



State of New Jersey
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February 2, 2009

John Paff
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Re: Local Government Ethics Law
FDS Complaint #LFB-08-016
Complaint Update

Dear Mr. Paff:

The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of the status of the above-referenced complaint filed against the following four (4) officers in the Borough of Penns Grove for failure to file a 2007 Annual Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS):

- (1) Council Member Carol Mincey
- (2) Council Member Thomas Ownsby
- (3) Council Member Janet Bercute
- (4) Council Member Clifford Poindexter

The Local Government Ethics Law states: **N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6.a) Local government officers shall annually file a financial disclosure statement.**

Please be advised that, subsequent to a preliminary investigation of this complaint by the Board, the 2007 Annual Financial Disclosure Statements for the following officers have been received:

- (2) Council Member Thomas Ownsby
- (3) Council Member Janet Bercute
- (4) Council Member Clifford Poindexter

Therefore, the Board at its Meeting of November 12, 2008, voted to dismiss the complaint against the three officers listed above as no longer having a reasonable factual basis for failure to file a 2007 FDS. Copies of their 2007 filings are enclosed. Please note in the case of Councilwoman Bercute that two 2007 filings were properly filed with the Board. Copies of both are enclosed.

The matter regarding (1) Council Member Carol Mincey is still pending. The Board will keep you apprised of any further developments regarding your complaint.



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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact David Nenno at (609) 292-0479.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Jacobucci", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Susan Jacobucci, Chair
Local Finance Board

Enclosures
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