

Minutes of September 10, 2019 Public Hearing regarding the revised Ethics Law/Local Law 3 of 2019, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, New York, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Moore
Councilwoman DuFresne
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Sullivan

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beaury opened the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor Beaury announced this was the second public hearing for the Ethics Law/Local Law 3 of 2019. Supervisor Beaury said the Town Board received a letter from Carole Neville in opposition to the Ethics Law, which will be on file.

Supervisor Beaury said there will be a 3-minute limit to public comments.
Supervisor Beaury then opened the floor to public comments.

Jaia Orient wanted to thank all for their efforts in creating this law and thanked them for the changes made in the third revision. Jaia still finds clause 9B to be problematic and she is concerned about the last sentence which she feels is too vague and prone to arbitrary enforcement. Jaia is asking the Town Board to remove clause 9B or at least the last sentence.

Joe Guida said his point is that the Ethics Board is appointed by the Town Board and feels there is a conflict of interest when being charged with a complaint. Joe also said that bipartisan and neutrality should be a part of every board member that is appointed.

Supervisor Beaury asked three times whether anyone else would like to comment, with no response from the public he closed the public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,