

**RESOLUTION 2575**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE OPEN RECORDS OFFICER FOR ALL RIGHT TO KNOW INQUIRIES SEEKING RECORDS OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHERWISE AFFIRMING RESOLUTION 2067 ADOPTING WRITTEN POLICIES AND REGULATIONS UNDER THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania legislature passed Act No. 3 of 2008 enacting a new Right to Know Law, 65 P.S. § 67.101 *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Right to Know Law was signed into law by the Governor on February 14, 2008 and took effect on January 1, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Right to Know Law requires at 65 P.S. § 67.502 that the Township appoint an Open Records Officer and provide to the Office of Open Records via email to [OROregistration@state.pa.us](mailto:OROregistration@state.pa.us) or fax (717) 425-5343:

The Township's name,

The name of the Township's open records officer, and

The Township's address, phone number, fax number, and email address; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Right to Know Law permits, at 65 P.S. § 67.504, that the Township may promulgate written policies and regulations necessary to implement the Right-to-Know Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has received and continues to receive a plethora of Right to Know Requests, many of which seek Buckingham Township Police Department records that in whole or substantial part constitute civil or criminal investigations that do not constitute public records under applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that the Chief of Police is best able to review such Requests and determine whether the Police Department has public records responsive thereto;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY RESOLVES AND DECLARES THIS THIRTIETH DAY OF MARCH 2022:**

THAT the Township Chief of Police, is hereby appointed the adjunct Open Records Officer for Buckingham Township for all Right to Know Requests, that seek police department records and is hereby authorized to receive, review and respond on behalf of the Township to such requests; and

THAT in the event the Chief of Police determines certain requests are for "public records" as defined by the Right to Know Law and not subject to any "Exceptions for public records" as set forth at Section 708 of the Right to Know Law, then the Chief of Police shall review such determination with the Township Open Records Officer; and

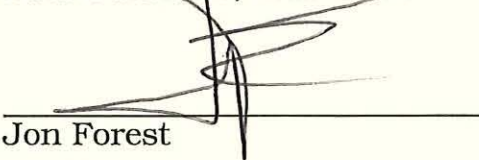
THAT the Township staff is hereby directed to provide confirmation of this appointment to the Office of Open Records; and

THAT in all other respects Township Resolution 2067 adopted on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**BUCKINGHAM  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS**



Paul Calderale, Chairman



Jon Forest

Maggie Rash

Attest:

  
Dana Cozza, Township Manager