

RESOLUTION R257-2021

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN DATA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Washington and the African American Data and Research Institute ("AADRI"), Complainant, are parties to GRC Complaint No. 2018-80; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial OPRA request was filed with the previous Township Custodian of Records, Leo Selb, on April 13, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, a complaint was filed on May 7, 2018, by AADRI with the Government Records Council against the Custodian of Records Leo Selb; and

**WHEREAS**, GRC Interim Order dated August 24, 2021 states that the Complainant is a prevailing party entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fee with regard to a reduction in the special service charge not with respect to the release of records; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and AADRI have come to a settlement of \$3,500.00 for attorneys' fees to avoid further litigation;

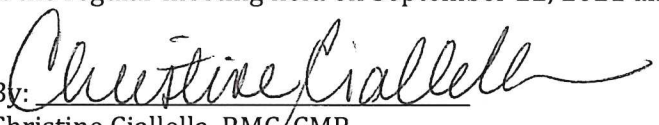
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Township of Washington hereby approves the settlement amount for attorneys' fees of \$3,500.00 in exchange for a dismissal of this matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 22, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By:   
Sean Longfellow, Council President

I, Christine Ciallella, do certify this to be a true copy of Resolution R257-2021 adopted by the Township of Washington, Gloucester County, at the regular meeting held on September 22, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

By:   
Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
DellaPia		X	X				
Williams			X				
Bennett	X		X				
Dougherty			X				
Longfellow			X				