

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS BOARD - TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

November 29, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Ethics Board was held in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Building on Tuesday November 29, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Chairperson Stevens followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Board members Blick, Kearstan, Rudnitzky (via Zoom), Stevens & Zelingher (via zoom) Attorney Kipnis (via zoom) and Secretary McCray.

The Secretary advised that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by an Annual Notice sent to The Home News Tribune and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on November 27, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Local Government Ethics Complaint (Complaint # 22-03, Complaint # 22-04, Complaint # 22-05 & Complaint # 22-06)

Complaint # 22-03 Attorney Kipnis reviewed the contents of this complaint. Mr. Kipnis explained this complaint was similar to previous withdrawn complaint with a little more detail. Mr. Kipnis stated he would draft a letter to complainant along with a letter to respondent. Mr. Zelingher felt the complaint had zero proof. Attorney explained proof is not needed to be attached to the complaint at this time. The board read through each listed allegation. The Attorney stated these complaints do allege a violation of Local government ethics law.

The board then went on to discuss complaint # 22-04 through complaint # 22-06. Attorney Kipnis said these complaints should be consolidated into a single complaint since all are against the same respondent. Mr. Kipnis then read over all three complaints.

Complaint #22-04 The Attorney explained this complaint to the board. Mr. Rudnitzkey questioned if this is done on a lunch break. The attorney answered if it is voluntary then they may not be a violation. The Attorney says the board would have to investigate and if no violation is found will have to be hashed out.

Complaint #22-05 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Complaint #22-06-1 Mr. Kipnis stated sexual abuse has to be investigated by law enforcement. Board will decline jurisdiction on anything to do with sexual abuse. The complaint states it has been reported to the attorney general.

Complaint #22-06-2 The attorney explained this section of the complaint but was confused on what the respondent was stating. Mrs. Stevens asked if the Council appoints the Council President. The board Secretary explained the process

Complaint #22-06-3 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Complaint #22-06-4 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Board Secretary stated a quick recap of the meeting. Confirming complaints # 04/05/06 will be consolidated and heard has one. But will still use the complaint numbers assigned.

Chairperson Stevens stated for the board secretary to submit OPRA request for documents pertaining to complaints.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Next meeting to be held was not scheduled at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Blick and seconded by Mr. Kearstan to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Deborah Stevens
Chairperson

Marlena McCray
Secretary