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WORCESTER TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## STANDARD RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST FORM

DATE REQUESTED: 1/27/15

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

NAME OF REQUESTOR: Jim Milledge

REQUESTOR STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTOR CITY/STATE/COUNTY (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTOR TELEPHONE (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTOR E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORDS REQUESTED:**

*\*Provide as much specific detail as possible so the agency can identify the information.*

*see attached*

DO YOU WANT COPIES? YES or NO  YES

DO YOU WANT TO INSPECT THE RECORDS? YES or NO  NO

DO YOU WANT CERTIFIED COPIES OF RECORDS? YES or NO  NO

RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER: TOWNSHIP MANAGER OR ASSISTANT MANAGER

DATE RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY:

AGENCY FIVE (5)-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.)

**From:** jim \_  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 1:50 AM  
**To:** Lee M  
**Cc:** scaughlan@worcestertwp.com; squigley@worcestertwp.com; abustard@worcestertwp.com  
**Subject:** RTK

RTK Officer,

*I have been repeatedly ordered to "FILE A RIGHT TO KNOW REQUEST" by Supervisor Arthur Bustard in order to obtain the monthly invoices and bills that are being approved by the Board rather than having the Board provide this information free of cost, obstruction and delay to the public. Supervisor Caughlan's view on asking for and providing billing information so that a member of the public can make intelligent, informed public comment on payment of the bills is "THAT'S WHAT RIGHT TO KNOW REQUESTS ARE FOR." We are given the treasurer's report each month at no charge and with no obstruction and delay. The Board was given a AP Check Register Report on a monthly basis which gave an inventory of the check and the bills associated with each check, but after I began to request copies of the "3 ring binders" that were given to the Supervisors that contained this information, the billing information was*

removed. A sample is included for your review below. Please do not remove.

Township of Worcester  
 AP Check Register Request  
 03/22/2012 to 04/18/2012

781.21	
Acct # 02230	WISLER, PEARLSTINE, TAYLOR, RTL
Check # 0025078	04/07/12
Blk# March 2012	Due Date: 04/18/2012 Note: 045160
Reseller: 100: bulls 10: TED LL: NetUre	01 404.310 Legal Professional Services 2,543.00
Doc & Structure Ord	01 404.310 Legal Professional Services 43.50
Belmonte: 100: mg/arrow: field	01 404.310 Legal Professional Services 681.50
Chubb: 100: 51-7	01 404.310 Legal Professional Services 978.75
Codare Village Overlay Ord	01 404.310 Legal Professional Services 1,759.50
Open records / RTX	01 404.310 Legal Professional Services 334.50
HTP-Relict: Law firm	01 404.310 Legal Professional Services 604.50
HTP Relict: March request	01 404.310 Legal Professional Services 259.50
TOTAL SERVICES - MARCH, 2012	01 145.802 Receivables - Miscellaneous 245.50
TOTAL SERVICES - MARCH, 2012	01 145.802 Receivables - Miscellaneous 778.50
TOTAL SERVICES - MARCH, 2012	01 145.802 Receivables - Miscellaneous 40.50
TOTAL SERVICES - MARCH, 2012	01 145.802 Receivables - Miscellaneous 48.50
	01 145.802 Receivables - Miscellaneous 710.50
	6,048.25
Acct # 02630	ELMWOOD, INC.
Check # 0026060	04/18/2012
Blk# 11773	Due Date: 04/18/2012 Note: 11674
Unit mtg / handle/wrap head	02 459.437 M T C II - Maintenance & Repair 130.98
Blk# 11776	Due Date: 04/18/2012 Note: 11739
BLACK FRAY LENSES	02 451.427 Beech Park Expenses 59.93
BLACK FRAY LENSES	02 451.429 Sunny Brook Expenses 59.93
BLACK FRAY LENSES	02 451.436 Mt. Kirk Park Expenses 59.94
	Check Total 310.78
	310.77
Total All Checks:	244,428.01

The following is a request for records made pursuant to the Right to Know Law ("RTKL"). Please be advised, the term "record" and "records" as used is defined under the Right to Know Law ("RTKL") as "Information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, that documents a transaction or activity of an agency and that is created, received or retained pursuant to law or in connection with a transaction, business or activity of the agency. The term includes a document, paper, letter, map, book, tape, photograph, film or sound recording, information stored or maintained electronically and a data-processed or image-processed document."

In light of the foregoing, the following records are requested,

1. Any and/or all detailed billing invoices for legal services submitted by the Township Solicitor and/or his law firm Wisler, Pearlstine (the Township Solicitor's Firm) to Worcester Township which were approved by the Worcester Board of Supervisors at the 12/17/14 meeting and which correlate with the Bank registry listing from 11/20/14 to 12/17/14 provided to the public

at the meeting. In addition, I have attached for you review invoices you have provided from my prior requests that in my opinion were redacted without proper justification on your part. These invoices are also attached so that you have a sample of the type of document that I am requesting in case you are confused by the wording, grammar, punctuation and/or style of writing of my request. See invoice below.

# Wisler Pearlstine, LLP

BLUE BELL EXECUTIVE CAMPUS  
460 NORRISTOWN ROAD, SUITE 4100  
BLUE BELL, PA 19422

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP  
1721 VALLEY FORGE RD  
PO BOX 787  
WORCESTER, PA 12490-0787

APR 10, 2014  
SILVIA RIVER 230027  
FILED THROUGH MAIL 31, 2014  
FILE NUMBER 045130-0000

RE WORCESTER TOWNSHIP - GENERAL REPRESENTATION

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	FEES
02/26/14	LONG-DURATION TELEPHONE CALL FROM LEE MANGAN REGARDING	0.1
02/26/14	TWO OFFICE CONFERENCES WITH JOE CLEMENT AND JOE BAGLEY	0.1
05/22/14	REVIEW OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT MEETING AGENDA AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT MEETING MINUTES RECEIVED FROM THE TOWNSHIP	0.1
03/03/14	RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF BASELINE DOCUMENTATION FOR PRESERVE AT WORCESTER CONSERVATION EASEMENT; INTEROFFICE CONFERENCE WITH JIM GARRITY REGARDING THE SAME	0.1
03/04/14	REVIEW OF EMAIL FROM JOE CLEMENT REGARDING THE PROCEDURAL HISTORY OF	0.1
03/04/14	RECEIPT OF EMAIL FROM SUSAN CAUGHLIN REGARDING BASELINE DOCUMENTATION FOR PRESERVE CONSERVATION EASEMENT; INTEROFFICE CONFERENCE WITH JIM GARRITY REGARDING THE SAME	0.1
03/04/14	2 DETAILED EMAILS TO JIM GARRITY ETC REGARDING	0.1
03/05/14	MEETING AT WORCESTER TOWNSHIP WITH LEE MANGAN TO DISCUSS	0.1
03/05/14		0.1
03/13/14	EXTENDED OFFICE CONFERENCE WITH ANDY FREEMOUTH REGARDING SEVERAL DIFFERENT CONSERVATION EASEMENT QUESTIONS ON SEVERAL PROPERTIES IN THE TOWNSHIP	0.1
05/13/14	REVIEW EMAILS REGARDING PRESERVE CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN PREPARATION FOR CALL TO SAIL PAVONE REGARDING SAME; INTEROFFICE CONFERENCE WITH JIM GARRITY	0.1

2. Any and/or all detailed billing invoices for legal services submitted by the Township Solicitor and/or his law firm Wisler, Pearlstine (the Township Solicitor's Firm) to Worcester Township from 12/17/14 to present. In addition, I have attached for you review invoices you have provided from my prior requests that in my opinion were redacted without proper justification on your part. These invoices above are also attached so that you have a sample of the type of document that I am requesting in case you are confused by the wording, grammar, punctuation and/or style of writing of my request.
3. Any and/or all retainer agreements between the Township Solicitor and/or his law firm Wisler Pearlstine and Worcester Township for the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013.

4. Any and/or all retainer agreements between the Township Solicitor and/or his law firm Wisler Pearlstine and Worcester Township for the year 2014.
5. Any and/or all retainer agreements between the Township Solicitor and/or his law firm Wisler Pearlstine and Worcester Township for the year 2015.
6. Any and/or all documents that would show and/or indicate the Township Solicitor's billing rate to Worcester Township for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.
7. Any and/or all documents that would show and/or indicate the Township Solicitor and his Law Firm Wisler Pearlstine's total hours billed to Worcester Township for the years 2013 and 2014.
8. A copy of the fee schedule approved by the Board at the 2014 re-organization meeting.
9. A copy of the resolution by the Board to authorize the Solicitor to create a "special" billing number and category devoted to processing my RTK requests and appeals.
10. A copy of the minutes reflecting a vote, official action and/or motion by the Board of Supervisors authorizing the Solicitor to create a "special" billing number and category devoted to processing my RTK requests and appeals.

If this information is available in electronic format this would be preferred otherwise I would like this information scanned and transmitted electronically as you have done for other taxpayers.

Any questions about this request, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Jim Mollick