

Ethics Complaint

James H. Kostoplis

Allegation: James H. Kostoplis failed to list all reportable income in Section II (A) of his Financial Disclosure Statements for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Attachments:

- A. Financial Disclosure Statements of James H. Kostoplis for 2014, 2015 and 2016
- B. New Jersey State Public Pension System information for James H. Kostoplis from December 31, 2011 to June 30, 2016
- C. Bordentown Township Fire District #2 Budget information for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016

Facts / Argument:

1. James H. Kostoplis listed only one (1) source of income, Akal Security, of over \$2,000 on his Financial Disclosure Statements for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 (See Attachment "A").
2. James H. Kostoplis received monthly pension payments from the New Jersey Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) in the amount of \$7,305.10 from at least January 1, 2011 until the present (See Attachment "B").
3. James H. Kostoplis is listed as a Commissioner or Chairman of Bordentown Township Fire District #2 from 2013 to 2016. The Chairman and Commissioners of Bordentown Township Fire District #2 received compensation of \$2,500 per year from 2013 to 2016 (See Attachment "C").
4. James H. Kostoplis failed to report his income from PFRS and Bordentown Township Fire District #2 in Section II (A) of his Financial Disclosure Statements for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Conclusion: James H. Kostoplis failed to list all reportable income in Section II (A) of his Financial Disclosure Statements for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

This Financial Disclosure Statement is required annually of all local government officers in accordance with N.J.S. 40A:9-22.1 et seq., the Local Government Ethics Law.

Section I. Personal Information - Local Government Officer

First Name: James Middle: Last Name: Kostoplis Suffix:

Home Address: Telephone Numbers: Home: Business:

Spouse (includes Civil Union partner).

First Name: Stephanie Middle: Anette Last Name: Kostoplis Suffix:

Entity	Agency/Board	Position Held	Term Expires *
1 Bordentown Township - County of Burlington	Derby Fire Department	Commissioner	

* = if applicable

Section II. Financial Information

Provide the following information for yourself and members of your immediate family for the prior calendar year. If none, please indicate NONE in the space provided.

A. List the name and address of each source of income, earned and unearned, which you received in excess of \$2,000. If a publicly traded security is the source of income, the security need not be reported unless you or a member of your immediate family has an interest in the business organization.

Name	Address	Self/Spouse	Dependent Name
1 Akal Security	7 Infinity Loop, Espanola, New Mexico 87532	Self	

B. List the name and address of each source of fees and honorariums having an aggregate amount exceeding \$250 received from any single source for personal appearances, speeches, or writing.

Name	Address	Self/Spouse	Dependent Name
1 None			

C. List the name and address of each source of gifts, reimbursements or prepaid expenses having an aggregate value exceeding \$400 from any single source.

Name	Address	Self/Spouse	Dependent Name
1 None			

D. List the name and address of all business organizations in which an interest was held.

Name	Address	Self/Spouse	Dependent Name
1 None			

E. List the address and a brief description of all real property in the State of New Jersey in which an interest was held.

Municipality/County	Block	Lot	Qual.	Address	% Own *	Self/Spouse	Dependent Name
1 Bordentown Twp. (Burlington)	92.1	2		1 Alfred Drive, Bordentown, N.J. 08505	100.00	Joint	

* = % of Ownership

F. Optional Comments:

Section III. Certification & online filing process

I hereby certify that this Financial Disclosure Statement contains no willful misstatement of fact or omission of material fact and, constitutes a full disclosure with respect to all matters required by N.J.S.A.40A:9-22.1 et seq., to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to fines and possible disciplinary action.

Date: 04/27/2016

Name: James H. Kostoplis

I further certify that I intend my electronic signature on this statement to be the legally binding equivalent of my traditional handwritten signature.

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Date: 04/20/2015

Name: James H. Kostoplis

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New Jersey State Public Pension System Payments To Retirees

KOSTOPLIS, JAMES H

UPDATED Data Updated 3/31/2016

Pension data is published for retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund, Police and Fireman's Retirement System, State Police Retirement System, Judicial Retirement System, Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension Fund, and Prison Officers' Pension Fund. It includes both state and local employee data.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PENSION FUND
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NAME: KOSTOPLIS, JAMES H

Last Employer: HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (MERCER)

Year of Birth: 1953

Salary For Calculation: \$125,230.30

Monthly Pension Allowance: \$7,305.10

Cost Of Living Allowance: \$69.18

Supplemental Allowance: \$0.00

Total Monthly Allowance: \$7,374.28

Pension Fund: PFRS - Police and Firemen's Retirement System

Retirement Date: 3/1/2009 0:00

Retirement Cause: Special - applies to PFRS & SPRS only

Months Of Service: 415

Source: New Jersey Department of the Treasury

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This dataset contains pension benefit data for retired employees paid through a State retirement system. The

	AS_OF_DATE	MEMBER_FULL_NAME	MEMBER_PENSION_FUND	MEMBER_RETIREMEMBER_SALARY_YTD_PENSION_YTD_TOTAL_MTHLY_PENSION_		
1	June 30, 2016	KOSTOPLUS, JAMES H	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (MERCER) PFRS - Police and Firemen's Retirement System 2009/03	\$125,230.30	\$43,830.60	\$44,245.68
2	December 31, 2015	KOSTOPLUS, JAMES H	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (MERCER) PFRS - Police and Firemen's Retirement System 2009/03	\$125,230.30	\$87,661.20	\$88,491.36
3	December 31, 2014	KOSTOPLUS, JAMES H	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (MERCER) PFRS - Police and Firemen's Retirement System 2009/03	\$125,230.30	\$87,661.20	\$88,491.36
4	December 31, 2014	KOSTOPLUS, JAMES H	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (MERCER) PFRS - Police and Firemen's Retirement System 2009/03	\$125,230.30	\$87,661.20	\$88,491.36
5	December 31, 2013	KOSTOPLUS, JAMES H	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (MERCER) PFRS - Police and Firemen's Retirement System 2009/03	\$125,230.30	\$87,661.20	\$88,491.36
6	December 31, 2012	KOSTOPLUS, JAMES H	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (MERCER) PFRS - Police and Firemen's Retirement System 2009/03	\$125,230.30	\$87,661.20	\$88,491.36
7	December 31, 2011	KOSTOPLUS, JAMES H	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (MERCER) PFRS - Police and Firemen's Retirement System 2009/03	\$125,230.30	\$87,661.20	\$88,283.82

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Bordentown Township Fire District #2

Fire District Budget

www.btfd2.org

(Fire District Web Address)

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Division of Local Government Services

FIRE DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION 2016

Please complete the following information regarding this Fire District. All information requested below must be completed.

Name of Fire District:	Bordentown Township Fire District #2		
Address:	262 Crosswicks Rd.		
City, State, Zip:	Bordentown	NJ	08505
Phone: (ext.)	(609)298-8527	Fax:	(609)298-8546

Preparer's Name:	Fred Freda		
Preparer's Address:	17 Charles Bossert Dr.		
City, State, Zip:	Bordentown	NJ	08505
Phone: (ext.)	(609)458-6585	Fax:	(609)298-8546
E-mail:	f.freda@btfd2.org		

Chairman:	James Kostoplis		
Phone: (ext.)	(609)465-9275	Fax:	(609)298-8546
E-mail:	j.kostoplis@btfd2.org		

Secretary/Treasurer:	Salvatore Schiano		
Phone: (ext.)	(732)991-2345	Fax:	(609)298-8546
E-mail:	s.schiano@btfd2.org		

Name of Auditor:	William Oster		
Name of Firm:	McEnerney, Brady & Company, LLC		
Address:	293 Eisenhower Parkway		
City, State, Zip:	Livingston	NJ	07039
Phone: (ext.)	(973)535-2880	Fax:	
E-mail:			

**BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2
262 CROSSWICKS RD.
BORDENTOWN, NJ 08505**

FIRE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF COMMISSIONERS

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
James Kostoplis	Chairman	\$2500
Brian Schoen	Vice Chairman	\$2500
Salvatore Schiano	Secretary	\$2500
Fred Freda	Treasurer	\$2500
Michael Danbury	Commissioner	\$2500

Fire District Schedule of Commissioners and Officers (Continued)

Bordenstown Township Fire District #2
Burlington

Name	Title	Average Hours per Week Dedicated to Position	Position	Reportable Compensation from Fire District (W-2/1099)			Estimated amount of other compensation from the Fire District (health benefits, pension, etc.)	Total Compensation from Fire District	Names of Other Public Entities where Individual is an Employee or Member of the Governing Body Listed in Column N	Positions held at Other Public Entities Listed in Column N	Average Hours per Week Dedicated to Positions at Other Public Entities Listed in Column N	Reportable Compensation from Other Public Entities (W-2/1099)	Estimated amount of other compensation from Other Public Entities (health benefits, pension, payment in lieu of health benefits, etc.)	Total Compensation All Public Entities
				Base Salary/ Stipend	Bonus	Other (auto allowance, expense account, payment in lieu of health benefits, etc.)								
1 James Kostopis	Chairman	5 X	Former Commissioner	\$2,500	N/A	N/A	2,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$	\$	2,500	
2 Brian Schoen	Vice-Chairman	5 X		2,500	N/A	N/A	2,500	Sea Attached	-	-	11,287	-	13,787	
3 Salvatore Schiano	Secretary	5 X		2,500	N/A	N/A	2,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	2,500	
4 Fred Freida	Treasurer	5 X		2,500	N/A	N/A	2,500	See Attached	-	-	32,657	14,000	49,157	
5 Michael Danbury	Commissioner	5 X		2,500	N/A	N/A	2,500	See Attached	-	-	101,643	16,250	120,393	
6 Robert MacFarland	Fire Chief	40	X	112,717	N/A	N/A	189,217	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	139,217	
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Total:				\$ 125,217	\$ -	\$ -	151,717				\$ 145,587	\$ 30,250	\$ 327,554	

Enter the total number of employees/ independent contractors who received more than \$100,000 in total reportable compensation for the most recent fiscal year completed:

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FIRE DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION 2015

Please complete the following information regarding this Fire District. All information requested below must be completed.

Name of Fire District:	Bordentown Township Fire District 2		
Address:	262 Crosswicks Rd.		
City, State, Zip:	Bordentown	NJ	08505
Phone: (ext.)	(609)298-8527	Fax:	(609)298-8546

Preparer's Name:	Fred Freda		
Preparer's Address:	17 Charles Bossert Dr.		
City, State, Zip:	Bordentown	NJ	08505
Phone: (ext.)	(609)458-6585	Fax:	(609)298-8546
E-mail:	f.freda@btfd2.org		

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E-mail:			

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT No.2 - BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION No. 2015-008
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Bordentown Township Fire District No.2 amended the 2015 Budget at the January 21, 2015 meeting and

WHEREAS, Cost of Operations and Maintenance: Fringe Benefits were increased by \$27,653.00. Fire Service Supplemental Act was increased by \$1,600.00. Unrestricted Fund Balance was increased by \$25,000.00 and the Amount Raised by Taxation was increased by \$1,053.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Bordentown Twp. Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Bordentown in the County of Burlington that the 2015 Budget's total appropriation equals \$1,677,281 and total revenues equal \$1,677,281.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Bordentown Twp. Fire District No.2 on January 21, 2015.

Board of Fire Commissioners Recorded Vote

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
James Kostoplis, Chairman	X			
Brian Schoen, Vice-Chairman	X			
Salvatore Schiano, Secretary	X			
Fred Freda, Treasurer	X			
Michael Danbury	X			



Salvatore Schiano, Commissioner / Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No.2 – Bordentown Township

Fire District Schedule of Commissioners and Officers (Continued)

Bordentown Fire Dist. No. 2
Burlington

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				Commissioner	Former Officer	Base Salary/Stipend	Bonus								
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Total:					\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,587	\$ 30,250	\$ 188,337			

Enter the total number of employees/ independent contractors who received more than \$100,000 in total reportable compensation for the most recent fiscal year completed: 1

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2014 Fire District Information

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Phone Number: (ext.)	609-298-8527	Fax:	609-298-8546

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Preparer's E-mail:	f.freda@btfd2.org		

Chairman:	Andrew Watson		
Phone Number: (ext.)	609-298-8527	Fax:	609-298-8546
E-mail:	a.watson@btfd2.org		

Secretary/ Treasurer:	Michael Danbury/Fred Freda		
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E-mail:	m.danbury@btfd2.org/f.freda@btfd2.org		

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E-mail:	boster@mbccpa.com		

Membership of Board of Commissioners (Full Name)	Title
Andrew Watson	Chairman
Brian Schoen	Vice-Chairman
Fred Freda	Treasurer
Michael Danbury	Secretary
James Kostoplis	Commissioner

2013

Township of Bordentown District No.

2

Fire District Budget

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2013 Fire District Information

Please fill out the following information regarding this Fire District:

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Address:	262 Crosswicks Road		
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Phone Number: (ext.)	609-298-8527	Fax:	

Preparer's Name:	Stephen Monson		
Preparer's Address:	262 Crosswicks Road		
City, State, Zip:	Bordentown	NJ	08505
Preparer's #: (ext.)	609-298-8527	Fax:	
Preparer's Cell #:			
Preparer's E-mail:	s.monson@btfd2.org		

Chairman:	Stephen Monson		
Phone Number: (ext.)	609-298-1024	Fax:	
E-mail:	s.monson@btfd2.org		

Secretary/ Treasurer:	Fred Freda		
Phone Number: (ext.)	609-298-8527	Fax:	
E-mail:	f.freda@btfd2.org		

Name of Auditor:	John J. Maley Jr.		
Name of Firm:	John J. Maley Jr. CPA/RMA		
Address:	P.O. Box 614		
City, State, Zip:	Bordentown	NJ	08505
Phone Number: (ext.)	609-298-8639	Fax:	
E-mail:	jmaley@maleycpa.com		

Membership of Board of Commissioners (Full Name)	Title
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Sal Schiano	Secretary
Andrew Watson	Commissioner
Fred Freda	Treasurer
James Kostoplis	Commissioner