

The Town of Brooklyn Board of Ethics Commission

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MEETING
Monday May 6, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
at the TOWN HALL

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AGENDA

Joseph Cooper, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

- 1.) Roll Call - Joseph Cooper, Pam Childs, Ron Panicci, John Harris and Mike Barry
- 2.) Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2013 - Mike Barry made a motion to accept the March 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes as presented. Ron Panicci second the motion. Motion carried with one abstention by Pam Childs.
- 3.) Public Commentary - None
- 4.) Correspondence - Mike Barry received a response regarding the Complaint filed on March 4, 2013 which the Commission discussed and rendered an opinion.

Ron Panicci pointed out to the Commission that he is interpreting the face sheet of this new correspondence as stating the Commission will be alleging the violation. He does not feel this is the case and it is confusing. Further discussion ensued.

The Commission next reviewed each question posed to them individually and referred to the Brooklyn Code of Ethics for their response.

1. Should the Recreation Director by purchasing equipment from the chairman of the Recreation Commission?

Response:

John Harris made a motion to reply by stating that without more information about the procedure, the cost, the purpose of the equipment, we are unable to form an opinion other than it does not seem to be the correct process for this arrangement. Mike Barry second the motion. Roll Call vote - Mike Barry, Pam Childs, John Harris, Ron Cooper.

2. Should the Recreation Director be using the Town vehicle for programs he gets paid extra on top of his salary, it is part of his job and he uses Town vehicle or it is extra job and so he should not use Town vehicle?

Response:

Joe Cooper made a motion to stating: No he should not be using the Town vehicle for other jobs. John Harris second the motion.

Ron Panicci does not feel the question can be answered. Pam Childs feels the question is too vague.

John Harris made a motion to rescind the prior motion to answer Question 2. Ron Panicci second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. When running an extra activities program, should his compensation be set excessively high?

The Commissioner's agreed that compensation should not be set excessively high.

John Harris made a motion to approve/adopt his revised Board of Ethics reporting of alleged violations Complaint Form (revised 5/6/13). Motion second by Ron Panicci. Motion carried unanimously. See Attached.

The Commission will compose a letter to the Complainant stating their findings.

5.) Unfinished Business - None

6.) New or Other Business - The Commission next discussed their plan to review and revise the Brooklyn Code of Ethics .

They will review the Putnam Code of Ethics and discuss it at next month's meeting scheduled for June 3, 2013 @ 7:00 pm.

7.) Executive Session - No.

8.) Adjournment - Motion made by Ron Panicci to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Second by John Harris. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier