



ADA TOWNSHIP ETHICS BOARD

Minutes

January 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

In attendance were Carol Seacord, Mary Oele, Keith Wolverton, Brian Schiffelbein, and Julie Smith (arrived at 6:50).

AGENDA: The agenda was amended to include the confirmation of the 2014-2015 meeting dates. (4/14, 7/14, 10/14/2014, and 1/13/2015). Keith made a motion and Brian seconded. Motion passed. The second amendment to the agenda was the need for the Board to have a Vice Chair. Brian made the motion and Julie seconded. Motion passed to add this to the New Business as well.

MINUTES: Minutes from the July 15, 2013 meeting were approved. Please note that due to no quorum in October the Ethics Board did not meet. Keith made the motion and Brian seconded. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS: (Old and new combined) Julie Smith was officially introduced to the Board after being interviewed and appointed by George Haga to a 3 year term (1/14 – 1/17). Julie introduced herself and discussed her wealth of experiences in banking and her service on other boards, not to mention opening a new business in downtown Ada last November. She will bring value to the already diverse Board. Julie was also given the history of the Ethics Board and its purpose to date, along with going over the newly revised Standards of Conduct.

Brian S. and Mary O. were reappointed by George Haga to a new 3 year terms, (10/13 – 10/16).

Motion was made to appoint a vice-chair in case of the chair's absence. Brian made the motion to appoint Keith, seconded by Julie. Discussion ensues and Keith accepts the nomination. Motion passed.

The Township Board had no issues with approving the newly revised Standards of Conduct in August of 2013. Brian and Carol were present to answer questions. The Ethics Board would like to put in place this document and practice the process with the option of making changes when appropriate and necessary.

Due to Carol's absence for the April meeting the mock complaint process will occur in the July meeting. Keith will chair the April meeting in Carol's absence. Carol agrees to get the agenda to Keith by April 7th.

The Ethics Board would like to request that this statement be added to the Township Board's agenda: "The Ethics Board met and there were no complaints". Keith made the motion, Brian seconded. The motion passed. Carol agreed to share this with George.

No public comment.

The next board meeting is April 14, 2014 @ 6:30.

Motion to adjourn, 7:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Oele

Susan Burton, Ada Township Clerk

4-30-2014

Date