

MINUTES
Town of Greenburgh Board of Ethics
6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Town Hall, Lee F. Jackson Conference Room

Board Members Present: Blase J. Spinozzi, Chairperson; Trudy Holand, Secretary; Timothy Hays, Member; Seth Segall, Member, Andrea C. Reed, Alternate Member

Also Present: Joseph S. Malara , Esq., Volunteer Counsel; Amanda Magana, Esq., First Deputy Town Attorney.

1. The meeting was convened at 6:31 p.m. A quorum of the Board of Ethics (BoE) was present.
2. The Chair welcomed our new alternate member, Ms. Andrea C. Reed.
3. AGENDA: The Agenda, as per motion of the Chair, was unanimously approved.
4. MINUTES: The minutes of the February 15, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.
5. 2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS TO THE TOWN BOARD: The 2023 Annual Report, as per motion of the Chair, was unanimously adopted. The Chair advised he will send it to the Town Board and ask it be posted on the Town's Website.
6. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS: First Deputy Town Attorney Mangana advised the BoE that Financial Disclosure Forms (FDF) have been sent to all who are required to file a FDF no later than May 15, 2024. Ms. Mangana advised that to date, the Town has received several completed forms.
7. ETHICS TRAINING UPDATE: First Deputy Town Attorney Magana reported that her office is mindful of the three-year requirement to take Ethics Training and will follow closely to ensure that all who are required to participate in this training do so.
8. CORRESPONDENCE: The BoE was in receipt of one email from Town Supervisor Paul Feiner and five emails from Hal Samis.

The email from Town Supervisor shared the concerns of the BoE about maintaining full membership on the Board of Ethics. Mr. Feiner requested that the BoE revisit Section 570-11(B) of the Code of Ethics which deals with maintaining a political balance on the board. Ms. Reed felt it would be good to visit this rule and had some suggestions the board felt were worthy of consideration. Nonetheless, the majority of the board was less than enthusiastic about changing the code, and felt given the political climate in the present day, it was probably better to maintain the status quo.

The board agreed to table the matter until the next meeting, and will reach out to Supervisor Feiner and the Town Board for their input.

The Chair read into the record the subject of the five emails from Mr. Samis. Ms. Holand, did comment on Mr. Samis's gauche rhetoric addressed to the BoE, and Mr. Hays asked the Chair once again for a clarification on an issue raised by Mr. Samis in his emails, a matter which had previously been disposed of by the BoE.

9. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF ETHICS: The BoE has been advised by Supervisor Feiner and the Town Board that they are aware of maintaining a quorum of the BoE and are seeking new members. Presently, according to the Code of Ethics, there exists a vacancy for either a Republican or someone not registered in any political party.
10. NEXT MEETING DATE: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Lee F. Jackson Conference Room, Greenburgh Town Hall.
11. Upon motion of the Chair, the BoE went into executive session to discuss a matter dealing with Town Personnel.
12. Upon completion of the Executive Session, the BoE resumed public session. The Chair advised the public that the matter discussed in Executive Session was tabled and no vote was taken at this time.
13. MEETING ADJOURNED: The BoE, having concluded its business for the evening, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Trudy Holand, Secretary