

CLOSTER BOARD OF ETHICS
295 Closter Dock Road
Closter, NJ 07624

Minutes

Meeting of April 29, 2008

The Meeting was called to order at 8:20 pm by Chairman Michael L. Prigoff. In attendance were Board Members: Michael L. Prigoff, Arthur B. Dolson, Mike Lewis, John McTigue and Joseph Yammarino. Absent was Steven B. Harz.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, notification of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, with notice published in the Press Journal, was given.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2008.

Financial Disclosure Forms

The Board reviewed the remaining FDS forms which had been submitted (including several submitted at the meeting), as well as those forms sent back for correction. Ninety-four (94) sets of forms were reviewed and found to be in order and will be submitted to the State as required by law. The Board decided to have the Borough Clerk submit the complete list to the State, including the names of the thirteen (13) individuals who did not timely file FDS forms despite three (3) notices from the Board.

Hickory Lane Investigation

Following the last meeting, the Board received copies of documents from Seth and Susan Schwinger, 7 Hickory Lane, who had appeared at the April 16th meeting. However, no written complaint specifying individual officers or specific ethical complaints had been received. The Chairman reported on a letter received from Jennifer Rothschild requesting information from the Board. After some review of the materials and discussion by the Board, the Board was concerned that ethical issues might be involved, particularly with respect to permitting and enforcement concerning properties on lower Hickory Lane. Accordingly, the Board resolved to (a) commence an investigation to determine whether a minimal factual basis exists for any violation of the Ethics Code; (b) authorize the Chairman to contact the Schwingers to determine if they wished to file a written ethics complaint; (c) authorize the Chairman to request that Keith Sager and Leonard Sinowitz attend the Board's next meeting, bring with them their entire files on 7 Hickory Lane and 32 Hickory Lane, and be interviewed by the Board so that the Board could get additional background information; and (d) authorize the Chairman to respond to Ms. Rothschild's letter.

New Matters

Chairman Prigoff reported that he had received third-hand inquiries regarding two potential ethics matters without identifying details. He suggested that if the inquirers wished the Board to consider the matters, they should submit a written request to the Board.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.