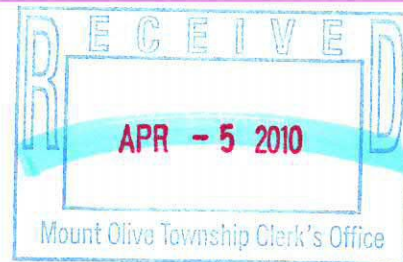


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Do the mayor and the council know how foolish and illiterate they look by sending out the "Important Message" from the mayor regarding EMS services? Didn't ANYONE proofread this letter? Is this what we are paying you for? To send out letters that are abundant with spelling and grammatical errors? If you can't even hit spellcheck, how can anyone believe that the "facts" (as the mayor calls them) are indeed "facts!" I can picture all of you while you were preparing this letter, sitting on rocking chairs on your porches, with your shotguns firmly grasped and one tooth sticking out of each of your mouths!

Dear Administrator:

I received the Mayor's letter today about the "facts" about Budd Lake and Flanders Rescue Squads. I don't think I have ever seen such a serious distortion of facts. The mayor makes the Bush Administration's distortion of the facts regarding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq look like child's play!

The mayor is now concerned about "whether someone lives or dies"? When this whole thing started, he said it was a "cost-saving measure"! Flip. Flop. Flip flop. Flip flop. Flip flop!

**Page 1.** How is an email in 2007 relevant to an issue in 2010? I have more faith in the rescue squads' ability to address any issues *over a 3 year period* than I do over this mayor's administration and the town council's ability to address any of their deficiencies--and God knows the mayor and the council certainly have more deficiencies than the rescue squads could ever have *combined*.

**Page 2.** Thank you for posting the operating costs for both the Flanders and Budd Lake Rescue Squads. It appears to me that operating costs have been **STABLE** since 2004 and in many years, have **DECREASED** from the prior year. I wish the same could be said about our taxes and the pay increases that school administrators received while services for school children were reduced.

**Page 3.** As far as vote being passed in favor of the mayor's plan by a margin of 4:5 on 2/3/2010, there have been huge developments since then, including the fact that the mayor (and perhaps the town council and you?) **ILLEGALLY** directed the Clerk not to forward the ordinance with the signed petition to save the rescue squads to the County Clerk so that citizens could vote on the issue. I don't care if you did so upon the advice of the township attorney. It is illegal or, at the very least, unethical. **AND YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER!**

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And as far as Phil Tobey's comment, the puppet only does what the puppet-master tells it to do unless, of course, the puppet is Pinocchio and, well, we all know how that story goes!

While I have no relationship and am not even friends with anyone on either rescue squad, I had to speak up. Today's letter seems like a last ditch effort to persuade public opinion by using distortions of the truth. As such, it is a waste of taxpayer money. Since the mayor and town council like citing a 4:5 ratio, I plan to do my part next election and voting the mayor and town council out of office by a 4:5 ratio.

Sincerely,  
Joseph M Aspinall