

# **MINUTES**

# BOARD OF ETHICS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:30 PM

Village Hall – 21 East Church Street, Lake Orion, MI 48362 (248) 693-8391 ext. 102

#### 1. Call to Order

The June 25, 2025 Board of Ethics meeting was called to order by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer at 6:30 PM.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

PRESENT Kenneth Mogill Lisa Flynn Chad Scribner

STAFF PRESENT
Clerk/Treasurer Sonja Stout
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynsey Blough

#### 4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Only

None.

#### 5. Action Items

#### A. Oath of Office

Clerk/Treasurer Stout administered the Oath of Office to the Board of Ethics members.

#### B. Board Member Introductions

**Board Member Scribner** shared that he grew up in Oxford and now resides in Lake Orion. He has a professional background in real estate, has worked as an election worker, and previously

worked in the pharmaceutical industry. His training includes identifying fraud and intent. He emphasized the importance of training and prevention in reducing ethics complaints.

**Board Member Flynn** shared that she is a resident of Lake Orion and grew up in Leonard. She is a retired vascular surgeon with a military background, including two tours in Iraq. She currently works as a consultant and holds a master's degree in healthcare ethics. A Michigan native, she previously lived in Arizona and continues to provide consulting services in her spare time.

**Board Member Mogill** noted that he has lived in Orion Township for over 40 years and has practiced legal ethics for 35 years. He is an adjunct professor at Wayne State University and serves as Chair of the State Bar of Michigan Standing Committee on Professional Ethics. He regularly attends seminars and conferences and provides consultation to law firms and attorneys on preventing ethics violations.

#### C. Election of Officer

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Blough opened the nominations for the presiding officer position.

**MOTION** made by Board Member Flynn, supported by Board Member Scribner, nominated Ken Mogill for the position of Chair.

**VOTING YEA:** Mogill, Flynn, Scribner

**VOTING NAY:** None **MOTION:** Carried

There being no other nominations, the vote was called. Ken Mogill was elected Chair and assumed the Chair.

#### D. Review of Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Ethics

There were no questions. The Board of Ethics members agreed to the duties and responsibilities and agreed to sign the Ethics Affidavit Form after the meeting when the Clerk can notarize the forms.

#### E. Board of Ethics Bylaws and Rules of Procedure

The Board of Ethics reviewed the current sample of the By-laws, during which questions and concerns were raised regarding the process for *requesting an advisory opinion*. The Board also discussed the timing for scheduling a public hearing.

The Board recommended that, upon receipt of a complaint, the Clerk should email the complaint to all Board of Ethics members. Each member would then individually respond to the Clerk, indicating whether they believe the complaint warrants a public hearing, in accordance with Rule 304.

Regarding the sample complaint form, the Board suggested including clearer instructions for how to request a public hearing. They emphasized the need for greater transparency in explaining the process to the public.

#### F. Adopt 2025 Board of Ethics Meeting Schedule

**MOTION** made by Board Member Flynn, Seconded by Board Member Scribner to adopt the 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule of the Lake Orion Board of Ethics as presented.

**VOTING YEA:** Mogill, Flynn, Scribner

**VOTING NAY:** None **MOTION:** Carried

Chair Mogill stated he would be absent from the Wednesday July 23, 2025 meeting and Board Member Flynn stated she would be absent from the Wednesday, September 24, 2025 meeting.

**MOTION** made by Board Member Scribner, Seconded by Chair Mogill to make Board Member Flynn Chair for the next regular meeting.

**VOTING YEA:** Mogill, Flynn, Scribner

**VOTING NAY:** None **MOTION:** Carried

### 6. Next Regular Meeting - July 23, 2025

The Board of Ethics members did mention they would like to present to the Village Council on a quarterly basis, a presentation on Ethics, alternating various members so that the Public and Village Council are familiar with the Board of Ethics members.

## 7. Adjournment

**MOTION** made by Board Member Flynn, Seconded by Board Member Scribner to adjourn the Wednesday, June 25, 2025 Board of Ethics Regular meeting.

**VOTING YEA:** Mogill, Flynn, Scribner

**VOTING NAY:** None **MOTION:** Carried

The Wednesday, June 25, 2025 Board of Ethics Regular meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Ken Mogill	Sonja Stout
Chair	Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: as presented July 23, 2025.