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OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS

STANDARD RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST FORM

DATE REQUESTED: 05/13/15

REQUEST SUBMITTED BY: E-MAIL U.S. MAIL FAX IN-PERSON

REQUEST SUBMITTED TO (Agency name & address): Berwick Township Board of Supervisors,
85 Municipal Road, Hanover, PA 17331

NAME OF REQUESTER: Bea Haskins

STREET ADDRESS: 58 Blue Heron Drive

CITY/STATE/COUNTY/ZIP(Required): Hanover, PA, Adams County, 17331

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RECORDS REQUESTED: **Provide as much specific detail as possible so the agency can identify the information. Please use additional sheets if necessary*

Letter from Lori Foltz, Tax Collector, read aloud by Supervisor Danner at the 05/11/15 Board of Supervisors' Meeting; please provide as a PDF.

DO YOU WANT COPIES? YES NO

DO YOU WANT TO INSPECT THE RECORDS? YES NO

DO YOU WANT CERTIFIED COPIES OF RECORDS? YES NO

DO YOU WANT TO BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE IF THE COST EXCEEDS \$100? YES NO

**** PLEASE NOTE: RETAIN A COPY OF THIS REQUEST FOR YOUR FILES ****
**** IT IS A REQUIRED DOCUMENT IF YOU WOULD NEED TO FILE AN APPEAL ****

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

OPEN-RECORDS OFFICER:

I have provided notice to appropriate third parties and given them an opportunity to object to this request

DATE RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY:

AGENCY FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAY RESPONSE DUE:

***Public bodies may fill anonymous verbal or written requests. If the requestor wishes to pursue the relief and remedies provided for in this Act, the request must be in writing. (Section 702.) Written requests need not include an explanation why information is sought or the intended use of the information unless otherwise required by law. (Section 703.)*

Lori L. Foltz
Berwick Township Tax Collector
334 Abbottstown Pike
Abbottstown, PA 17301-9795
717-259-9769

May 11, 2015

I would like to apologize for not being able to attend the monthly township meeting in person, but I wanted to address a flyer that I received in the mail stating the following:

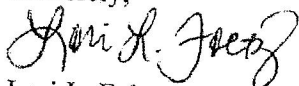
"Pete Socks voted to pay for the tax collector's continuing education (an elected official for whose education the township isn't required to pay and who is the Board Chairman's relative)?"

First, I would like to address that I did submit a request for reimbursement of approximately \$240.00. This cost is for the 6 continuing education credits that must be completed by November 15, 2015 in order to remain a tax collector. The New bill (Act 164) was passed in October, 2014. Since then the bill has been slightly amended. I will obtain the exact amendments to the bill on Monday, May 18, 2015, at the Adams County Tax Collector's Association meeting. It is my understanding the fee per credit has changed. As I receive this information, I will forward it to the board. This is not something I am doing to better myself and I am aware this is not something that will benefit the community directly. However, this is a state mandated requirement for all tax collectors. I would not have requested a reimbursement for anything that is not required or mandated for my position as tax collector. I am sure other elected officials are reimbursed for required procedures and obligations they must complete or attend in order to perform their duties.

Secondly, I would like to address the remark about being a relative of a board chairman. Yes, I am related by marriage to Board Chairman, Robert Foltz. I am married to his nephew. I would also like to make note that before I ran for office of tax collector, I verified this is not a conflict of interest (please see attachment or visit <http://www.ethics.state.pa.us/>). I want to express that my being related to a board chairman has nothing to do with my request for reimbursement. I am completely appalled by this comment and cannot believe my integrity is being questioned.

I have performed all monthly and settlement/audit procedures with Adams County, Conewago Valley School District and Berwick Township professionally, efficiently, accurately and honestly. I have been and will always be compliant with all procedures and requirements.

Sincerely,



Lori L. Foltz

Enclosures/Attachments