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SETTLEMENT REACHED WITH FORMER NEWTON FALLS MAYOR

The Ohio Ethics Commission today reached a settlement with Former Newton Falls Mayor Patrick Layshock regarding an allegation that the former mayor used his public position to benefit his brother's business.

Layshock agreed to accept a public reprimand and has acknowledged that the Ohio Ethics Commission's investigation found sufficient evidence supporting violations of the Ohio Ethics Law. In exchange for his agreement, the State of Ohio will dismiss the criminal conflict of interest charges and not pursue further prosecution.

The Commission's investigation revealed that Layshock participated in city meetings regarding his brother's company, L&V Associates Property Development. The former mayor also encouraged City Council to hasten the progress of his brother's development project in Newton Falls. Therefore, the Ethics Commission determined that Layshock committed conflict of interest violations under Ohio's Ethics Laws and related statutes. A copy of the settlement agreement is attached.