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April 24, 2015

Dominick DiDomenico  


Re: Local Government Ethics Law  
Complaint #LFB-13-004  
Notice of Determination

Dear Mr. DiDomenico:

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 (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.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.9, you are hereby notified that a complaint was filed against you and dismissed.

The allegations set forth in the complaint may be summarized as follows:

**You voted on a salary ordinance, Ordinance 12-17, which affected your wife, the Administrative Clerk for the Department of Finance/Taxation/Water.**

The nature of the complaint alleges a possible violation of the following provisions of the Law:

**N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c) No local government officer or employee shall use or attempt to use his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for himself or others.**

**N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d) No local government officer or employee shall act in his official capacity in any matter where he, a member of his immediate**



**family, or a business organization in which he has an interest, has a direct or indirect financial or personal involvement that might reasonably be expected to impair his objectivity or independence of judgment.**

After a preliminary investigation of the facts and circumstances relevant to this complaint, the Board determined to dismiss the allegation that you violated N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c) and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d) as having no reasonable factual basis.

The Board dismissed the allegations as your wife's title was covered under a bargaining unit and the salaries for those titles had already been established by a valid contract. The contract between the Borough of Woodland Park and International Brother of Electrical Workers was passed by the Borough on May 19, 2010 in Resolution R10-164 and was valid from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2016. It is noted that you had abstained from the vote. Ordinance 12-17 simply reflected the increase that was contractually stipulated by the existing contract in place for your wife's title. Therefore, the Board determined that you did not commit a violation by voting on Ordinance 12-17.

Complaint #LFB 13-004 is now closed.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.9, the local government officer or employee against whom the complaint was filed must be notified of the Board's conclusion regarding a complaint. No action is required on your part. This letter is a notification that a complaint was filed against you and dismissed.

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

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Cunningham, Chair  
Local Finance Board

C: Complainant  
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