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February 14, 2025

Make Transparency Great Again 2025
c/o OPRA+request-71616-9d81f11d@requests.opramachine.com

Re: "OPRA Request – Messages between Township Officials"

Dear Requestor:

Mount Laurel Township received your Open Public Records Act and common law right of access request seeking various potential public documents. The Township provides this timely OPRA response on the 7th business day.

Your request sought:

1. Copies of email, text message, iMessage, SMS message, and RCS message correspondence sent by or received by Stephen Steglik between Ashlyn Grisetti for the time period of January 1, 2019 through the present containing any of the following search terms: "private", "favor", "secret", "baby", "babe", "abortion", "birth control", "pregnant", "miss you", "<3", "panties", "love you", and "sexy".

Response: Pursuant to Paff v. New Jersey Department of Labor, 393 N.J. Super. 334 (App. Div. 2007), this response serves as my sworn statement setting forth the efforts used to identify and provide documents responsive to this request.

The search included personal contact with Deputy Mayor Steglik and Ms. Grisetti for each to acknowledge receipt of the request and to review their personal and/or work phone. The Deputy Mayor is not assigned a phone by Mount Laurel Township. Review of personal phones did not identify any written or electronic communications utilizing the above search terms. Mount Laurel Township's independent IT contractor further ran a search for the above individuals, date range and subject terms. The search returned the attached documents. My office evaluated the documents for confidentiality before release and no redactions were required. The words "favor," "private" and "love" each appeared in one email/email chain. There were no documents containing the words "secret," "baby," "babe," "abortion," "birth control," "pregnant," "miss you," "<3," "panties," "love you," ("love" appeared separately), and "sexy." Finally, the Township's records retention schedule remains consistent with state law. The Township makes no claim that records

were destroyed and therefore unavailable. The Township's due diligence and responsive records completes this portion of the request.

2. Copies of email, text message, iMessage, SMS message, and RCS message correspondence sent by or received by Ashlyn Grisetti between Stephen Steglik for the time period of January 1, 2019 through the present containing any of the following search terms: "private", "favor", "secret", "baby", "babe", "abortion", "birth control", "pregnant", "miss you", "<3", "panties", "love you", and "sexy".

Response – Request 2 asks for the identical items as Request 1 because the Township was required to search for records sent by or received by the same two individuals. Any documents that would have been responsive for Response 1 would be responsive for Response 2. Therefore, this request is denied as duplicative.

Common Law

Finally in review under the common law, the Township would perform a balancing test regarding whether the documents should be released to this requestor versus the need to hold such documents in confidence. Your request failed to provide a reason to perform the balancing test. Since the Township provides the records under OPRA and is not withholding or redacting documents, the common law is satisfied. The same documents fulfill the common law request.

This completes your OPRA and common law request for documents.

Sincerely,



Meredith Riculfy, RMC
Township Manager/Clerk
Records Custodian

From: Stephen Steglik
To: Meredith Tomczyk; Brandon Shillingford; Ashlyn Grisetti
Subject: Fw: South Jersey Magazine request
Date: Monday, May 3, 2021 9:14:24 AM

Hey could you guys do me a **favor** and answer the questions below? I will review them and send them to Peter.

-Stephen

From: Peter Proko <peter@southjersey.com>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 8:18 AM
To: Stephen Steglik <sssteglik@mountlaurel.com>
Subject: Re: South Jersey Magazine request

Hello -- just checking in to see if you've had the chance to review these questions if you are able to get me responses in the next day or so. Please let me know, thank you.

On Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 9:22 AM Peter Proko <peter@southjersey.com> wrote:
Great, please find some questions below.

Comparatively to this time last year when there was so much uncertainty surrounding the virus, how do you think Mount Laurel has successfully adapted to managing life during the pandemic?

With the vaccine rollout and more hope on the horizon, is the town getting back to any regular events this spring and summer, outdoor or otherwise?

What about local businesses, how has the community supported them during this trying time and are you seeing increased activity as the weather warms and more and more folks become vaccinated, etc.?

If there's anything else of note you'd like to add, please feel free. Thanks again for your help.

On Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 9:14 AM Stephen Steglik <sssteglik@mountlaurel.com> wrote:
Hi Peter,

Feel free to email them and I'll answer them for you! Thanks for checking in, we really appreciate it.

-Stephen Steglik

From: Peter Proko <peter@southjersey.com>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Stephen Steglik <sssteglik@mountlaurel.com>

Subject: South Jersey Magazine request

Hello Mayor -- We are working on our annual Top Towns feature and I was hoping I could connect with you to ask a few questions. Last year we spoke to several mayors about how towns were faring during the pandemic. We wanted to sort of revisit that topic a year later and see what's going on and how things have changed for the better, etc.

Would you have some time to answer a few questions next week or would you prefer I email you a few instead? Please let me know your thoughts and I thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Peter

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From: Stephen Steglik
To: Ashlyn Grisetti
Subject: RE: CGI - Video Program Information
Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 2:13:28 PM

I don't think this is needed either. Call me whenever

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

From: Ashlyn Grisetti
Sent: Thursday, March 4 2021, 12:41 pm
To: Stephen Steglik
Subject: RE: CGI - Video Program Information

Hi Mayor Steglik,

I wanted to circle back on this. Now that I'm working on the website redesign, I'm not sure this is needed.

Let's discuss when you're free!

Best,

Ashlyn

From: Ashlyn Grisetti
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Stephen Steglik <ssteglik@mountlaurel.com>
Subject: CGI - Video Program Information

Hi Mayor Steglik,

Below is the information I received from my call with CGI Communications. I forgot to mention this is in partnership with the US Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities.

Notes from the call:

- It's a public/private partnership so the videos would be at no cost
- The videos on the website were made in 2017, last time contract was signed
- They have a 12-16 week turnaround with a team of 40 working on production
- -a total of 7 videos would be made
- It would be a late spring/ early summer shoot

To preview some of our proud videos and to learn more about CGI, please click the following links:

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- [Client Testimonial Videos](#)
- [Dayton, OH Video Tour](#) - This example showcases the custom Community Organizations video chapter

Below is a list of highly requested video topics:

- Welcome
- Quality of Life
- Education
- Healthcare / Healthy Living / Wellness
- Real Estate and Relocation
- Economic Development
- Business and Industry
- Parks and Recreation
- Arts and Culture
- Events
- Tourism and Things To Do
- Shopping, Dining, and Entertainment
- Local Voices (Interviews with community leaders)
- Festivals
- Downtown
- Manufacturing
- Resilience
- Diversity
- Inclusion

Ashlyn Grisetti

Communications Director

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From: Ashlyn Grisetti
To: Stephen Steglik
Subject: FW: newsletters samples
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 10:08:46 AM
Attachments: 158870 Newsletter.pdf
158876 Holmdel Monthly - January 2021 - V8.2.pdf

Hi Mayor Steglik,

Royal printing company sent me two proofs of the newsletter they completed for other towns.

We can discuss once you look them over. I love your idea of having a tear out page full of contacts for residents to hang on their fridge.

Thanks!

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From: Omar Samadi [mailto:osamadi@royalprintingnj.com]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Ashlyn Grisetti <agrisetti@mountlaurel.com>
Subject: newsletters samples

Hi Ashlyn,

It was pleasure speaking with you this afternoon, as promised attached are two newsletters that we do for two towns:

Guttenberg in Hudson County NJ and Holmdel in Monmouth County NJ.

Please let me know if you have any questions

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e-mail:osamadi@royalprintingnj.com

From: [Ashlyn Grisetti](#)
To: [Stephen Steglik](#)
Subject: CGI - Video Program Information
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 12:15:01 PM

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