

**ADA TOWNSHIP ETHICS BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jon Sarb at 6:22pm.

Members present: Supervisor Haga (left at 6:59pm), Clerk Burton, Treasurer Rhoades, Mary Oele, and Chair Jon Sarb.

Absent: Keith Wolverton, Brian Schiffler and Carol Seacord (arrived at 6:44pm)

Others present: Jeff Ammon, Miller Johnson Snell & Cumiskey Law Firm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on the “**Standards of Conduct**” by Attorney Jeff Ammon, from a legal perspective. Points of interest included Section 2B (1) “has violated or is perceived to have violated section 2A”. It was stated by Mr. Ammon that the term “perceived” would not be enforceable. He also indicated he would like to review the entire document for legal inconsistencies, and to tighten the language and organization. He would forward his version to the Township.

The authority of closed sessions was also discussed, as well as the probability of a new Resolution for the Ethics Board that will be approved by the Board of Trustees, to more formally establish the Board of Ethics. After the Ethics Board has written its final version of the “**Standards of Conduct**”, any future changes will be made by an amendment to the Resolution.

Chair Jon Sarb discussed the need for applying language to complaint forms, that information they contain is not confidential and is available to the public.

Co Chair Carol Seacord arrived (6:44 pm) allowing for a quorum and the following business was conducted:

Agenda and minutes from the November 10th, 2009 meeting were approved.

Additional New Business: Meeting dates for the rest of 2010, and part of 2011 were established. Motion by Seacord, support by Oele to put the following dates for Ethics Board meetings on the calendar: April 19, 2010; July 19, 2010; October 18, 2010; January 17, 2011. Approved.

It was reviewed that ethics complaints have to be received by the Clerk’s Office by noon on the first Monday of each month.

No public comment.

Chair Sarb adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

RS/sb

