



**MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING
November 10, 2020**

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

Staff Members Present: Fred Sussman, Commission Counsel
Sharon L. Humm, Commission Clerk

The virtual meeting convened at 1:08 p.m. 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: Approval of the minutes of the September 29, 2020 Ethics Commission Meeting.

Discussion: The draft minutes of the September 29, 2020 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the September 29, 2020 Ethics Commission meeting minutes as presented.

Item 2: Consider request for advisory opinion regarding possible service of a town council member on the board of directors of the Volunteer Fire Department serving the Town.

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated Councilman Jaworski has requested an advisory opinion of the Commission in regards to serving on the Board of Directors of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, of which he is an active member, while holding the office of a Councilman.

Councilman Jaworski was present to address the Commission's questions. Mr. Jaworski stated that the Town does give a grant of \$50,000 to the fire department which he votes on annually during the budget cycle.

Decision: The Commission unanimously agreed to write an advisory opinion that under the current ordinance there is no requirement that he resign his elected position with the Town in order to take the board of directors' position, and which clarifies the recusal obligation if Mr. Jaworski chooses to take the fire department position.

The Commission will consider at its next meeting recommending an amendment to the ordinance to provide a way for someone in this position to recuse himself or herself regarding specific budget items while still being able to fully participate and vote on the rest of the budget.

Item 3: Discuss areas of potential improvement in disclosure forms.

Discussion: Chairman Kete suggested sending out an email to all of the election candidates in regards to the disclosure forms requesting comments as to how they could be improved to make them easier and clearer to fill out. The Commission will discuss comments received at their next meeting along with Councilman Morris's previous suggestion that the Commission's role should extend to more than just excepting disclosures as complete.

Item 4: Discuss areas of potential improvement in Rules of Procedure.

Discussion: Chairman Kete asked the Commission to review the Rules of Procedure and note any potential improvements and discuss at its next meeting.

Item 5: Discuss areas of potential improvement in the Ethics Ordinance.

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated he had some recommendations that he would share with the Commission for review and discussion at its next meeting and encouraged the Commission to do the same.

Item 6: Schedule next Meeting. The Commission will meet again on November 17, 2020 at 1 pm.

Item 7: Comments by Commissioners and members of the public. None

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Submitted by:



Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk