



**MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
July 30, 2019**

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

Staff Members Present: Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk
Frederick Sussman, Counsel

The meeting convened at 1:00 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: Approval of the minutes of the June 28, 2019 Ethics Commission meeting.

Discussion: The draft minutes of the June 28, 2019 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the June 28, 2019 minutes.

Item 2: Public comments on agenda items, including suggestions of additional items for consideration. None received.

Item 3: Discussion of pending request for advisory opinion.

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated this request for an advisory opinion was submitted by Councilman Morris in regards to an elected official being contracted to perform a service which would be paid by the Town creating a possible conflict of interest. Holly Wahl, Town Administrator, and Dale Clark, Town Treasurer were present to address the Commission's questions on the Town's process as it relates to approval of budgeted items, specifically town events. Mrs. Wahl elaborated on the details of the event in question that was the subject of the advisory opinion.

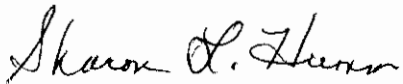
Decision: Chairman Kete stated that the current ethics ordinance does not prohibit the Town from contracting an elected official to perform a paid service. The consensus of the Commission is to draft an amendment addressing this issue with the intent to bar such activity and discuss at their next meeting.

Item 8: Comments by Commissioners and members of the public. None

Item 9: Scheduling of next meeting. The Commission will meet again on August 27, 2019 at 6 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p. m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L. Humm".

Sharon L. Humm,
Town Clerk