

# ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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July 23, 2020

Hon. Stefan I. Mychajliw  
Erie County Comptroller  
95 Franklin Street, Suite 1100  
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**RE: Taxpayer Checkbook for Covid19 Expenses**

Dear Comptroller Mychajliw:

Thank you for expanding the "Taxpayer's Checkbook" section of your website to include expenses that specifically relate to the fund our honorable body established for Covid19. This information is helpful to us as legislators and it provides a level of transparency that taxpayers deserve. There are a number of expenses listed on the most recent report that we believe require further transparency or clarification.

Specifically, we are interested in obtaining further information about Covid19 expenses related to the County's imprest fund, food purchases and contracts with individuals for professional services.

Your report indicates that as of July 10, 2020 \$95,668.84 has been spent from the imprest fund. The Legislature has asked for your office to break down the expenses of the county-wide imprest fund in the past. From those reports we know that imprest funds include a variety of expenditures that might not fit one specific category. Therefore, we think it is important to have a breakdown of those specific expenditures within the Covid19 imprest fund. We are also concerned about the large amount of money spent on purchasing food. We would like to know what was ordered, who ordered it and for what purpose. Lastly, there are several individuals that were offered professional service contracts. With so many county employees at home not working or recently laid off, we would like to see what those contracts entailed.

Thank you for your attention to these questions. We look forward to your response. If you have any questions regarding our request, please contact our legislative staff.

Sincerely,

  
Hon. Joseph A. Lorigo  
Minority Leader

  
Hon. Frank J. Todaro  
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Hon. John J. Mills  
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