

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**320 Boulevard****Hasbrouck Heights, NJ****ETHICAL STANDARD MINUTES****January 26, 2022**

A Meeting of the Ethical Standards Board of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 26, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at 320 Boulevard.

The meeting is called to order and Secretary Laurie Varga stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, Adequate notice of this meeting has been made to all members of the Council on January 18, 2022 and transmitted to The Record and The Herald News on January 19, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

ROLL CALL: Present: Josephine Ciocia, Liz Nuzzo, Nicole Russo, Lori Cintron, Michelle Sery, Ralph Chandless, Laurie Varga

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Laurie Varga led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

Reorganization took place. A motion was made to name Liz Nuzzo, Chair of the Ethical Standards Board, by Lori Cintron, seconded by Josephine Ciocia and unanimously carried. Borough Attorney, Ralph Chandless, named Laurie Varga, Secretary of the Ethical Standards Board, all were in favor.

New Business:

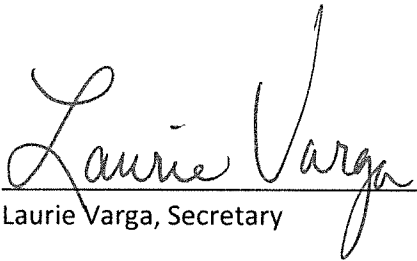
There are complaints the committee has to consider in the context of this particular Ordinance. We need to close and cannot go into any of the complaints because there is a problem with jurisdiction. In chapter 74, the first function the board is directed to undertake is to determine whether the board has jurisdiction over the complaint or if the complaint is frivolous or without any reasonable factual basis, which refers to the 8-9 ethical standards in this ordinance only. This board does not go beyond those 8-9 because it is a layman board.

Borough Attorney Chandless stated that he will write an opinion and have the Board sign it and release it to the two complainants.

Borough Attorney Chandless asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. A motion was made by Liz Nuzzo, seconded by Josephine Ciocia and unanimously carried.

Secretary Laurie Varga, asked the Borough Attorney if they would be taking public questions as was stated in the Agenda. Borough Attorney Chandless stated that they would not be taking public questions and they can be addressed at another hearing if necessary. The Board would not be going back into public session after private session. The Borough attorney said the board cannot make a judgement.

The public was asked to leave the meeting. An attendee stated that he could understand that there is a closed session but that after waiting months to have this meeting he feels that it is unfair for the public to not be able to ask questions. Borough Attorney Chandless said they could leave their email with Laurie Varga and they will be copied on the opinion that Mr. Chandless furnishes.



Laurie Varga, Secretary