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Chair

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September 24, 2024

To: State Officials
(listed on Attachment 1)

Re: Complaint filed by Bethlehem Township (COLM 0001-24)

I enclose herewith copies of a Complaint and related documents filed with the Council by Bethlehem Township. The Complaint was filed by Michael P. O'Grodnick, Esq., Township Attorney, on behalf of Bethlehem Township (via e-mail) on September 23, 2024.

An Answer to the Complaint on behalf of the State of New Jersey, Respondent, shall be filed on or before October 23, 2024 by email to the Council office at filings-clmand@treas.state.nj.us. The original and two copies shall be delivered to the Council office and a copy shall be served on the Claimant. Proof of Service shall be sent to the Council office. Also, please submit a copy of all filings to Council Chairman Judge John A. Sweeney, A.J.S.C. (ret.) via email (jsweeneylaw@comcast.net).

You should notify this office as soon as possible if there are any changes to be made in the representation or contact information on any given Service List. The Service List will be updated as needed to identify those parties and others who are to be served with copies of pleadings; all filers should contact the Council office on or before the date of filing to obtain the most recently updated Service List.

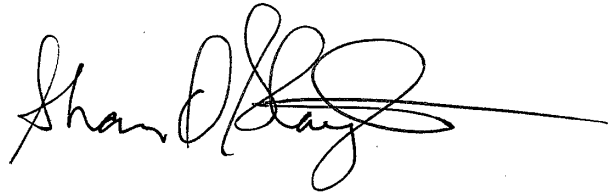
Procedure for filing and service of Answers, Motions, and Requests to Appear.

The Council's Rules of Procedure provide additional information regarding the procedure to be followed for filing and service of pleadings. Those Rules are published on the Council's web site.

The Council office will maintain a service list to identify those parties and others who are to be provided or served with copies of filings. Anyone filing an Answer, Motion, or Request to Appear, should contact the Council office on or before the date of filing to obtain the most recently updated service list.

Questions may be directed to me at the Council office or to Judge Sweeney. His cell number is 609-864-1437

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Sweeney". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, overlapping loops.A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn D. Slaughter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Hon. John A. Sweeney, AJSC (*ret.*)
Council Chairman
& Member

Shawn D. Slaughter
Executive Administrator
& Coordinator

By hand delivery and e-mail
Enclosure/Attachments
cc, w/enclosure/attachments: As on Attachment 2

ATTACHMENT 1

Honorable Matthew J. Platkin
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Parimal Garg, Esq.
Chief Counsel to the Governor
State House
Trenton, NJ 08625

Honorable Nicholas Scutari
Senate President
Senate Democratic Office
State House
Trenton, NJ 08625

Honorable Anthony M. Bucco
Senate Minority Leader
Senate Republican Office
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Trenton, NJ 08625

Honorable Craig J. Coughlin
Speaker of the General Assembly
Assembly Democratic Office
State House
Trenton, NJ 08625

Honorable John DiMaio
Minority Leader of the General Assembly
Assembly Republican Office
State House
Trenton, NJ 08625

Linda Metzger
Secretary of the Senate
State House
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dana M. Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly
State House
Trenton, NJ 08625

ATTACHMENT 2: Copy of letter, w/enclosures and attachments, by email/fax to:

Claimant Bethlehem Township
Michael P. O'Grodnick, Esq.,
Township Attorney
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Somerville, NJ 08876

Copies of letter, w/enclosures and attachments, by email/fax to:

William Chegwidden (Mayor, Wharton)
President
New Jersey State League of Municipalities
222 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618

Michael Cerra, Executive Director
New Jersey State League of Municipalities
222 West State Street
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Robert Conley (Mayor, Borough of Madison)
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New Jersey Conference of Mayors
410 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, NJ 08611

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Executive Director
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John G. Donnadio, Esq.,
Executive Director
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Copy of letter, w/enclosures and attachments, by mail to:

Honorable Lt. Governor Tahesha Way
Secretary of the State
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