

**Town of Corning [TOC] Ethics Board
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018**

Chair Hope Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Roll Call:, Hope Johnson, Dodie Clayberger, Dave Shafer, all present, Dave Boyd & Mike Morrongiello, absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Minutes for the August 22 and September 11 meetings were reviewed and minor edits made to the Sep 11 minutes. Dave S made the motion to accept the minutes with changes, Dodie seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

TOC Code of Ethics Law Changes

Dave S gave an update from the Town Council meeting that the Ethics Law changes were tabled due to concern that Section 18a does not follow NYS General Municipal Law due to the recommendation that no member of the Town Council should be a voting member, only a non-voting liaison. Hope agreed to research the this to determine if this was in fact law since other municipalities do not follow this.

2018 Disclosures

Update was tabled due to Mike M not being at meeting.

Ethics Complaints

As part of the investigation into the Lott and Senkiw complaints, Dodie brought the planning board tapes from 5 meetings to the September Ethics meeting. Hope did post these to a server and provided a link but the link was not working and no one was able to listen. It was agreed that before we can make any recommendations, we need to listen to the tapes.

Chuck Coons, TOC Code Enforcement Officer asked what the Ethics Board was investigating and if it was concerning his official responsibilities, why weren't we including him in the investigation. We assured him that we felt that we needed to listen to the tapes first to see if we should move forward, and then we would include him.

Discussion ensued about the complaints, which included the appearance of impropriety by the Planning Board and their alleged intimidation tactics and unfair treatment to some residents while showing favoritism to others.

In regards to the unlicensed vehicles complaint by the Senkiws, Dodie did check the code enforcement log for citations and Chuck assured the board that the vehicles in question are now registered.

Misc: Hope agreed to get the Ethics Guidelines & Procedures, along with the 2018 minutes to Jen to be posted on the website.

Next Meeting

Next meeting date set for November 6th at 6:00 pm at the TOC offices in one of the side rooms due to it being Election Day.

Motion to adjourn by Dodie, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Johnson
Chair, TOC Ethics Board