



STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

August 2, 2016

Dave Roberts, Supervisor
Bergland Township Board
P.O. Box 326
Bergland, Michigan 49910

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Wayne Borseth against the Bergland Township Board (Board) alleging that the Board violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* The investigation and resolution of this complaint is governed by section 15 of the Act and the corresponding administrative rules, R 169.51 *et seq.* A copy of the complaint and supporting documentation is enclosed with this letter.

In Michigan it is unlawful for a public body or an individual acting on its behalf to use or authorize the use of equipment, supplies, personnel, funds, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure. MCL 169.257(1). The words "contribution" and "expenditure" are terms of art that are generally defined to include a payment or transfer of anything of ascertainable monetary value made for the purpose of influencing or made in assistance of the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question. MCL 169.204(1), 169.206(1). A knowing violation of this provision is a misdemeanor offense. MCL 169.257(4).

Mr. Borseth alleges that the Board unlawfully used public resources to create and distribute a newsletter regarding a question on Bergland Township's 2016 August Primary ballot.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Department's examination of these matters and your right to respond to the allegations before the Department proceeds further. It is important to understand that the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true.

If you wish to file a written response to this complaint, you are required to do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Your response may include any written statement or additional documentary evidence you wish to submit. All materials must be sent to the Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. If you fail to submit a response, the Department will render a decision based on the evidence furnished by the complainant.

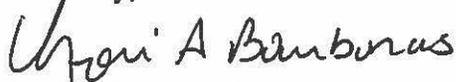
A copy of your answer will be provided to Mr. Borseth, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing all of the statements and materials provided by the parties, the Department will determine whether "there may be reason to believe

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August 2, 2016
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that a violation of [the MCFA] has occurred [.]” MCL 169.215(10). Note that the Department’s enforcement powers include the possibility of entering a conciliation agreement, conducting an administrative hearing, or referring this matter to the Attorney General for enforcement of the criminal penalty provided in section 57(4) of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (517) 241-0395.

Sincerely,



Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Wayne Borseth

**Campaign Finance Complaint Form
Michigan Department of State**

This complaint form may be used to file a complaint alleging that someone violated the
(the MCFA, 1976 PA 388, as amended; MCL 169.201 *et seq.*).

Please

print or type all information.

I allege that the MCFA was violated as follows:

Section 1. Complainant		
Your Name WAYNE E BORSETH	Daytime Telephone Number 906-575-3968	
Mailing Address PO BOX 398		
City BERGLAND	State MI	Zip 49910

Section 2. Alleged Violator		
Name BERGLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD		
Mailing Address P.O. BOX 326		
City BERGLAND	State MI	Zip 49910

Section 3. Alleged Violations (Use additional sheet if more space is needed.)

Section(s) of the MCFA violated:

MCL 169.257

Explain how those sections were violated:

A LETTER FROM THE BERGLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD (ONTONAGON COUNTY) WAS MAILED TO ALL VOTERS OF BERGLAND TOWNSHIP TELLING THEM TO VOTE YES TO A TAX MILL INCREASE.

Evidence that supports those allegations (attach copies of pertinent documents and other information):

				LETTER IS ATTACHED

Section 4. Certification (Required)

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, each factual contention of this complaint is supported by evidence.

X

Wayne E. Benoit

Signature of Complainant

JULY 21, 2016

Date

Section 5. Certification without Evidence (Supplemental to Section 4)

(MCL 169.215) requires that the signed certification found in section 4 of this form be included in every complaint. However, if, after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, you are unable to certify that certain factual contentions are supported by evidence, you may also make the following certification:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, or belief, there are grounds to conclude that the following specifically identified factual contentions are likely to be supported by evidence after a reasonable opportunity for further inquiry. Those specific contentions are:

X

Signature of Complainant

Date

Section 15(8) of the MCFA provides that a person who files a complaint with a false certification is responsible for a civil violation of the MCFA. The person may be required to pay a civil fine of up to \$1,000.00 and some or all of the expenses incurred by the Michigan Department of State and the alleged violator as a direct result of the filing of the complaint.

Mail or deliver the completed complaint form with an original signature and evidence to the following address:

Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
Richard H. Austin Building – 1st Floor
430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Greetings Bergland Township Taxpayers

This newsletter comes in addition to your Summer 2016 tax bill. It is an attempt to explain why the Township Board feels it is necessary to ask for a 1.5% tax millage in August. We are asking you to approve .75 mills for Township maintenance, .25 mills for Fire Department operating costs, .25 mills for cemetery maintenance and .25 mills for blight remediation.

First and foremost is that Bergland Township currently operates with no voted operating millage. The County gives us 1 mil (\$1 per \$1000 taxable valuation). We manage to keep our heads above water but are unable to find outside funding or money in the budget for "fix up" projects. Costs to run the township continue to increase yearly but our operating capital does not. How long can we tread water? .75 mills are equal to \$23,746.62/year.

- Merriweather and Bergland have around 10 miles of streets that are in such disrepair that the County is graveling them as there isn't enough pavement for a patch to stick to. One mile of blacktop costs \$120,000.
- We have sidewalks in Bergland that are hazardous to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of the Township; so broken up and heaving that they are difficult to walk on.
- The west wall of the fire hall is in dire need of repairs. One can almost watch the sun set through the blocks and the wind whistles through the cracks.
- Our furnace is on its last legs and will need to be replaced as repair parts are no longer available.
- The township truck is starting to nickel and dime us in repairs and the plow is broken. While we don't need a brand new truck w/plow, we do need to consider a different one and haven't the money in our budget.

The Fire Department requires \$20,000/yr. for operating expenses, maintenance, equipment and schooling. Previous to 2010 they had 1.5 mills to fund just them. They lost their funding when the Township offices/Fire hall millage was voted down. The Fire Dept. has never recovered that millage. Our General Fund cannot afford this. There is roughly \$90,000 in CD's – enough for 4 ½ years. What then? .25 mills will provide \$7915.54/yr. the CD's won't have to cover. **The Fire Department favors a tax increase.**

The cemeteries cost us \$4000.00/yr. in wages and fuel for mowing and trimming. Short of a death bringing in dollars by the purchase of a plot, or money left through an Estate, the cemeteries have no way of generating their own operating funds. Lakeview has a CD (bequeathed by a donor). ONLY the interest may be used, roughly \$185.00/yr., and ONLY for use at Lakeview. .25mills would bring in \$7915.54/yr. Excess yearly funds would be held in an account for future use. **The Cemetery Committee favors a tax increase.**

We were fortunate to have qualified for a grant to clean up the store mess. We may not be as lucky to get funded every time we have a blight situation to deal with. Many programs require matching funds or at the very least some sort of good faith showing by the local government in order to begin the paperwork. .25 mills would generate \$7915.54/yr. for blight remediation. These monies would be held in an account for use ONLY in dealing with blight.

If you are a resident and a registered voter, PLEASE show your support for the future of our community by voting YES to the 1.5 mill increase.

If you are an absentee homeowner, please understand the additional money paid through your taxes will help your property retain its value and in some cases may even make your vacation home more valuable than it is today.

VOTE YES ON AUGUST 2ND



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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August 24, 2016

Wayne Borseth
P.O. Box 398
Bergland, Michigan 49910

Dear Mr. Borseth:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against the Bergland Township Board, which concerns an alleged violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* A copy of the response is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

If you elect to file a rebuttal statement, you are required to send it within 10 business days of the date of this letter to the Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori A. Bourbonais".

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Wendy Savola

August 17, 2016

Lori A. Bourbonais
Department of State, Bureau of Elections
Richard H Austin Building
1st Floor 430 W Allegan
Lansing MI 48918

Dear Ms. Bourbonais,

I received your letter of August 2, 2016 regarding the complaint filed by Wayne Borseth. I wish to respond to the complaint.

I did send a newsletter, which was meant for informational purposes only, with the tax statements at no additional cost to the Township. The newsletter was copied, for no charge, by the Intermediate School District. The letter was not Board approved or voted on to be included in the tax bills. It seemed the easiest way to reach the voters about an issue they needed to know about.

I didn't realize that it was illegal to voice my opinion about an issue that would be of benefit to the community. I'm sorry if my actions caused anyone any trouble. I only wanted to let the voters know about the millage issue.

Sincerely,



Wendy Savola
Bergland Township Treasurer
PO Box 326
Bergland MI 49910



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

February 23, 2017

Wendy Savola
Bergland Township Treasurer
P.O. Box 326
Bergland, Michigan 49910

Dear Ms. Savola:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its initial investigation of the complaint filed against the Bergland Township Board (Board) by Wayne Borseth, which alleged that the Board violated section 57 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.257. This letter concerns the disposition of Mr. Borseth's complaint.

In Michigan, it is unlawful for a public body or an individual acting on its behalf to use or authorize the use of equipment, supplies, personnel, funds, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure. MCL 169.257(1). The words "contribution" and "expenditure" are terms of art that are generally defined to include a payment or transfer of anything of ascertainable monetary value made for the purpose of influencing or made in assistance of the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question. MCL 169.204(1), 169.206(1). A person who knowingly violates this provision may be charged with a misdemeanor offense. MCL 169.257(4).

The Act also requires the Department to "endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods [,]" if it finds that there may be reason to believe that a violation has occurred, and if the Department is unable to correct or prevent additional violations, it must ask the Attorney General to prosecute if a crime has been committed. MCL 169.215(10)(a). The objective of an informal resolution is "to correct the violation or prevent a further violation [,]" *Id.*

Mr. Borseth filed his complaint on July 26, 2016, and you filed an answer to the complaint on August 23, 2016. Mr. Borseth did not file a rebuttal statement with the Department.

Mr. Borseth alleged that the Board improperly used township funds or resources to produce and distribute a newsletter that advocated for the passage of a township millage question.

As evidence, Mr. Borseth provided a newsletter which stated, in pertinent part,

This newsletter comes in addition to your Summer 2016 tax bill. It is an attempt to explain why the Township board feels it is necessary to ask for a 1.5% tax millage in August. We are asking you to approve .75 mils for Township maintenance, .25 mils for

Fire Department operating costs, .25 mills for cemetery maintenance and .25 mills for blight remediation.

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If you are a resident and registered voter, PLEASE show your support for the future of our community by voting YES to the 1.5 mill increase.

* * *

VOTE YES ON AUGUST 2ND

Mr. Borseth alleged that this newsletter “was mailed to all voters of Bergland Township [.]”

In your answer to the complaint you admitted that you sent the newsletter along with township tax statements. You further admitted that the Intermediate School District (another public body) provided copies. You asserted that “[t]he letter was not Board approved or voted on to be included in the tax bills.” Finally, you stated that you did not realize that “it was illegal to voice your opinion about an issue that would be of benefit to the community.”

This newsletter, produced and sent using public funds and resources, is the exact type of activity that section 57 of the Act prohibits. A public body or a person acting on its behalf may not expend public funds or use public resources to expressly advocate¹ for the passage of a ballot question. While the Department notes that there is an exception to section 57 which allows you, as a public official, to “voice your opinion about an issue that would be of benefit to the community,” you must voice that opinion on your own personal time using your own personal funds to not run afoul of the Act. MCL 169.257(1)(f).

The Department acknowledges that the Intermediate School District did not charge you for copies of the newsletter. However, the Intermediate School District used public resources to make the copies and should be reimbursed accordingly.

The Department notes that you have taken full responsibility for producing and mailing the newsletter, and you have asserted that the Board did not approve the newsletter to be included in the tax bills. Based on your admissions, the Department dismisses Mr. Borseth’s complaint against the remainder of the Board.

However, the evidence provided to the Department supports a conclusion that you expended public resources to advocate for the passage of a ballot question. Because you used public resources to produce and mail a newsletter urging readers to “vote yes” on a township millage, the Department finds that there is a reason to believe that you violated section 57 of the Act.

¹ Express advocacy includes words and phrases such as “vote for,” “vote against,” “support,” “oppose,” and similar words and phrases.

Upon making this determination the Department is required by law to attempt to resolve the matter informally. MCL 169.215(10).

Please calculate the following and provide written answers to the Department by March 9, 2017:

- 1. The amount of time you spent during work hours to create the newsletter, along with the cost of your salary, including benefits, for that time.**
- 2. The number of newsletters produced.**
- 3. The cost of the paper used to produce the newsletter.**
- 4. The cost incurred by the Intermediate School District to copy the newsletter.**
- 5. The amount of time you spent during work hours to assemble the mailing that included the newsletter, along with the cost of your salary, including benefits, for that time.**
- 6. The number of envelopes and their cost used for the mailing.**
- 7. The total cost of the postage for the mailing.**
- 8. Any other costs associated with the production and mailing of the newsletter.**

The Department will use this information to facilitate an informal resolution of Mr. Borseth's complaint.

Please be advised that if the Department is unable to resolve the matter through informal methods, the Department must refer the matter to the Attorney General for enforcement of the criminal penalty provided in MCL 169.257(4). MCL 169.215(10)(a).

Sincerely,



Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Dave Roberts

March 4, 2017

Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

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2017 MAR -9 P11 2:59
ELECTIONS/GREAT SEAL

Dear Ms. Bourbonais,

I am writing in response to your letter dated February 23, 2017 in which you ask for more information regarding a complaint filed by a Mr. Wayne Borseth regarding my violation of the Michigan Campaign Act. I would like to address each item as numbered.

Q1. *The amount of time you spent during work hours to create the newsletter, along with the cost of your salary, including benefits, for that time.*

A. **Zero. I did the work at home on my own time.**

Q2. *The number of newsletters produced.*

A. **500**

Q3. *The cost of the paper used to produce the letter.*

A. **The former Clerk, who held the position for 12 years, can't remember ever purchasing the ream of paper used. To buy new, today, would cost \$11.99. (see enclosure).**

Q4. *The cost incurred by the Intermediate School District to copy the newsletter.*

A. **See enclosure.**

Q5. *The amount of time spent during your work hours to assemble the mailing that included the newsletter along with the cost of your salary, including benefits, for the time.*

A. **Zero. I did the work at home on my own time.**

Q6. *The number of envelopes and their cost used for the mailing.*

A. **N/A. The mailing was done at the same time the tax statements were sent out. No letters were sent without a tax statement. As the tax statements had to be sent anyway, this seemed the perfect vehicle for delivery.**

Q7. *The total cost of the postage for the mailing.*

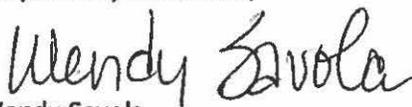
A. **See answer for Q6.**

Q8. *Any other cost associated with the production and mailing of the newsletter.*

A. **None**

It is my hope this information will be sufficient to resolve this matter so that no further action is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Savola

Bergland Township Treasurer
101 Pine Street PO Box 326
Bergland MI 49910
906-575-3522

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Per your request, I've broken down the cost associated with making 500 copies. This cost is based on wages and charges from June 2016.

Our copying bill broke down to .01158 per copy. Multiply this by 500 and you get \$5.79

Kim's wages were as follows

Hourly \$21.51 x 15 min.	= \$5.79
FICA	= \$.41
Retirement	= \$ 2.02
W/C	= \$.02
<u>Kim's Wage Total</u>	<u>= \$ 7.83</u>

<u>Cost to make copies</u>	<u>= \$ 5.79</u>
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Total cost	= \$13.62
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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Tieheena Lemerond
Executive Assistant
Pupil Accounting Auditor
McKinney-Vento Liaison
Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District
(906) 575-3438 Ext 100



STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

March 28, 2017

Wendy Savola
P.O. Box 326
Bergland, Michigan 49910

Dear Ms. Savola:

The Department of State (Department) has concluded its investigation of the complaint filed against the Bergland Township Board (Board) by Wayne Borseth, which alleged that the Board violated section 57 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.257. This letter concerns the disposition of Mr. Borseth's complaint, which was filed on July 26, 2016. You filed an answer to the complaint on August 23, 2016. Mr. Borseth did not file a rebuttal statement with the Department. At the Department's request, you provided additional information on March 9, 2017.

The MCFA and corresponding administrative rules require the Department to ascertain whether there may be "reason to believe that a violation of this act has occurred." MCL 169.215(10), R 169.55(3). The Department has carefully considered the written statements and supporting documentation and has determined that the evidence submitted meets this evidentiary standard. Upon a finding that there may be "reason to believe that a violation of this act has occurred[,]" the Department is required by law to "endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods." MCL 169.215(10).

Mr. Borseth alleged that the Board improperly used township funds or resources to produce and distribute a newsletter that advocated for the passage of a township millage question. You took sole responsibility for the newsletter and asserted that it was created and sent without the Board's knowledge.

The MCFA prohibits a public body or an individual acting on its behalf from "us[ing] or authoriz[ing] the use of funds, personnel, office space, computer hardware or software, property, stationery, postage, vehicles, equipment, supplies, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure." MCL 169.257(1).

By letter dated February 23, 2017, the Department notified you of its determination that the evidence provided supported a conclusion that a violation of the Act had occurred. The Department requested that you provide the Department with the following information:

1. The amount of time you spent during work hours to create the newsletter, along with the cost of your salary, including benefits, for that time.

2. The number of newsletters produced.
3. The cost of the paper used to produce the newsletter.
4. The cost incurred by the Intermediate School District to copy the newsletter.
5. The amount of time you spent during work hours to assemble the mailing that included the newsletter, along with the cost of your salary, including benefits, for that time.
6. The number of envelopes and their cost used for the mailing.
7. The total cost of the postage for the mailing.
8. Any other costs associated with the production and mailing of the newsletter.

You provided some of this information to the Department on March 9, 2017. You asserted that you did all of the work to create the newsletter and to assemble the mailing that included the newsletter at home on your own time. You also stated that 500 newsletters were produced and you provided a printout from Quill.com which indicated that a 500-sheet ream of paper would cost \$11.99. You also provided a letter from the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District which indicated that the cost to the Intermediate School District to copy the newsletter was \$13.62.

In response to the Department's request for the total cost of the envelopes and postage, you asserted that there was no cost for envelopes and postage because, "As the tax statements needed to be sent anyway, this seemed the perfect vehicle for delivery." The Department reminds you that this is the exact type of activity that section 57 prohibits. You may not use any township funds or resources to distribute a newsletter which expressly advocates for the passage of a ballot question, regardless of what other information may have also been sent along with the improper literature.

The Department has reviewed the Quill.com website and has determined that 500 standard-size envelopes would cost the township \$21.78. Additionally, the Department has determined that 500 postage stamps would cost the township \$245.00.

The Department has determined that an expenditure of township funds and resources was made with regard to the newsletter advocating for a yes vote on the township millage question. The Department must now "endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods." MCL 169.215(10). The Department offers to resolve Mr. Borseth's complaint against you informally through execution of the enclosed conciliation agreement, which requires you to reimburse \$13.62 to the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District for its cost of the copies, reimburse \$278.77 to Bergland Township for the cost of the paper, envelopes and postage, and pay a civil fine in the amount of \$50.00. **If you wish to enter into the conciliation agreement, please return the original signed document to P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, Michigan 48901-0726 with payment in full of the \$50.00 fine, along with receipts from the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District and Bergland Township for the amounts you have reimbursed them on or before April 28, 2017.** Payment of the civil fine must be made by check or money order payable to the State of Michigan; please include the notation, "Conciliation Agreement, Attn: Bureau of Elections" on your check or money order. A copy of the conciliation agreement signed by the Secretary of State's authorized representative will be returned to you promptly.

Wendy Savola
March 27, 2017
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Please be advised that if the Department is unable to resolve Mr. Borseth's complaint informally, it is required by MCL 169.215(10)-(11) to:

- 1) Refer the matter to the Attorney General with a request that his office prosecute you for the crime of expending public funds to make an expenditure, a misdemeanor violation of MCL 169.257(1); or
- 2) Conduct an administrative hearing to enforce the civil penalty provided in MCL 169.215(11), which provides that the Secretary of State may seek a civil fine of triple the amount of each improper expenditure, plus up to \$1,000.00 for each violation of the Act.

Sincerely,



Lori A. Bourbonais
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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In the Matter of:

**Wendy Savola
P.O. Box 326
Bergland, Michigan 49910**

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

Pursuant to MCL §169.215(10) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (the Act), MCL §169.201 *et seq.*, the Secretary of State and Wendy Savola (Respondent) hereby enter into a conciliation agreement with respect to certain acts, omissions, methods, or practices prohibited by the Act.

The Secretary of State alleges that there may be reason to believe that Respondent violated MCL §169.257(1) by making an improper expenditure by producing and mailing a newsletter which advocated for a "yes" vote on a township millage using Bergland Township and Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District resources.

Therefore, Respondent, without admitting any issue of law or fact, except as stated herein, hereby voluntarily enters into this conciliation agreement and assures the Secretary of State that she will comply with the Act and the Rules promulgated to implement the Act.

By executing this conciliation agreement, Respondent certifies that she has:

1. Reimbursed the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District \$13.62 and provided a receipt to the Department,

2. Reimbursed Bergland Township \$278.77 (\$11.99 for paper, \$21.78 for envelopes, and \$245.00 for postage) and provided a receipt to the Department, and
3. Paid a civil fine in the amount of \$50.00 to the State of Michigan.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement is in effect and enforceable for four years from the date it is signed by the Secretary of State or her duly authorized representative.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement, unless violated, shall constitute a complete bar to any further action by the Secretary of State with respect to the alleged violation that resulted in the execution of this agreement.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that the complaint and investigation that resulted in this agreement are disposed of and will not be the basis for further proceedings, except pursuant to this agreement.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement will not prevent the Secretary of State from taking action for violations of this agreement.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that Respondent's performance under this agreement shall be given due consideration in any subsequent proceedings.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement, when signed, shall become a part of the permanent public records of the Department of State.

The Secretary of State and Respondent finally agree that the signatories below are authorized to enter into and bind the parties to this agreement, and have done so by signing this agreement on the date below.

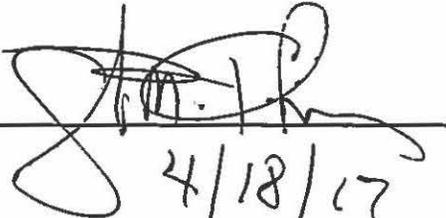
**RUTH JOHNSON
SECRETARY OF STATE**

RESPONDENT

**Christopher M. Thomas, Director
Bureau of Elections**

Wendy Savola
Wendy Savola

Date:


4/18/17

Date:

7 Apr 17

Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District

202 Elm Street
Bergland, MI 49910

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
4/5/2017	529

Bill To Wendy Savola P.O. Box 115 Bergland, MI 49910
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P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
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		Total	\$13.62

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ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION

CASH RECEIPT

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ELECTIONS/CLERK

Date: 4/5/2017
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Bergland Township
101 Pine Street
Bergland MI 49910
906-575-3522
Fax 906-575-3424
township@berglandmi.org

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Check	6121	Reimbursement

Qty	Item #	Description	Unit Price	Discount	Line Total
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500		Envelopes			21.78
500		Stamps			245.00
Received from Wendy Savola					
Irene Sorelle Clerk 					
Total Discount					
					Subtotal 278.77
					Sales Tax 0
					Total 278.77

Thank you for your business!