



CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2017

Commission Members Present: Phillip Kete, Chair
Ingrid Lamb
Michael Linsenbigler

Staff Members Present: Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk
Karen Ruff, Board Counsel

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall at 8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach, MD. Those listed as present participated in all portions of the meeting unless otherwise noted. If other individuals participated in aspects of the meeting, they will be identified in the specific line item where their participation occurred.

ITEM 1: Presentation of training by Mr. Michael Lord, Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission.

Discussion: Mr. Michael Lord, Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission, was present and presented a power point to the Commission. Mr. Lord started the training by providing some background. In 1978 the Federal Ethics in Government Act was enacted following the Nixon Watergate scandal. In 1979 the Maryland Public Ethics Law was enacted and in 1981 the Commission adopted model ordinances for local governments. Mr. Lord explained the purpose of the Law and the duties of the local ethics commission in administration, enforcement actions, advice matters and reviewing financial disclosure statements.

Mr. Lord covered the conflicts of interest and financial disclosure provisions. Mr. Lord answered questions and concerns of the Commission. Mr. Lord stated that the State Ethics Commission will meet again November 2nd and would be reviewing the Town's ethics ordinance that had been previously submitted.

Decision: The Commission asked Mr. Lord if he could send sample financial disclosure forms to the Commission. The secretary will make copies of all the material that was provided by Mr. Lord and distribute to the members for further study.

Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the September 25, 2017 Ethics Commission meeting

Discussion: The draft minutes of the September 25, 2017 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the September 25, 2017 Ethics Commission minutes as presented.

ITEM 3: Public comment on agenda items, including suggestions of additional items for consideration.

Discussion: Chairman Kete called for public comment on any agenda item.

Decision: There was no public comment received.

ITEM 4: Discussion of adopting a standard meeting schedule

Discussion: The Commission discussed adopting a standard meeting schedule.

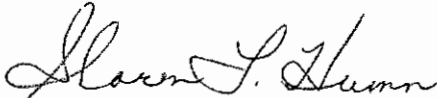
Decision: The Commission unanimously agreed to delay adopting a meeting schedule until after the first of the year. The next meeting will be scheduled for November 30, 2017.

ITEM 5: Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.

Discussion: There was no comment from the public. The Commission thanked Mrs. Ruff for arranging the training with the State Ethics Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk