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**Via Email – [opra+request-44058-b5ff5624@requests.opramachine.com](mailto:opra+request-44058-b5ff5624@requests.opramachine.com)**

Howell Resident

**Re: May 25, 2023 OPRA Request**

Dear Madam/Sir:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Howell Township (“Howell” or the “Township”), in response to the records request that you submitted to the Township under the Open Public Records Act (the “OPRA”) and the common law right of access which was submitted by you on Thursday, May 25, 2023, and which was received by the Township on May 26, 2023. This records request was forwarded to our office, as special Counsel for OPRA matters, in order to assist the Township with the provision of a response. After receiving your request, the Township requested several extensions, of which the latest extension comes to a conclusion on June 21, 2023. This response is being provided within the extended period of time required by law.

Your request was provided as follows (in bold):

**All payments from the town to Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI) since 2017.**

**Town expenses incurred from the OHI Vaccine Distribution Event on February 27, 2021.**

**Town expenses incurred from the OHI Vaccine Distribution Event on May 16, 2021.**

**Town expenses incurred from the OHI vaccine distribution to Howell Police Officers in January 2021.**

**Town expenses incurred from any other OHI Vaccine Distribution Event in 2021.**

**All E-Mail correspondence from Mayor Theresa Berger to/from Joe Clark, Brian Geoghegan, Victor Cook, Andrew Kudrick, and John Bonevich that discuss “OHI” “Ocean Health Initiatives” or “vaccine” between December 2020 and July 2021.**

In response to your request, please see a partial production of records attached to this email. These records relate to the request for e-mail correspondence in your original request. Please note, one record has been redacted for privacy considerations as it contained information relating to the medical history of a resident. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.

Regarding the financial information you have requested, the Township's Finance Department has ascertained that no payments have been made to any vendors bearing the name "Ocean Health Initiatives" or "OHI" during the time period requested. Further, the Finance Department has no information indicating Township expenses were incurred in relation to OHI Vaccination events in the periods of time requested. In addition, in reviewing expenses for the Howell Township Police Department, the Finance Department ascertained no expenses were noted as related to vaccines or vaccination events.

Presently, the Finance Department is coordinating with the Township's insurance provider to determine if any payments were made under the Township health insurance policies that would fall into a category of information requested by you. At this time, the Township requests an extension of 2 weeks to July 5, 2023 to obtain financial information from its insurer in response to your request.

Very truly yours,  
**Dilworth Paxson Gluck Walrath LLP**

By: /s/ John M. Glynn  
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Enclosures

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