

**City of Reading Charter Board**

March 16, 2010- 7:00 pm

Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, Barry Lloyd, John Slifko, Elizabeth Stanley, Jerry Richter

Members Absent: None

Members of Public and Invited Guests: Board Solicitor Eric Smith  
Investigative Officer David Brennan

**I. Administration**

- The Boards next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 6, 2010.
- Board financial reviewed through invoices signed 3/10/10. YTD expenses = \$4,037.60.

**II. Education**

- No current Issues.

**III. Advisory**

- A motion was made by Mr. Slifko, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Richter for the Board to issue an Advisory Opinion on its own motion clarifying Charter Section 907 in regards to the limitation of annual real estate taxes. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote. The Board deemed that considering whether or not certain portions of Section 907 are invalid and superseded by state law was an important matter of public interest, especially in light of the public dialogue concerning Act 47.

**IV. Enforcement**

- The Board met in closed session from 7:15 pm through 9:00pm with Board Solicitor Eric Smith and Investigative Officer David Brennan to discuss terminated Investigations #24 and #25. IO David Brennan was present to report and discuss procedural obstacles encountered during the investigations. After his departure, the Board identified and discussed further legal considerations, chief among those are concerns that complaints might be dismissed due to technical defects or improper citations. The Board drafted revisions to the rules of administration and procedure. The Board solicitor will incorporate this feedback into the document for Board review at the next meeting.

**V. Closing –Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm**