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Township Clerk

From: William Sosis <opra+request-77759-0afd82e5@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 10:23 AM
To: Township Clerk
Subject: EXTERNALOPRA request - Ron Hayes Ethics Appeal

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Re: Open Public Records Act Request (OPRA) – Ron Hayes Ethics Appeal

Dear Records Custodian,

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., I am requesting access to the following government records:

(1) All legal invoices, billing statements, or itemized charges issued to or paid by Mansfield Township or its insurer in connection with legal representation for or related to Township Committeeman Ron Hayes's ethics complaint and appeal before the New Jersey Local Finance Board, from September 1, 2023 to the present.

(2) All resolutions, correspondence, insurance claim forms, or authorizations issued by the Township of Mansfield or its officials that relate to the provision of a defense, legal representation, or indemnification for Committeeman Ron Hayes regarding this ethics matter.

If responsive records are withheld, please provide a detailed privilege log explaining the basis for each redaction or denial, as required by law.

Certification of Intended Use (Per N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., as amended in 2024)

I, William N. Sosis, certify under penalty of law that:

- I am not seeking the requested records for any unlawful purpose;

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- I will not use the requested records, or any portion thereof, for the purpose of harassment, abuse, or solicitation of any individual identified therein;

- I am not acting on behalf of, or in concert with, any foreign government or entity;

- I am not requesting records containing personal identifying information to resell or trade that information for commercial purposes.

Please send the requested records in electronic format via email if possible. If any part of this request is denied or redacted, please provide the legal basis for such denial as required under OPRA.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Sosis

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

opra+request-77759-0afd82e5@requests.opramachine.com

Is clerk@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov the wrong address for OPRA requests to Mansfield Township (Warren)? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=mansfield_township_warren

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View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/ron_hayes_ethics_appeal

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TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
COUNTY OF WARREN

RESOLUTION 076-2025

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION – BROSCIOUS, FISHER, & ZAITER

WHEREAS, Purchase Order # 24-00925, in the amount of $ 2,400.00, was pulled from Resolution 060-2025 at the Township meeting on February 12, 2025, due to lack of quorum for the majority vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey that Purchase Order # 24-00925 in the amount of $ 2,400.00, payable to Broscious, Fisher & Zaiter for legal services therefore be paid.

Motion: Approve Resolution Moved by: Mc Guinness ; Seconded by: Mora Dillon
Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (Summary: Yes=4)

Yes: Hayes, Mc Guinness, Mora Dillon, Watters
No:
Abstain:
Absent: Farino

I, Wendy Barras, Township Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby certify this to be a true copy of the action of the Governing Body, at its Regular Meeting held February 26, 2025. Witness my hand this 27th day of February, 2025.

Wendy Barras, Township Municipal Clerk

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MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
100 PORT MURRAY ROAD
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865
Phone: (908)689-6151
Fax: (908)689-2840

Purchase Order

THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES, PACKING LISTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

NO. 24-00227

ORDER DATE: 03/18/24
DELIVERY DATE:
REQUISITION #:
F.O.B. TERMS:
VENDOR ACCT NUM:
VENDOR PHONE #:
VENDOR FAX #:

SHIP TO

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
100 PORT MURRAY ROAD
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865

VENDOR Vendor #: BROSC005

BROSCIOUS, FISHER & ZAITER
43 BROAD ST
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882 USA

PAYMENT RECORD

CHECK NO. 10981
DATE PAID 4/10/24

NOTICE: TAX EXEMPT - TAX ID: 22-6002061

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NO	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1.00	12/5/23 - 12/15/23 PROF. SERVICES (RON HAYES)	3-01-20-155-0000-4300	900.0000	900.00
				==========
			TOTAL	900.00

Certification of Available Funds
J Fanelli / Deputy Treas
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Approval of Order
DEPARTMENT HEAD

Having knowledge of the facts, I hereby certify that the above goods have been received or the services rendered.
DEPARTMENT HEAD

Reviewed for Payment
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

VENDOR CERTIFICATION AND DECLARATION

I do solemnly declare and certify under the penalties of the law that the within bill is correct in all its particulars; that the articles have been furnished or services rendered as stated therein; that no bonus has been given or received by any person or persons within the knowledge of this claimant in connection with the above claim; that the amount therein stated is justify due and owing; and that the amount charged is a reasonable one.

X Thomas P Fischer
VENDOR SIGN HERE

Thomas P. Fischer — Partner
NAME (PRINT OR TYPE) — OFFICAL POSITION

22-2470883
VENDOR SOCIAL CECURITY NO. OR TAX I.D. NO.

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BROSCIOUS, FISCHER & ZAITER
43 BROAD STREET
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
(908)689-0992

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January 31, 2024

RON HAYES
1225 ROUTE 57
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865

RE: HAYES / DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED:

			HOURS	AMT
12/5/2023	TPF	Telephone Conference with Mike Lavery; Telephone Conference with client; Review letter from Community Affairs	0.75	300.00
12/7/2023	TPF	Conference with client; research	1.00	400.00
12/15/2023	TPF	Review response to OPRA request	0.50	200.00
TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES:			**2.25**	**$900.00**
BALANCE DUE:				**$900.00**

ATTY SUMMARY

ATTY	HOURS	RATE	AMT
THOMAS P. FISCHER	2.25	400.00	$900.00

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MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
100 PORT MURRAY ROAD
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865
Phone: (908)689-6151
Fax: (908)689-2840

Purchase Order

THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES, PACKING LISTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

NO. 24-00475

ORDER DATE: 06/20/24
DELIVERY DATE:
REQUISITION #:
F.O.B. TERMS:
VENDOR ACCT NUM:
VENDOR PHONE #:
VENDOR FAX #:

SHIP TO

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
100 PORT MURRAY ROAD
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865

VENDOR Vendor #: BROSC005

BROSCIOUS, FISHER & ZAITER
43 BROAD ST
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882 USA

PAYMENT RECORD

CHECK NO. 11197 LK
DATE PAID 6/26/24

NOTICE: TAX EXEMPT - TAX ID: 22-6002061

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NO	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1.00	5/9/24 - 5/28/24 PROF. SERVICES (RON HAYES)	4-01-20-155-0000-4300	1,000.0000	1,000.00
			TOTAL	1,000.00

Certification of Available Funds
J. Farulli / Deputy Treas
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Approval of Order
DEPARTMENT HEAD

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DEPARTMENT HEAD

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Thomas P. Fischer
NAME (PRINT OR TYPE)

Counsel
OFFICAL POSITION

VENDOR SOCIAL CECURITY NO. OR TAX I.D. NO.

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BROSCIOUS, FISCHER & ZAITER
43 BROAD STREET
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
(908)689-0992

May 31, 2024

RON HAYES
1225 ROUTE 57
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865

RE: HAYES / DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED:

			HOURS	AMT
5/9/2024	TPF	Review letter from Jacquelyn Suarez, t/c Jacquelyn Suarez, email Ron, legal research NJAC 5:35-1, et seq	0.50	200.00
5/21/2024	TPF	Review determination, t/c Ron, t/c Mike Lavery, legal research standard of review	0.50	200.00
5/27/2024	TPF	Outline Appeal of determination, legal research	0.50	200.00
5/28/2024	TPF	Prepare Appeal letter, file letter, t/c DCA Attorney, t/c Ron Hayes, legal research Appeal Rule, NJAC 5:35-1.1	1.00	400.00
		TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES:	**2.50**	**$1,000.00**
		PREVIOUS STATEMENT BALANCE:		**$900.00**
4/23/2024	PAYMENT			($900.00)
		BALANCE DUE:		**$1,000.00**

ATTY SUMMARY

ATTY	HOURS	RATE	AMT
THOMAS P. FISCHER	2.50	400.00	$1,000.00

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PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865
Phone: (908)689-6151
Fax: (908)689-2840

Purchase Order

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NO. 24-00925

ORDER DATE: 12/26/24
DELIVERY DATE:
REQUISITION #:
F.O.B. TERMS:
VENDOR ACCT NUM:
VENDOR PHONE #:
VENDOR FAX #:

SHIP TO

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
100 PORT MURRAY ROAD
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865

VENDOR Vendor #: BROSC005

BROSCIOUS, FISHER & ZAITER
43 BROAD ST
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882 USA

PAYMENT RECORD

CHECK NO. 11798 LR
DATE PAID 2/12/25

NOTICE: TAX EXEMPT - TAX ID: 22-6002061

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NO	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1.00	8/26/24 - 11/20/24 PROF. SERVICES RENDERED (RON HAYES)	4-01-20-155-0000-4300	2,400.0000	2,400.00
			TOTAL	2,400.00

FOR PAYMENT
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Certification of Available Funds
J Fuscenelli / Asst CFO
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Approval of Order
DEPARTMENT HEAD

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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X Thomas P. Fischer
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Thomas P. Fischer — Counsel
NAME (PRINT OR TYPE) — OFFICAL POSITION

22-2470883
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BROSCIOUS, FISCHER & ZAITER
43 BROAD STREET
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
(908)689-0992

November 30, 2024

RON HAYES
1225 ROUTE 57
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865

RE: HAYES / DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED:

			HOURS	AMT
8/26/2024	TPF	Review transmittal letter from OAL; t/c with Matt Marthaler; legal research	1.00	400.00
10/21/2024	TPF	Review Court Notice and instructions; t/c Eric Gilgon, conference with AOL Judge	1.00	400.00
10/22/2024	TPF	t/c Ron Hayes, outline and prepare discovery requests, t/c Mike Lavery	1.00	400.00
11/11/2024	TPF	Email AG, legal research violations, request discovery, t/c Ron Hayes	1.00	400.00
11/12/2024	TPF	Conference . with Ron Hayes, review discovery, t/c Ken Moose, prepare interrogatories	1.00	400.00
11/20/2024	TPF	Review email from DAG, respond to emails, t/c DAG Erin Gilsen, outline discovery requests	1.00	400.00
TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES:			**6.00**	**$2,400.00**
BALANCE DUE:				**$2,400.00**

ATTY SUMMARY

ATTY	HOURS	RATE	AMT
THOMAS P. FISCHER	6.00	400.00	$2,400.00

4-01-20-155-0000-4300

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MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
100 PORT MURRAY ROAD
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865
Phone: (908)689-6151
Fax: (908)689-2840

Purchase Order

THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES, PACKING LISTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

NO. 25-00248

ORDER DATE: 03/17/25
DELIVERY DATE:
REQUISITION #:
F.O.B. TERMS:
VENDOR ACCT NUM:
VENDOR PHONE #:
VENDOR FAX #:

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TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
100 PORT MURRAY ROAD
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865

VENDOR Vendor #: BROSC005

BROSCIOUS, FISHER & ZAITER
43 BROAD ST
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882 USA

PAYMENT RECORD

CHECK NO. 12015
DATE PAID 4/9/25

NOTICE: TAX EXEMPT - TAX ID: 22-6002061

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NO	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1.00	12/5/24 - 12/17/24 PROF. SERVICES RENDERED (RON HAYES)	4-01-20-155-0000-4300	900.0000	900.00
1.00	1/3/25 - 2/6/25 PROF. SERVICES RENDERED (RON HAYES)	5-01-20-155-0000-4300	1,300.0000	1,300.00
			TOTAL	2,200.00

Certification of Available Funds
J Fanelli/Amit CFO
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Approval of Order
Joseph Watter
DEPARTMENT HEAD

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DEPARTMENT HEAD

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X Thomas P Fischer
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Thomas P. Fischer — Attorney
NAME (PRINT OR TYPE) — OFFICAL POSITION

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BROSCIOUS, FISCHER & ZAITER
43 BROAD STREET
WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
(908)689-0992

February 28, 2025

RON HAYES
1225 ROUTE 57
PORT MURRAY, NJ 07865

RE: HAYES / DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED:

			HOURS	AMT
12/5/2024	TPF	Prepare Discovery Requests; t/c Attorney General, legal research	0.75	300.00
12/14/2024	TPF	t/c Judge stokes, t/c AG Erin Gilger, prepare discovery requests	0.50	200.00
12/15/2024	TPF	Review correspondence from AG; review proofs 900	0.50	200.00
12/17/2024	TPF	t/c Erin Gilsen, DAG, review correspondence and Request for Admissions	0.50	200.00
1/3/2025	TPF	t/c Ron, t/c Erin Gilson	0.25	100.00
1/7/2025	TPF	Conference call with Judge Stokes, t/c Erin Gilson	0.75	300.00
1/15/2025	TPF	t/c Erin Gilson, review email regarding settlement offer	0.25	100.00
1/17/2025	TPF	t/c Erin Gilge, DAG, negotiate settlement, review email, t/c Ron Hayes	0.50	200.00
1/24/2025	TPF	Review Settlement Agreement; t/c Erin Gilson, DAG, revise language of Settlement Agreement	0.50	200.00
2/6/2025	TPF	t/c Erin Gilson, AG, review resided Settlement agreement, Conference . with AOL Judge	1.00	400.00
		TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES:	**5.50**	**$2,200.00**
		PREVIOUS STATEMENT BALANCE:		**$2,400.00**
		BALANCE DUE:		**$4,600.00**

ATTY SUMMARY

ATTY	HOURS	RATE	AMT
THOMAS P. FISCHER	5.50	400.00	$2,200.00

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Township Clerk

From: Michael Lavery <mlavery@lsaclaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 4:30 PM
To: Township Clerk
Cc: Richard Wenner; JoAnn Fascenelli; CFO
Subject: EXTERNALRE: [EXTERNAL]Attorney bill - R. Hayes

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Wendy,

[redacted]

Mike

Michael B. Lavery
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

LAVERY, SELVAGGI & COHEN, P.C.

1001 Route 517
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From: Township Clerk <Clerk@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:43 PM
To: Michael Lavery <mlavery@lsaclaw.com>
Cc: Richard Wenner <rwenner@lsaclaw.com>; JoAnn Fascenelli <jf@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>; CFO <CFO@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Attorney bill - R. Hayes

Hi Mike,

[redacted]

Thank you,

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Township Clerk

From: Ron Hayes
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 2:29 PM
To: Township Clerk
Subject: Fw: Fischer law firm

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From: Ron Hayes <rhayes@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 10:36:05 AM
To: CFO <CFO@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>
Subject: Re: Fischer law firm

Yes, please. I had received a second notification last week. Thanks,
Ron

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From: CFO <CFO@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 10:14:00 AM
To: Ron Hayes <rhayes@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>
Subject: FW: Fischer law firm

Ron, I checked with Jo Ann about the invoice. The reason the invoice was not on the last bill list is that the law firm returned the signed purchase order after the bill list was completed. Do you want me to phone them and let them know that it will be on the next bill list?

Judith Curran
CFO/CTC
Mansfield Township
100 Port Murray Road
Port Murray, NJ 07865
908-689-6151 Ext. 127
cfo@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov

From: CFO
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 2:13 PM
To: Ron Hayes <rhayes@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fischer law firm

I apologize. I thought I gave it to JoAnn. I will see if she can do a separate check on Monday.

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Judith Curran
CFO/CTC
Mansfield Township
100 Port Murray Road
Port Murray, NJ 07865
908-689-6151 Ext. 127
cfo@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov

From: Ron Hayes <rhayes@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 2:04 PM
To: CFO <CFO@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>; Township Clerk <Clerk@mansfieldtownship-nj.gov>
Subject: Fischer law firm

Hi Judy. I just went over my email and I didn't see any payment to the Fischer law firm handling the ethics complaint. Unless I missed some thing. I received a second notification for payment this week. Can you look into this ? Thanks Ron

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Township Clerk

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Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 2:04 PM
To: CFO; Township Clerk
Subject: Fischer law firm

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OPRA REQUEST # 089-2025

June 25, 2025

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