

Town of Clarence
Ethics Board Minutes
April 17, 2024

Chairman Aisen called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM

Board Members present: Aaron Aisen, Debra Fine, Dan Hamlin, Bob Olczak, Sue Powers, Bill Weisbeck and Councilman Peter DiCostanzo

Absent: Ron Benson

Final Approval of March 20, 2024 meeting minutes:

Discussion of Open Meeting Law voting procedure took place. Approval of amended minutes motion made by Aaron Aisen, seconded by Bill Weisbeck. Approved.

General Guidelines for Hiring Employees Who Are Related to Town Board Members Letter:

Chairman Aisen distributed updated General Guidelines for Hiring Employees Who Are Related to Town Board Members Letter. Motion was made to accept the updated letter as written by Bob Olczak, seconded by Debra Fine. After a discussion regarding some of the wording, a motion was made for approval by Bill Weisbeck, seconded by Dan Hamlin to send the amended and updated letter to the Town Board and Town Attorney.

Ayes: Aisen, Fine, Hamlin, Olczak, Powers, Weisbeck

It was decided to add to the September meeting agenda, further discussion on recusal procedures.

Website E-mail Correspondence:

In order to increase and insure confidentiality, it was noted that a complaint may be emailed to the ethics website. Only the Chair will have access to this. Then it will be privately sent to the Complaint Review Committee to review and investigate.

Executive Session:

Pursuant to New York State Open Meetings Law 105 (1) (f) {consideration of}... matters to the appointment, employment, promotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal of a particular person or corporation, motion was made by Sue Powers, seconded by Bill Weisbeck to enter Executive Session. Councilman DiCostanzo left the meeting at this point.

Two disclosure statements were reviewed and filed. There were no transactional disclosures to be reviewed at this time.

Motion was made by Bill Weisbeck, seconded by Debra Fine to exit Executive Session. All in favor.

Website Update:

After discussion on FAQ addition to the website, Debra Fine will distribute her information to the board for discussion at our next meeting.

Mrs. Fine and Mr. Weisbeck shared the importance of correct and updated information on the Ethics Board website. Changes and updates will be sent to the appropriate website manager.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Hallock Conference Room – 8:00 AM

Motion made to exit board meeting at 9:39 AM by Dan Hamlin, Sue Powers. All in favor.

Respectively Submitted by Sue Powers, April 22, 2024