

The Township of Wall ("Township") records custodian is in receipt of your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") and common law request ("Request") submitted February 17, 2026; as such, the Township is timely responding to your request in accordance with New Jersey law.

For ease of reference your request seeks the following records:

1. "Notice of tort claim/contract claim from Jeff Bertrand (law office of Donald F. Burke) to township, dated Sept. 22, 2025. Unredacted, if possible."

Enclosed please find all records readily identified as responsive by the Township. Copied below, please find a Vaughn Index identifying the legal basis for all redactions made to responsive records.

List of all records provided, with redactions, or denied in their entirety.	If disclosed with redactions, give a general nature description of the record.	List the legal explanation and statutory citation for the denial of access to records in their entirety or with redactions.
Redacted-OPRA77-2026003-OPRA77-2062005	Tort Claim - personnel name/matter	N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10 provides that "records relating to any grievance filed by or against an individual shall not be considered a government record." The Board has redacted the name of certain employees as it relates to disciplinary actions against the employee.
Redacted-OPRA77-2026003-OPRA77-2062005	Tort Claim - portions pertaining to attorney-client privilege and/or attorney-work product	N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 provides that "[a] government record shall not include the following information which is deemed to be confidential for the purposes of P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented: any record within the attorney-client privilege." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-9(b) allows exemptions from disclosure any grant of confidentiality established or recognized by the Constitution of this State, statute, court rule or judicial case law, to apply to OPRA.

Your OPRA request is now deemed answered and closed. In the event of a clarification or appeal, Township reserves the right to raise any other ground for denial not raised in this response. The failure of Township to assert an exception or privilege at this time does not act as a waiver of any grounds for denial. Thank you for your professional courtesies and attention to this matter.