

MACOMB TOWNSHIP ADVISORY ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING

WHERE: MACOMB TOWNSHIP TOWNHALL BOARD ROOM

54111 BROUGHTON MACOMB MI 48042

WHEN: MARCH 6, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: STEVEN FERRARI
JAMES GELIOS
RICHARD MEIERLE
ROBERT MONTILLA
RICHARD PAUL
TOM SOKOL

ABSENT: None

Meeting was started at 7:00 p.m. with discussion on the procedures to be followed for this ad-hoc advisory committee. Discussion among members decided a different facilitator would be appointed each meeting to run the meeting and rotated to all members.

First item addressed was if there is a need for an ethics ordinance for the township? All members stated there was.

The rough draft of the existing Macomb County Ethics ordinance and related information was given to all members to review. This is the same info given to the Board of Trustees on Feb. 14th this year. I advised all members I would send them the electronic versions as well for editing or making suggestions with. All members agreed to use the draft packet previously give to Board of Trustees as a starting point for the framework for the ethics ordinance for the township.

Discussion concerning the enforcement of the ordinance, be it fines or penalties and the procedures to enforce it. Discussion on researching state law concerning this.

Member Montilla stated he would research state laws and see what is allowed. Member Sokol stated he would research attendance requirements to see if that would be considered an ethics violation and any related penalties.

Discussion on if this would affect the employees. It was determined that the collective bargaining agreements would supersede this; this is only for elected officials and appointees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Tom Champion addressed the committee making several suggestions for providing guidelines and that this is for civil issues, not criminal offenses. Criminal complaints would be forwarded to the sheriff department for any further action.

Mr. Frank Cusumano also addressed the committee over several legal issues that must be researched, what must be negotiated with the labor unions and the township. He also stated Macomb Township is a general law township and not a charter law township.

Member Gelios and Member Maierle stated they would research the legalities of general law townships and if they are subject to this ordinance through state law.

Discussion on the completion of a final ethics ordinance to be presented to the Board of Trustees, with a suggested date for December 15, 2018.

The next meeting will be scheduled for March 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Gelios". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

James Gelios, Recording Secretary