

Minutes of the Board of Ethics of the Village of Mamaroneck

Held on: Wednesday, November 4, 2009 7:30 PM

Location: Village Court Room
169 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY

Present: Patricia Castellani
Charles Mitchell
Deborah Tammearu
VOM Attorney Janet Insardi

Absent: Anne Marie Terrone
Lloyd Green

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairperson Charles Mitchell

2. Adoption of Minutes of the Meeting held on October 7, 2009

Members of the Board moved and approved the Minutes.

3. Follow up of Outstanding Disclosure Statements

There are no outstanding forms, except for those from the volunteer Fire Chiefs.

4. Fire Chiefs re: Concerns with Disclosure Statements

VOM Volunteer Chiefs Dean DeLitta, Chris Szymanowski and Robert Pecchia expressed several concerns about the Disclosure Forms vis-à-vis confidentiality, as well as portions of the Ethics Law. They stated that Tarrytown, for example, does not require their Chiefs to complete and sign a disclosure form. Two major concerns are the security of the storage used for the disclosure forms and what is perceived as the rather loose confidentiality within the VOM offices. There was a question about the disposition of the documents once those who had submitted them had left office.

The Chiefs stated they were unaware of the existence of the Annual Disclosure Form until they received it in their inter office mail “cubbies.” They would have preferred to have been included in the original process of developing the forms and finally, they stated they would not sign and submit the forms at this time.

The Chiefs and Board Members had a lively and respectful discussion, with insights and legal readings offered by VOM Attorney Insardi. Although the Board Members could not address or resolve all the concerns, they were appreciative of the thoughts expressed by the Chiefs and will further explore the issues which were raised.

5. Format and Form of 2010 Disclosure Statements

Tabled to next meeting

6. Board of Ethics Annual Report

Attorney Insardi will share the requisite format with Board Members, with this item to be on the agenda for the December meeting.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Pr. Tammearu, seconded by Mrs. Castellani, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Deborah Tammearu
Secretary

Next Scheduled Meeting
December 2, 2009