



Township of Northampton

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMPLEX • 55 Township Road, Richboro, Pennsylvania 18954-1592
Township Administration – (215) 357-6800 • Fax: (215) 357-1251

SUPERVISORS

Peter F. Palestina
Chairman

James E. Kinney
Vice Chairman

John E. Long, Jr.
Secretary

Vincent J. Deon
Treasurer

George F. Komelasky
Supervisor

August 8, 2007

Mr. Frank Rothermel, Esq.
64 Chapel Drive
Churchville, PA 18966

Re: Records Request

Dear Frank,

With regard to your letter received August 2, 2007 requesting certain Township records, I wanted you to know that we are in the process of gathering the information available in our files; however, all of the information will not be available until sometime next week. We will contact you when we have a complete response to your request and you can make arrangements to pick up the documents.

I understand that Lisa has copied the sections of the 2006 and 2007 budget you requested. Please note that the “missing” schedules in the 2007 budget were never completed and do not exist for that budget year. Therefore, we can only provide you with the documents that currently exist as backup material for the budget.

Further, concerning your request for information related to the arrest and indictment of former Township Manager Bruce Townsend, I am advised by our Solicitor that your previous request was not denied due to the on-going criminal investigation, but was denied because the Criminal Complaint and Affidavit of Probable Cause for Search Warrants are not Township records. This record request should be referred to the Bucks County District Attorney's Office. I am also advised that the Forensic Audit Report is not a public record under the Open Records Law as determined by various Court decisions, as outlined in the Solicitor's memorandum dated April 4, 2007.

A hard copy of this e-mail will be sent to you by regular mail. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Pellegrino
Township Manager

