

CLOSTER BOARD OF ETHICS
Meeting Minutes - FINAL
June 23, 2011
Borough Hall

Attendees: John Hernandez Susan Semler
 Joseph Yammarino (by phone) Steve Roland

Absent: Tom Reinecke/David Hollender

By Invitation: Ed Rogan, Esq.

1. A special meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Susan Semler.
2. The meeting was posted in compliance with Open Public Meetings Act as published in the Press Journal and posted on Borough Hall Bulletin;
3. Meeting minutes of May 10, 2011 were approved following changes.
4. Meeting opened to public input and comment – with no public present, meeting moved to Executive Session.
5. Old Business
 - a) Attorney Overview - Ed Rogan provided clarification on Section 18.2 of the Borough's ordinances in regard to ethics complaints received for Board action. Once received the Board first needs to determine if jurisdiction applies then determine if there is a factual basis that supports the complaint. Ed also recommended that complaints that are lacking in specifics needed for the Board to offer a recommendation should be returned with a request for clarification and that all pending complaints should be held in confidence until the hearing is concluded. The Board requested that a copy of the most current copy of the applicable Board of Ethics be provided to all Board members.
 - b) Pending complaint (please note – to maintain confidentiality names have been withheld from the meeting minutes) The Board then reviewed the individual complaints against Borough officials of the pending complaint as follows:
 - M.P. - The Board reviewed Section 18-2 (a) thru (n) related to allegation of possible administrative errors within the complaint and unanimously found allegation is without any reasonable factual basis for an ethical complaint.
 - D.W. - The Board reviewed Section 18-2 (a) thru (n) related to allegation of possible administrative errors within the complaint

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- J.B. - The Board reviewed Section 18-2 (a) thru (n) related to allegation of possible conflict of interest within the complaint and unanimously found allegation is without any reasonable factual basis for an ethical complaint.
- S.H. - The Board reviewed Section 18-2 (a) thru (n) related to allegation of misconduct within the complaint and unanimously found allegation outside Board of Ethic's jurisdiction and being addressed within another jurisdiction.
- D.B. - The Board reviewed Section 18-2 (a) thru (n) related to allegation of misconduct within the complaint and unanimously found allegation is without any reasonable factual basis for an ethical complaint.

The Board will advise the complainant and each of the Borough officials listed within the complaint via separate letters of the Board's decision.

6. New Business – no new business was brought before the Board.

7. The meeting adjourned at 9.45PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 11, 2011 @ 8.30 PM. A standard meeting night and time will be set at the next meeting for all future meetings.

Respectfully Submitted;

Steven J. Roland
Board Secretary