;
mancini5sil@gmail.com<<mailto:mancini5sil@gmail.com>>

Cc: Aldo Palmieri
Subject: Re: Landisville Fire Department

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, Joeseeph Mancuso, Matthew Walker,
mancini5sil@gmail.com<<mailto: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