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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17)

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Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Dempsey Howard Vick, II Complete Mailing Address 231 Barbara Street Stevensville, Montana 59870 Phone Numbers: Work Home 406-360-0619

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Brandon E. Dewey Complete Mailing Address 206 Buck Street Stevensville, Montana 59870 Phone Numbers: Work 406-777-5271 Home 406-218-8285

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

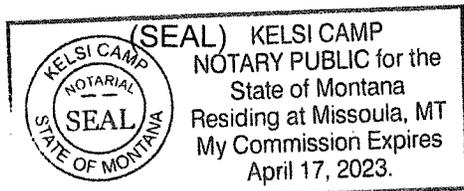
State of Montana, County of Missoula

I, Dempsey Howard Vick, II, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of October, 2019.

Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 4/17/23

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

MCA 13-35-226(iv)

"A public employee may not solicit support for or opposition to any political committee, the nomination or election of any person to public office, or the passage of a ballot issue while on the job or at the place of employment. However, subject to 2-2-121, this section does not restrict the right of a public employee to perform activities properly incidental to another activity required or authorized by law or to express personal political views."

From May 23rd, 2019 until October of 2019, Mayor Brandon Dewey was compensated by the Town of Stevensville at a rate of \$25/hr up to an over 30 hours a week to fulfill the duties of Town Clerk and Finance officer, in addition to his Honorarium as Mayor. The following allegations occurred during this time:

Mr. Dewey had called me in May and June to discuss running for town council as well as seeking appointment when a vacancy occurred in Ward 2. I was informed that he had done this same action with other candidates by Mason Buchanan (who was a candidate for Ward 1 appointment), and that he was asking people to run so the town could be run his way.

At the time I was beginning my campaign for election, Mr. Dewey called me to come to his office, when I arrived he began attempting to discuss with me campaign tactics in order to win the election.

Comments made to me by Mr. Dewey, "If you don't run, then I will resign", "If Jim Crews is placed on the council then Stevensville will go to hell in a handbasket", "Together we can work to make our lives easier here in Stevensville."

In August, Brandon attempted to sway my vote on the the budget he had prepared and made the comment "If you and (Councilmember) Patrick (Shourd) are prepared to pass this budget, then I will break the tie."

Finally in October, in the presence of Town Attorney Scott Owens to me pertaining to Economic development (conversation was due to Mayor Dewey sitting on the Main Street Association Board) He was asked if he would recuse himself as mayor during discussion and voting on a matching grant pertaining tho the association, Dewey stated:

"If I step back from the Mayor's seat for this vote then how will it pass?"

Complaints must be:

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- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.