

**ETHICS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Robert Satti, Jr.
James Perrotti
Barbara Berkovich
Marcia Swan Doran
Karen Yardley

Chairman Satti, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

1. Acceptance of Minutes

Mrs. Doran and Mrs. Yardley moved to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2006 meeting with the following corrections:

The correct spelling of “*Korenowski*”

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion Re: Legal Bill

Chairman Satti, Jr. reported he received the legal bill from Pullman & Comley, LLC (Attorney LaVelle) in the amount of \$3,400. He reported he also received the bill from Mr. Lofthouse’s counsel. He explained the Ordinance indicates reasonable bill to be submitted for Mr. Lofthouse.

Mrs. Doran commented she was not familiar with legal bills however the bill submitted for Mr. Lofthouse seemed like a lot of hours.

Mr. Perrotti commented Mr. LaVelle’s bill 5 hours attendance for the Contested Case and in reviewing Mr. Lynch’s bill it was 8 hours for the same hearing.

Mrs. Berkovich noted it indicated preparation and that Mr. LaVelle’s bill was preparation time and the meeting.

Mr. Perroitti added Mr. Lynch’s bill was also for review of the Commission’s response and office meeting. He asked if they were expected to pay for his press conference.

Chairman Satti, Jr. suggested they refer the bill to the Office of the City Attorney to determine if it is fair and that they could elect to take this step if they wish to.

Mr. Perrotti commented there should be some review of the bill before spending the taxpayer’s money.

Mrs. Berkovich asked if there was any documentation that this is how it will be done or if this was the first time.

Chairman Satti, Jr. commented the bill is five times hiring than the bill for the City. He explained the Ordinance indicates a reasonable bill is paid.

Mrs. Berkovich stated they needed to find out where they stand and if any thoughts have been given on that.

Chairman Satti, Jr. stated the questions is whether the bill submitted is to be paid or forward it to the City Attorney to determine if the bill is reasonable.

Mrs. Yardley stated she would be in favor of sending the bill to the City Attorney for review.

Mr. Perrotti and Mrs. Yardley made and seconded a motion to forward the bill submitted for Mr. Lofthouse to the City Attorney for review. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business - Education

Chairman Satti, Jr. reported the conference they have been invited to in November falls on the same night as this Commission's meeting night and asked for input from the Commission members.

Mrs. Berkovich asked if they would still have to meet next month and if it would be on another date.

Mrs. Doran also noted regarding training when she was checking available dates that particular date next month was one of them. She stated she has corresponded with Maria Korenowski via e-mail but she has not heard back from her. Mrs. Doran reported she gave her three dates but has heard nothing.

Chairman Satti, Jr. stated it did not appear they would be able to do something next month.

Mrs. Berkovich stated she would like the opportunity to hear from another community stating it could be informative.

Chairman Satti, Jr. stated she next step would be to decide if this Commission wished to go to this conference and have the meeting on another available date. A brief discussion ensued.

Mrs. Yardley suggested December may not be a good month for a training session and suggested they go to the next month.

Mrs. Doran presented a list that included approximately 97 people.

Chairman Satti, Jr. stated it would be a good guideline to start with.

Mrs. Doran asked if they would be inviting Vice Chairs and Assistant Chiefs.

Chairman Satti, Jr. replied it would depend on the topic.

Mrs. Berkovich asked if it should be all elected officials.

Chairman Satti, Jr. replied yes.

Mrs. Doran asked if there were other Boards that should be invited.

Discussion – RE: Revisions to the Ethics Code

Chairman Satti, Jr. reported he received no further correspondence from the Ordinance Committee. He also spoke of the issue of an alternate or alternates. He also stated he did not see anything else that stood out. Chairman Satti, Jr. stated since the Commission would be attending the conference in Stratford on November 16, 2006 that this Commission would have their next meeting December 21, 2006 at 6:15 p.m.

Being no further business to discuss the Commission adjourned at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K.Huber
Commission Secretary