

# Chautauqua County Ethics Board

## Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 25, 2016

LOCATION: Minority Caucus Room, Room 311, Gerace Office Building, 3 North Erie St.,  
Mayville, NY 14757

TIME: 11:30 AM to 12:46 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rose Sebouhian, Susan Dilks, Mary Kay Szwejbka

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Lloyd, Deb Kathman

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristen Wright, County Law Department

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: Proper public notification of this meeting was confirmed. In preparation for the July 25 meeting, media contacts were e-mailed and the meeting notice and agenda were posted on the Ethics Board's webpage on July 21, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Rose Sebouhian at 11:30 AM.

The minutes from the June 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed. An amendment to the minutes was discussed. A motion to table the amended minutes until the August 17, 2016 meeting was made by Susan Dilks, seconded by Rose Sebouhian. The motion passed with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: The board reviewed a question received regarding a county employee winning a raffle drawing; would this be considered a gift under the Code of Ethics guidelines? After reviewing the circumstances of the event at which the drawing took place, it was determined that the event was open to the public, attended by several hundred people, many of whom were not county employees, and that all present had an equal chance of randomly having their name drawn as the winning ticket. Motion by Rose that in this instance the acceptance of the raffle prize did not constitute the acceptance of a gift, seconded by Susan Dilks. The motion passed with all in favor. This question will be added to the FAQ list for county employees.

The board recently received a complaint, which was assigned Case Number #2016.01. A letter to the complainant confirming receipt of the complaint was drafted and approved. A motion to send the acknowledgement letter was made by Rose, seconded by Susan. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: made by Rose, seconded by Susan. The meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Szwejbka

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016 IN THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 341, GERACE OFFICE BUILDING, 3 NORTH ERIE STREET, MAYVILLE, NY 14757

Future Meetings: September 21, 2016 at 4:00 PM - Mayville