

**ETHICS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Perrotti
Barbara Berkovich
Marcia Swan Doran
Lisa Bull

Vice Chairman Perrotti called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Mr. Perrotti welcomed Ms. Bull to the Commission. He also thanked former Chairman Satti, Jr. for all hard work and his help in the transition of the paperwork and his help with the agenda. He stated he would be indebted to him for some time.

Acceptance of Minutes of the December 21, 2006 meeting

Mrs. Berkovich and Mrs. Doran moved to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried with one abstention (Bull).

Election of Officers

Mrs. Doran and Mrs. Berkovich moved to nominate Mr. Perrotti as Chairman. Being no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Berkovich and Ms. Bull moved to nominated Mrs. Doran as Vice Chairman.

Mrs. Berkovich commented that Mrs. Doran by her hard work and actions has demonstrated her capabilities to take this position.

Being no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

(a) Education: Mrs. Doran explained she had not done anything at this point because they were waiting for the new members to come on board. She gave an overview for the new member that they had been in the process of putting together a training session to be held in the evening. A brief discussion ensued regarding education and the costs of such a training session as well as working within the budget.

Ms. Bull suggested she could call George Miller at Post to see if he could recommend anyone.

Mrs. Berkovich asked if Marchis were able to find out the cost of the speaker they heard at the Stratford training session.

Chairman Perrotti suggested a notice be sent to all employees regarding the Ethics Code.

Mrs. Berkovich spoke of the monies that were used for the hearing. She commented it is difficult to fulfill the education piece without funding and stated she felt funds should be available so they can proceed.

Mrs. Doran explained they were looking for an evening to run from 7:00 p.m. until about 9:00 p.m. A brief discussion ensued regarding the format of the meeting.

Chairman Perrotti explained part of the function of this Commission is to provide education. He stated it has been some time since they have done anything.

Ms. Bull spoke of scenarios and highlighting one particular issue.

Mrs. Berkovich suggested getting excerpts from the state.

Chairman Perrotti suggested Ms. Bull work with Mrs. Doran to brainstorm with some ideas for the next meeting.

Mrs. Doran stated they would discuss the content of the issue. Discussion ensued as to possible topics.

(b) Revisions of Ethics Code: Chairman Perrotti stated he did not have any information on revisions and that he had not heard of any from the Ordinance Committee.

Mrs. Berkovich commented if they were to educate on the code they should leave out an interpretation.

Chairman Perrotti stated they would seek counsel review from the City Attorney.

The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be February 15, 2007 at 6:15 p.m.

Being no further business to discuss Mrs. Doran and Mrs. Berkovich moved to adjourn.

The Commission adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Commission Secretary