

Ethics Board
Village of Mamaroneck
Minutes of the Meeting
January 10, 2024
Regatta Conference Room

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

Also Present: Nathan David, stenographer

Members of Public Present at Public Session only: Suzanne McCrory, Robert Stark, Stuart Tiekert

A motion to call the meeting to order was made by Ms. Berenzweig and seconded by Ms. Perone Jones at 4:32 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Ms. Allison and seconded by Ms. Perone Jones, the minutes from the December 20, 2023 meeting were approved with Ms. DeRose abstaining.

Regarding an email from Suzanne McCrory sent to the VOM Board of Trustees and the Ethics Board on January 3, 2024, Mr. Karson will inquire of the Board of Trustees if they will be addressing the issue. It was noted that the letter was not in the form of a sworn complaint, or a matter that would fall under the provision relating to Advisory Opinions.

Upon motion by Ms. DeRose and seconded by Dr. Berenzweig, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the amended language in the proposed revised Code of Ethics sent to the Board on January 5, 2024 by Robert Spolzino, Counsel to the VOM.

Upon motion by Dr. Berenzweig and seconded by Ms. Allison, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session at 5:00 PM pursuant to section 105 D and F of the Open Meetings Law and 21-4 (E) of the VOM Code of Ethics, to discuss an issue of employment, and an issue involving a confidential Advisory Opinion. The Chair misstated the reason for the latter issue as litigation.

The Board discussed Advisory Opinion 2023-003, which had been requested, in confidence. The Board considered whether the opinion should be published, pursuant to Code of Ethics section 21-16 B, in order to “provide guidance to other Village of Mamaroneck officers, Board members or employees...” Upon a motion made by Dr. Berenzweig and seconded by Mr. Karson, the Board voted unanimously not to publish the opinion.

Upon motion by Ms. Perone Jones and seconded by Dr. Berenzweig, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in public session at 6:33 PM.

Upon motion by Dr. Berenzweig and seconded by Mr. Karson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.