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TOWN OF OYSTER BAY BOARD OF ETHICS

MEETING: February 20, 2019
Town Hall North
In Attendance: Alfred C. Constants III, Chairman
Margaret Eaton
Rabbi Rafi Rank
Steven G. Leventhal, Counsel
Lesley Lazarus, Secretary
Samantha Spadaro, Deputy Secretary

Public Session

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

- 1.) Approval of Minutes from the meeting of the October 4, 2018.

 The Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting.

 Minutes of the October 4, 2018 Public Session will be posted on the Town website.
- 2.) Financial Disclosure 2018 (Filing year 2017)
 - a. Compliance: 100% of Town of Oyster Bay Officers and Employees have filed Financial Disclosures. A total of 170 forms were filed.
 - b. Review: A report is now being prepared by Steven Leventhal.
- 3.) Financial Disclosure 2019 (Filing Year 2018)
 - a. Compliance: On February 15, 2019 a letter was sent to Department Heads and Commissioners requesting a list of staff members in Policy Making

positions who should be required to file Financial Disclosures. The deadline for filing Financial Disclosures will be May 15, 2019.

4.) Ethics Training

Training for Town employees will be repeated during the year 2019. Ethics Training is required for all Town staff members every two years.

5.) Website

Minutes from the Public Sessions of Board meetings continue to be posted on the Town website following approval by the Board. Steven Leventhal made a recommendation that the Board develop a set of frequently asked questions to be posted on the Website. A complete description of the powers and duties of the Board of Ethics would be another addition to the website.

6.) Annual Report

An Annual Report will be prepared by Steven Leventhal for presentation to the Town Board. A summary of this report will be presented to the Board of Ethics by Steve Leventhal.

7.) New York State Comptroller Audit

Under a state-wide program including 20 municipalities, a State audit is taking place currently. Interviews will be scheduled with the Chairman of the Board of Ethics.

8.) Public Comment

Resident Mr. Kevin McKenna spoke about the project concerning the building of a Marriott on property in Jericho.

Mr. McKenna raised a question of a possible conflict because of the fact that Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilman Lou Imbroto and Councilman Thomas Hand attended a meeting of the Jericho Chamber of Commerce which took place at the Milleridge Inn.

The second speaker was Mr. Jin Cao, Esq. who is the attorney for the Jericho Homeowners Association. Mr. Cao presented a letter to the Board of Ethics. Mr. Cao raised the question of the Supervisor and Councilmen attending a meeting of the Jericho Chamber of Commerce.

Of the residents who were in attendance, many made comments objecting to the construction of the Marriott. There were eight speakers who stated their objections.

Following the Public Comment, Steven Leventhal explained that the Board will consider the matter and all public comments, and will inform Mr. McKenna of its opinion in writing

9.) Schedule next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 in the Town Board Ante Room. The date will be posted on the Website under the Board of Ethics section. An additional meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2019 will be scheduled if needed.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 5:20 PM, for the purpose of discussing requests for Advisory Opinions.

Lesley Lazarus Town of Oyster Bay Board of Ethics Secretary