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January 31, 2011

John Paff
New Jersey Libertarian Party
P.O. Box 5424
Somerset, NJ 08875-5424

Re: Local Government Ethics Law
LFB Complaint #08-007
Notice of Determination

Dear Mr. Paff:

The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of the Local Finance Board's final disposition of the above referenced complaint.

As you are aware, the Local Government Ethics Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.1 et seq., provides the Local Finance Board with the power to initiate, receive, hear, and review complaints, and hold hearings with regard to possible violations of the Local Government Ethics Law, where no local ethics board has been established, and determine if a complaint against a local government officer or employee is within its jurisdiction, frivolous, or without a reasonable factual basis, prior to conducting an investigation.

Complaint LFB# 08-007 was filed against Mr. James Coviello in the Town of Guttenburg for failure to file 2008 Annual Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS).

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.

FDS filing for the individual named in your complaint has since been received and therefore satisfies N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6(a). In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.9, the Board determined that this matter would be frivolous to pursue because the deficiency cited in the complaint has been satisfied.

Please note that the Board is considering implementation of a stricter policy of fining local government officers who fail to file annual financial disclosure statements in a timely

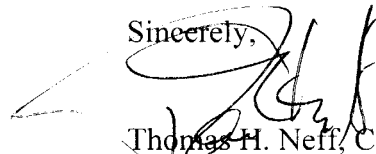


manner. However, pending advance notice of such a policy, the past policy of not fining officers who file statements in response to complaints will continue.

A copy of Mr. Coviello's 2008 FDS is enclosed and LFB Complaint #08-007 is now closed.

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

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Neff, Chair
Local Finance Board

Enclosure

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Division of Local Government Services
Local Finance Board

Year of Service: 2008

Middle: A

First Name: JAMES

Last Name: COVIELLO

Local Government Ethics Law Financial Disclosure Statement

This Financial Disclosure Statement is required annually of all local government officers in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.1 et seq., the Local Government Ethics Law.

(Please Type or Print)

Section I. Personal Information- Local Government Officer

Local Government Served: GUTTENBERG
Municipality: GUTTENBERG
County: HUDSON
Other: _____

First Name: JAMES
*Spouse's First Name: BOB
Middle: A
Middle: B
Last Name: COVIELLO
Last Name: COVIELLO

Home Address: 4007 FALL STREET
(optional) NORWICH, NJ 07047
Home: _____
Business: _____

* Spouse includes a Civil Union partner.
Agency: GUTTENBERG
Position Held: MUNICIPAL PROSECTOR
Term Expires (if applicable): 1 2010

Section II. Financial Information

Provide the following information for yourself and members of your immediate family for the prior calendar year. If none, please indicate NONE in the space provided. If additional space is needed, please use Extension Forms.

A. List the name and address of each source of income, earned and unearned, which you received in excess of \$2,000. If a publicly traded security is the source of income, the security need not be reported unless you or a member of your immediate family has an interest in the business organization.

	Name	Address	Self Spouse	Dependent Name
1.	GUTTENBERG	6805 PACE AVE SUITE 200		
2.	NORWICH	4007 FALL STREET		
3.	NORWICH	788 STATE ST		
4.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD			
5.				

B. List the name and address of each source of fees and honorariums having an aggregate amount exceeding \$250 received from any single source for personal appearances, speeches, or writing.

	Name	Address	Self Spouse	Dependent Name
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Last Name: GOYTELLO
 State of New Jersey
 Department of Community Affairs

First Name: JAMES
 Middle: A
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Section II. Financial Information- continued

C. List the name and address of each source of gifts, reimbursements or prepaid expenses having an aggregate value exceeding \$400 from any single source, excluding relatives.

	Name	Address	Self Spouse	Dependent Name
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

D. List the name and address of all business organizations in which an interest was held.

	Name	Address	Self Spouse	Dependent Name
1.	<u>COVINOLO REAL ESTATE, L.P.</u>	<u>216 ANDERSON AVE. SUITE 2N</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>DEBRA J. AND</u>
2.		<u>VALERIE ANN 07402</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.			<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.			<input type="checkbox"/>	

E. List the address and a brief description of all real property in the State of New Jersey in which an interest was held.

	Municipality	County	Block	Lot	Qual.	Address (if applicable)	Ownership % of	Self Spouse	Self Spouse	Dependent Name
1.	<u>NORTH BERGEN</u>	<u>HHD</u>				<u>808 76TH ST</u>	<u>100</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>ROBERT M. GOYTELLO</u>
2.								<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.								<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.								<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.								<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

F. Please add any other information you believe is necessary to complete this form.

[Redacted area]

Section III. Certification

I hereby certify that this Financial Disclosure Statement contains no willful misstatement of fact or omission of material fact and, together with any and all statements previously submitted in writing to the clerk of my local government or the Local Finance Board, constitutes a full disclosure with respect to all matters required by N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.1 et seq., to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to fines and possible disciplinary action.

8/26/10
 Date

[Signature]
 Signature of Local Government Officer
 (Original Signature)