

From: Janice Callaghan
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 2:02 PM
To: Mike Bagnell; Theresa Kelly; Frank Sarno; Tom Russo; Toro Aboderin; Bill Melfi; David Smith; amy@hankinsandman.com
Subject: FW: AMENDED OPRA #3: Ventnor / Hurricane Sandy-related

Attention All:

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From: Paula Hawks-DeLuca [<mailto:phd4321@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 1:12 PM
To: Janice Callaghan
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Please provide copy of emails, notes, or memoranda which would reflect the inquiry by the Commissioner and DPW into this incident.

Thank you for your attention to these two supplemental requests for public information.

Paula DeLuca

From: Theresa Kelly
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2013 11:54 AM
To: Janice Callaghan
Cc: Theresa Kelly
Subject: RE: AMENDED OPRA #3: Ventnor / Hurricane Sandy-related

Janice,

If Americorps came to Ventnor as far as I know they never met with Tom Russo or myself. Dave Smith and Tom Klein have no knowledge of them being on public works property. Dave Smith feels that if a public works person had met with them they would have sent for him.

Working with Bill Melfi and Ed Conover from the county we were given dumpsters that were placed around Little Rock Avenue.

I have no e-mails, notes, or memoranda about these meetings with Dave and Tom other than to state I did meet with them to see what they knew if anything. I usually just call and tell them to come to my office and I have gone to their office.

I spoke to Tom Russo and he has no knowledge about any of this.

I have no knowledge of anything concerning ACUA. It did not come to me at anytime.

Theresa Kelly
Commissioner

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From: **Paula Hawks-DeLuca** <phd4321@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 6, 2013 at 12:08 PM

Subject: OPRA #3: Ventnor / Hurricane Sandy-related

To: Janice Callaghan <jcallaghan@ventnorcity.org>

OPRA #3: Ventnor Hurricane Sandy matter

Dear City Clerk Callaghan,

This request under New Jersey's Open Public Record Act seeks the following public information:

Printout of all Accounts Payable accrued as owing to Heritage Environmental Services LLC and AshBritt, Inc. from November 4, 2012 through April 30, 2013.

Printout of all Accounts Receivable and all Accounts Paid from federal or state emergency disaster funds (FEMA, NFIP, state agencies) for reimbursement of Ventnor hurricane-related disaster recovery expenses.

Copy of submissions to federal and state disaster relief agencies for reimbursement for hurricane-related disaster expenses.

Copy of denials by FEMA or other federal and state disaster relief agencies of requests for reimbursement submitted by Ventnor. With particularity, document(s) related to FEMA's denial of an application for reimbursement of costs for removal of all the city hall boilers -- both the boiler damaged by flooding and other boilers which had ceased being functional but had been left in place in basement of city hall -- is (are) sought.

Copy of the contract with RestoreOne for rental of the temporary heating system for city hall.

Printout of all city payments to RestoreOne from January 1, 2013 to the present.

Printout of electricity billing accounts payable for the electrical lines servicing the temporary heating unit provided by RestoreOne from January 1, 2013 to the present.

Copy of Ventnor City Police Department incident reports in respect of the crimes of Burglary and Break-ins for the period January 1, 2013 to April 30, 2013.

Please provide list of addresses of the qualifying homes submitted by City of Ventnor to Habitat for Humanity for work in satisfaction of the Robin Hood grant received by Habitat, which was predicated upon reconstructing 25 homes in Ventnor Heights. From the Robin Hood Foundation website reciting the terms of the \$50,000 grant: ***“Habitat for Humanity Atlantic County is planning a large-scale rebuilding event in May. Their goal is to repair 20 to 25 homes in Ventnor Heights. Volunteers, supervised by Atlantic's on-staff construction managers, will provide the labor for the rebuilding work and licensed contractors will be hired to repair damaged electrical systems.”***

<http://www.robinhood.org/sandygrants>

Please provide copy of a certain grant application for \$150,000 to Robin Hood Foundation which may or may not have been submitted to that entity for lack of completion. Towit, a certain necessary post-hurricane statistical profile of Ventnor City, summarizing the extent of damage to housing stock and the profile of damaged homes/homeowners to ascertain "qualification" standards being met.

[It is my understanding that the recently announced \$300,000 Robin Hood Foundation grant to assist Brigantine's homeowners whose gaps in insurance were delaying their ability to get back into habitable homes was a combined effort of their BrigStrong non-profit group of volunteers preparing some of the information needed to qualify for the grant and their city hall providing the statistical data reflecting a townwide survey to compile data about the extent of damage.]

Thank you for your timely attention to this request for public information.

Paula DeLuca