

**FROM THE DESK OF  
COUNCILMAN MARK RAZZOLI**

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Mayor Owen Henry:

We are painfully aware that the litigation between the Township of Old Bridge and OBTEMS is an ongoing standoff, and that the five volunteer EMS squads who have served our community for years are left without much-needed resources.

The purpose of this communication with you is so that I may express my frustration and dismay at the lack of concern that your office is exhibiting regarding the safety of our residents. Your insistence on withholding financial support to the EMS squads puts us all in jeopardy, and one day soon the rigs may not be ready to respond in the event of an accident or other medical emergency. Please refer to the enclosed urgent letter from Mr. William Bathe, President of the Madison Park Volunteer First Aid Squad.

It is your responsibility to release the \$45,000 stipends to each of the five first aid squads on Monday, December 24, 2018. These stipends were previously approved by Council vote for a reason; to ensure that EMS services are available to the community of Old Bridge.

Whether or not an ambulance shows up at the scene of an accident or at the home of a loved one should never be a question that our residents have to ask. Politics aside Mayor Henry, the EMS squads should not be held hostage as you play a waiting game with OBTEMS.

I fully expect that funding be restored to the squads by the close of business on December 24, 2018.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.



Councilman Mark Razzoli

cc: Old Bridge Twp. Council

Enc. Madison Park Volunteer First Aid Squad Letter