

## **Ethics Board Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2022**

### **Town Board Meeting Room**

**Present: James Martorano, Chair, Mary Capoccia, Robert Giordano, Lawrence Kilian and Lynette Waterhouse**

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 5:56 PM

- 1) The minutes from the 2/9/2022 meeting were approved
- 2) Report by the chair on the legality of employees being subject to the Town Ethics Code. This discussion will continue.
- 3) The Board convened a closed session to discuss:
  - a. An advisory opinion requested by a town official
- 4) A motion was approved to return to open session. As a result of the closed session deliberations the Chair will send the response, (written in closed session) to the town official requesting an advisory opinion.
- 5) Sections 45-1 through 45-5 of the proposed 3/14/2020 draft of the ethics code were discussed paragraph by paragraph. All proposed changes were approved unanimously with the following exceptions:
  - a. Section 45-4 in the definition of "Town Official or Employee" the words, "and all former employees acting as independent consultants" were held for further discussion.
  - b. Section 45-5 B was agreed to by 4 of the 5 members
  - c. Section 45-5 H was held for further discussion pending review of how other towns handle the issue of party officials serving on approval boards. This task was assigned to LK.
  - d. Discussion of section 45-5 I Revolving door was tabled with the task of researching the issue given to JM.
  - e. Section 45-5 J(1) was approved but the need for a definition of "recusal" was suggested and the task of researching this given RG.
- 6) The next meeting was set for Wednesday April 13, at 6:00 PM in person at Town Hall.