

R2024-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLISPBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZING THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT CONCERNING WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF MAYOR TODD M. TERSIGNI AS A GOVERNMENT RECORD SUBJECT TO LIMITED PUBLIC ACCESS

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has declared that “government records shall be readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination by the citizens of this State, with certain exceptions, for the protection of the public interest, and any limitations on the right of access accorded by P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented, shall be construed in favor of the public's right of access”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that shielding from the public information concerning those elected by the people to govern the Town only serves to undermine the public's trust in its government; and

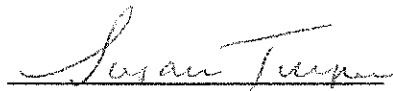
WHEREAS, the Town had previously commissioned an investigation to make findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding an employee complaint alleging that Mayor Todd M. Tersigni had verbally abused the employee and that a hostile work environment existed in the office of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, because the allegations centered on the actions of an elected official, the Town Council believes it appropriate to make it clear that the report is a publicly accessible record which should be released, upon request through the Open Public Records Act, with the names of the Complainant and Witnesses redacted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council, Town of Phillipsburg, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows that the Council restates and reaffirms that the May 3, 2022 Investigation Report authored by O'Toole Scrivo, LLC entitled “Investigation Report, Town of Phillipsburg, Allegations of Improper Conduct in Municipal Government” is a government record to which the public enjoys a right of access, subject to appropriate redactions as set forth above.

CERTIFICATION

I, Susan Turner, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Town of Phillipsburg, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on November 13, 2024.



Susan Turner
Acting Municipal Clerk