
Ethics Committee Meeting January 31, 2017 Minutes

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 7:00 PM

Location: Town of Geddes Town Hall Caucus Room

Councilor's in Attendance: Daniel Krawczyk (Chair), and Jim Jerome (Committee Member)

Audience: Two Ethics Board members and a few members of the public

- The meeting commenced at 7:08PM as the audience and Committee members were briefed by Town Attorney David Herkala in regard to existing Ethics Board complaints. His advice for the Ethics Board was to wait on a pending investigation to conclude prior to taking any action themselves regarding these complaints.

- We had no comments regarding the prior meeting minutes.

- Ethics Board Chairperson David Murphy was asked to address the Committee and audience present with the status of their existing complaints. David's response reflected that of Town Attorney David Herkala.

- Councilor Krawczyk addressed the audience and Committee members regarding the updated Ethics Code which he has pushed for. The change of Town Attorney's had caused delays in releasing the new code. It is anticipated that the new code will be adopted in March.

- Councilor Krawczyk updated everyone regarding the Ethics Committee website. It was explained that the website needed to reflect the newest appointed Ethics Board members as well as reflecting the newest edition of the Ethics Code.

- The 5th member of the Ethics Board which must be a Town employee is still at large at this point. The importance of filling this roll was expressed to everyone.

- No ethics policy form updates were requested at this time. It was discussed with the Town Attorney that we may want to update the Ethics Board's operating procedures. This would be put on a future agenda.

- No further committee member comments were made.

- The next meeting was not scheduled yet.

- The meeting adjourned.

Action Items:

- Find a Town employee willing to be on the Ethics Board. (Dan)
- Follow up on Ethics Code revision. (Dan)