

CLOSTER BOARD OF ETHICS
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2014
Borough Hall

Attendees: David Hollender, Steve Roland, Susan Semler, Joseph Yammarino

Absent: Ben Pinczewski, John Hernandez

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:34 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Yammarino.
 2. Meeting was posted in compliance with Open Public Meetings Act as published in the Press Journal and posted on Borough Hall Bulletin Board.
 3. Minutes from the February 14, 2013 were approved without change.
 4. The meeting was opened to the public and Mr. David Van Houton (45 Dana Place) joined the meeting to discuss several issues including:
 - No meeting minutes are posted on the Borough website for 2012 and 2013; the procedure for posting to the Closter web site was reviewed; Joe Yammarino to follow-up with Kevin Whitney and get past minutes posted.
 - An issue with 120 High Street was brought before the Board;
 1. In 1992 the procedure for zoning as a two family house was not properly followed;
 2. The zoning of this home is again in front of the Zoning Board; during a meeting it was mentioned that if the Borough reverses this decision, the homeowner will possibly bring legal action causing an expense to the Borough;
 3. Mr. Van Houten asked if the Zoning board is considering possible cost to the Borough as a criterion in their decision, is that an ethical conflict?
- Joe reviewed the Board of Ethics process for filing a complaint and offered to forward the form to file; it was also mentioned that the Borough has adopted Code of Ethics which should be reviewed to determine if there is a basis of ethical conflict.
5. Old Business –
 - Financial Disclosure Form – moving to electronic submission; the form to be submitted to the Borough then scanned and distributed; so far there has been no direction to Borough employees on this new process;
 - Joe to verify new process with Loretta.

6. New Business - none
7. Meeting adjourned at 9.25PM
8. Next Meeting Thursday April 11, 2013 at 8.30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Steven Roland
Board Secretary