

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
ETHICS BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2007**

**Flag Salute**

**SUNSHINE LAW:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this Ethics Board meeting of the Borough of Dumont having been sent to the Record, the News Leader and posted on the Borough website and in Borough Hall.

Mayor McHale introduced the attorney, Eric Bernstein and the Borough Clerk Susan Connelly.

**OATH OF OFFICE** administered by Eric Bernstein, Esq. to Christian Baguer, James Farrell, Adriann Greenspan, Victoria Sidrow, Joanne Westphal

**ROLL CALL:** Christian Baguer, James Farrell, Adriann Greenspan, Victoria Sidrow, Joanne Westphal-present  
Thomas Regan-absent

Mayor McHale welcomed the members of the board. The members were selected by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. The selection was based on the feeling that each of them has the ability to reason, to be impartial, to balance issues, and have good reputations. This is an extremely important Board because it is charged with promulgating a code not just for the present but for the future, also. The Board will be establishing ethical standards affecting the Borough's Commissions, employees, volunteers, Zoning Board, Planning Board, etc.

Councilman Manna thanked the new members for serving on the Ethics Board. This Board will be the sense of reason in dealing with ethics and behavior. Despite the setbacks the Governing Body has had in establishing this Board, they still moved forward to establish it.

**Organization:**

Motion by Ms. Greenspan to nominate Ms. Westphal as Chairperson of the Board.

Second: Mr. Baguer

There were no other nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Ms. Sidrow

Second: Mr. Baguer

All in favor.

Mr. Bernstein requested acclamation from the Board.

Ms. Sidrow responded in the affirmative.

All in favor.

Motion to nominate Vicky Sidrow as Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Baguer  
Second: Ms. Greenspan  
Ms. Sidrow declined due to her work schedule.

Motion to nominate Mr. Baguer as Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Farrell  
Second: Ms. Sidrow  
There were no other nominations.  
Motion to close nominations: Ms. Sidrow  
Second: Mr. Farrell  
All in favor.  
Mr. Bernstein requested acclamation from the Board.  
Ms. Sidrow responded in the affirmative.  
All in favor.

Mr. Bernstein reviewed the terms of each member of the Ethics Board which began 1/1/07:

Victoria Sidrow: 5 year term  
Joanne Westphal: 5 year term  
Christian Baguer: 4 year term  
James Farrell: 3 year term  
Adrian Greenpan: 3 year term  
Thomas Regan: 3 year term

Mr. Bernstein stated that there are two items of import to the Board at this point. One is the creation of the bylaws by which the Board is governed. He could submit a draft and the Board could review it as a whole or they could have a subcommittee review the draft and make suggestions which are presented to the Board.

Mr. Farrell offered sample ethics laws which he had acquired from other towns. Mr. Bernstein will acquire those from other towns and distribute to the members of the Board. It was decided that the whole board would review the draft together as opposed to having a subcommittee go through it first.

Mr. Bernstein suggested that the next meeting should be designated and then the Borough Clerk can advertise the meeting notice. August 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM was decided upon tentatively. There might be a conflict with the meeting venue which will be checked.

Motion to set the date for August 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM: Ms. Greenspan  
Second: Ms. Sidrow  
All in favor.

Motion to authorize the Chair to set an alternate date in the event of a conflict: Mr. Baguer  
Second: Ms. Greenspan  
All in favor.

Mr. Bernstein will provide copies of the State Statute to the Board. He reminded everyone that they are covered by the Open Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act.

Ms. Westphal asked for a motion to adjourn: Mr. Farrell  
Second: Ms. Sidrow  
All in favor.  
Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Connelly  
Borough Clerk  
Ethics Board Secretary