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BORAD OF ETHICS

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING - DECEMBER 10, 2009

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The December 10, 2009 Special Meeting of the Board of Ethics was called to order by Chairman David Herrmann at 7:00 PM. Members in attendance: Chairman David Herrmann, Thomas Davenport, Fred Nowsh, Christy Vale, Linda Gessay and Gordon Gibson. Also in attendance for the Public Session was Diane Wheelock, Recording Secretary. Thomas Davenport seconded by Gordon Gibson approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2009 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Chairman Herrmann asked for comments regarding the Advisory Opinion issued for the December 3, 2009 meeting. Thomas Davenport seconded by Gordon Gibson moved to accept the draft advisory opinion as presented. The Board requested that the opinion be put on letterhead and forwarded to Mr. Didio and Mayor McCoy.

New Business: A new complaint and addendum submitted by Timothy Morrissey was reviewed and discussed. A motion to deny Mr. Morrissey's addendum was made by David Herrmann and seconded by Thomas Davenport. Those presented voted in the affirmative with one abstention Ms. Vale. The motion carried.

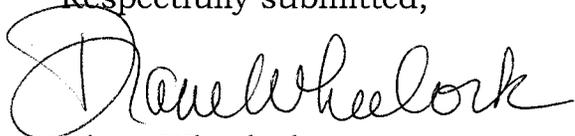
Requested to be on the public record were two comments made by members Vale and Gibson. Mr. Gibson: It should be noted for the record that although he was not mentioned in the addendum he too was a member of the Republican Town Committee and did make a contribution to Mayor McCoy's campaign. Ms. Vale stated that she was confident in her ability to be fair and unbiased regarding her decisions as a Board member. She further stated that she has taken the oath of office eight times for Board of Education, Justice of the Peace and Town Council and can discharge her duties in a far and equitable manner.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Christy Vale seconded by Gordon Gibson to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Ethics returned from Executive Session at 7:40 PM with the following motion. Fred Newsch seconded by Thomas Davenport moved that the Board find that they had jurisdiction for the Morrissey complaint. The motion carried unanimously. Two meeting dates were tentatively agreed to pending notification of those involved. December 16 and December 17, 2009.

The meeting adjourned by motion of Christy Vale seconded by Gordon Gibson at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Wheelock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Diane Wheelock
Recording Secretary