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DECISION: COMPLAINT #11-2

Background

On or around November 22, 2011, the City of Cohoes Board of Ethics (the "Board") received a complaint, dated November 19, 2011, and additional documents in support of the complaint (hereinafter "Complaint 11-2"). On November 29, 2011, copies of Complaint 11-2 were distributed amongst all four members of the Board.

Between November 29, 2011 and the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting, each member of the Board thoroughly reviewed Complaint 11-2, including all documents received on or around November 22, 2011. On December 12, 2011, the Board convened a meeting at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, the Board's regularly scheduled time and meeting place. At this meeting, each member of the Board discussed his or her understanding of the facts as presented in the Complaint and any questions or opinions regarding the facts alleged.

Discussion

Based on the facts and circumstances alleged in Complaint 11-2, the Board unanimously concludes that Complaint 11-2 fails to allege a violation of the City's Code of Ethics, Chapter 36 of the City Code.

In addition, the Board believes the facts and circumstances alleged in the Complaint are a matter of public administration and management, and therefore best addressed by the Office of the Mayor of the City of Cohoes.

The Board will return the original Complaint and all original documents submitted in support to the Complainant. In so doing, the Board does not make any judgments as to the validity or legality of any of the facts or circumstances alleged in Complaint 11-2 concerning issues of public administration or management.

Finally, the Board declines complainant's request, via e-mail, to refer this matter to the Albany County Board of Ethics. This does not, however, preclude complainant or any other member of the public from submitting their own complaint to the Albany County Board of Ethics.

Conclusion

Therefore, after a thorough review and deliberation by the Board regarding Complaint 11-2, the Board has decided to dismiss Complaint 11-2 for failure to allege a violation of the City's Code of Ethics. This decision shall constitute a final determination by the Board.

CONCUR:

Mitchell J. Pawluk, Chairman
Roswita Apkarian Fragomeni, Member
William T. Keeler, Member

PRESENT:

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January 24, 2012