

## News Release

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### **New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Local Finance Board, Finds No Credible Evidence to Support Alleged Violations of Local Government Ethics Law by McCauley, Ferrera and Borek**

Just prior to the 2017 General Election, Ethics Complaints were filed with the Hillsborough Township Ethics Board against then Deputy Mayor McCauley, Township Administrator Ferrera and Township Clerk Borek. The Complaints contained allegations of violations of the Local Government Ethics Law by McCauley, Ferrera and Borek based on Ferrera and Borek's decision to list their respective homes for sale with McCauley who is a long time friend and local real estate agent in town. Following hearings before the Hillsborough Township Ethics Board, the Board found the Complaints lacked merit with no evidence to substantiate the allegations of ethical violations or conflicts of interest on the part of McCauley, Ferrera and Borek.

The complainants appealed the Hillsborough Ethics Board decisions to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Local Finance Board and the State Local Finance Board likewise found no credible evidence to substantiate the Complaints. It was determined that McCauley, Ferrera and Borek did not violate any of the Local Government Ethics Law.

Upon learning of the Local Finance Board decision then Mayor McCauley stated "it is unfortunate the lengths individuals will go to tarnish one's hard work and good name for perceived politically motivated reasons. I have known Anthony Ferrera and Pamela Borek for many years and consider them friends, so when they asked me to handle the sale of their homes I of course was happy to do so."

In a joint statement, Ferrera and Borek stated "we could never imagine that something as innocuous as listing our homes for sale with a trusted friend and longtime real estate agent, would result in such allegations."

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