

Ethics Board
Village of Mamaroneck
Minutes of the Meeting
October 24, 2023
Regatta Conference Room

In attendance: Daniel Karson, Maria DeRose, Susan Berenzweig, Lauren Perone-Jones

Absent: Chari Topol-Allison

Present: Robert Spolzino, Counsel to the Ethics Board

Also Present: Nathan David, stenographer

Members of Public Present at Public Session only: Suzanne McCrory, John Hofstetter, Stuart Tiekert

A motion to call the meeting to order was made by Mr. Karson and seconded by Dr. Berenzweig at 4:31 PM. The motion was approved.

Upon motion by Ms. DeRose and seconded by Dr. Berenzweig, the minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Dr. Berenzweig and seconded by Ms. DeRose, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session at 5:00 PM to conduct an interview regarding a formal complaint. Following this motion, Suzanne McCrory requested that the board identify the particulars of the reason for Executive Session. She presented material to support her position for requesting this explicit information, citing section 105 of the Open Meeting Law. Robert Spolzino, Village Attorney and counsel to the Ethics Board, stated that the requested particularity was not necessary according to the law. Ms. Perone-Jones cited an Advisory Opinion from Sept 7, 2004 that supported the position that the board is not obliged to disclose the identities of persons invited to Executive Session. Following this discussion and on advice of counsel, the Ethics Board convened the Executive Session.

Upon motion by Dr. Berenzweig and seconded by Mr. Karson, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in public session at 6:30 PM.

The request for a budget line for the Ethics Board will be followed up with the Board of Trustees. Final approval of the revised Ethics Code is also expected to be on the agenda for the Trustees in the near future.

The details of the time and date for the next meeting on October 30 were discussed. A date for the November meeting of the board will be determined when calendars are coordinated.

Upon motion by Ms. DeRose and seconded by Ms. Perone-Jones the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.