

Minutes
St. Lawrence County Board of Ethics
VIA ZOOM
March 11, 2021 at 3:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 pm.

Role Call

Members Present via Zoom

☒ David Hornung,
☒ Rick Newvine,
☒ Galen Pletcher
☒ Rob Larrabee
☒ Cheryl Shatraw

Staff via Zoom

☒ Stephen D. Button, Esq.
☒ Clerk: Michele A. Zera.

Approval of the Agenda: The Agenda was approved by unanimous consent

Comments by the Chair: No comments

Election of Officers for 2021

Chair - David Hornung nominated by Cheryl Shatraw

Vice-Chair Rick Newvine – nominated by Galen Pletcher

Both approved unanimously.

Update on Training:

The Board was advised by Ms. Zera that the County Attorney is preparing a training video that will be posted on the St. Lawrence County Board of Ethics website for employees and outside Boards and sub-committee members to view.

Discussion on exemptions/waivers of FDS and modification of filer list:

The Board has been notified by several Legislators that the Boards and committees that that serve under them are reluctant and/or unwilling to complete the financial

disclosure statements. The argument is that they never had to before and some members of the Boards and Committees have said they will quit if they have to complete the annual financial disclosure statement. Based on a review of the law we will look into a waiver for the 2021 reporting year, until we can review the filer's list to determine required filers. A letter will be drafted and sent to the Board of Legislators. (See attached correspondence)

The Board also discussed that over the next several months a review of the law and financial disclosures would be conducted to add/delete or amend the local law.

No new meeting scheduled.

David Hornung motioned to go into closed session to review financial disclosures at 3:45 pm Ms. Shatraw seconded.

Motion by Galen Pletcher at 4:25 pm to come out of closed session, seconded by Mr. Pletcher.

Motion by David Hornung at 4:28 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Newvine.