

# Work Order Form

## Council & Mayor (Entire Governing Body)

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## Request Details

Message:

Mayor Al Morgan and Council,

Having been a tax paying resident in this town for over 30 years i am always concerned over how the Mayor and Council spend our tax dollars. I think it's always fair to make sure our tax dollars are not being wasted and the Mayor and town council are being held accountable for their actions. You wanted to run for your seats and asked to be elected. Accountability is a big part of your jobs.

I was at the community pool today and when walking to the pool I noticed the new bridge was installed. I would have to assume the mayor and the council did their homework when making decisions on this.

I was shocked to say the least when I saw an inch of water sitting on both sides of the walkway on the bridge. It's sunny and 85 degrees today on June 24th. It rained yesterday and yet today there is an inch of water on the bridge. Can someone explain this to me?

I read past notes on tapinto New Providence online and see that Andrew Hipolit and Marie Raffey from Colliers Engineering attended the Tuesday, March 12 2024 Borough Council meeting to give an update regarding the potential community pool pedestrian bridge upgrade project. It stated in that article that depending on the design and material the new bridge would cost between \$450,000-\$800,000. Council members pointed out that the bridge is used throughout the year by pool-goers and high school students. This information raises a few questions.

What was the final cost of that bridge?

Did you actually install a bridge that retains water on the actual walking structure?

Did anyone check including the mayor and council to see if this was installed/built correctly? (I'm quite sure bridges shouldn't retain water)

Are you even aware of the issue ? If not shame on you, if so what corrective action is being taken? If no corrective action has been taken then why not?

Did the town council just spend \$450,000-\$800,000 of taxpayers dollars on a bridge that is literally is now a liability issue? Who in our town should be held accountable for this?

First: water freezes and turns to ice in the winter. Are we having high school students and residents walking across a bridge that has ice on the structure and we aren't doing anything about it? That's a liability issue I think! Should someone fall we can safely assume it's a lawsuit against the town waiting to happen. You have now been informed by a resident of this problem so if you choose to ignore the issue that can create a bigger issue and maybe hold you personally liable. I'm not a lawyer but i'd be concerned. This email puts each of you on notice.

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Secondly any water that sits and freezes can cause cracks in the structure thus causing deterioration. We spent according to the tapinfo article \$450,000-\$800,000. Hummmm

If water sits there in the summer and someone slips that's an issue. Algae grown should also be a concern. That can get real slippery.

The way I see things whoever you contracted to do the bridge needs to redo the walkway and make sure water is not sitting on the structure. The water is over an inch deep today! Remember its 85 degrees outside. Secondly whatever town engineer approved the bridge as acceptable should be notified he missed a big problem. I can look at the walkway and easily see it's not graded properly.

I am writing this to from my phone so forgive me for any grammatical errors. As a senior citizen writing on these iPhone devices is a bit challenging. I can barely read my own email.

I have attached two pictures for your own edification

Could the town council please provide some answers.

Thank you in advance.

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## Request Activity

6/25/2026 8:41 AM -- Denise Brinkofski - SUBMITTED

-----Internal Note: The Work Order (Condensed) has been printed.

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