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CIVIL ACTION – LAW

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BOROUGH OF BATH,	:		
Petitioner	:	**NO.**	**C-48-CV-2024-01039**
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v.	:		
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MICHAEL LONG,	:		
Respondent	:		

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ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 9th day of December, 2024, upon the consideration of the Motion for Sanctions filed by the Borough of Bath ("Borough"),[1] review of the briefs filed by the parties, and the Court's review of the record in the above-captioned matter, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the Borough's Motion for Sanctions is **GRANTED** in part.

Sanctions are hereby imposed on Respondent in the amount of $1,000.00, based upon the Respondent's frivolous, vexatious, and bad faith filing of a "Motion of Protective Order, Sanctions, and Injunctive Relief"[2] and a "Motion for Appointment of Court Experts"[3] which were unsupported by legal authority, irrelevant, and exceeded the scope of the sole issue[4] still pending in the unnecessarily protracted litigation between the parties.

Petitioner is without prejudice to seek additional sanctions if Respondent files further dilatory motions without proper legal basis.

BY THE COURT:

ABRAHAM P. KASSIS, J.

[1] Assigned to the undersigned on the Argument List of November 26, 2024.
[2] Filed on September 10, 2024 at the above-captioned term number.
[3] Filed on September 12, 2024 at the above-captioned term number.
[4] Specifically, whether the Office of Open Records properly determined that the Borough is required to provide factual information contained within otherwise privileged communications in response to Respondent's Right to Know Law Request.