

FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: October 13, 2021

IN RE: *Cathy Harasty v. Deemston Borough*, OOR Dkt. AP 2021-2138

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The appeal is premature. The Request was received by the Borough’s Open Records Officer on October 5, 2021. The Borough had five (5) business days to respond, or until October 12, 2021 in this instance. 65 P.S. § 67.901. The appeal was submitted on October 12, 2021. The Requester is not prohibited from filing a new appeal to the OOR of any denial or deemed denial stemming from the Request, pursuant to the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1).

For this reason, the Borough is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, you may appeal or petition for review with the Washington County Court of Common Pleas. 65 P.S. § 67.1302(a). All parties must be served with notice of the appeal. The OOR also shall be served notice and have an opportunity to respond according to court rules as per 65 P.S. § 67.1303. However, as the quasi-judicial tribunal adjudicating this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party.¹

Issued by:

/s/ *Joshua Young*

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Sent to: Requester, Agency Open Records Officer

¹ *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).