

City of Reading Charter Board

September 18, 2012 – 7:00pm

Penn Room

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

Members Absent: None

Members of Public and Invited Guests: Complainant for Investigation #33 and Eric Smith,
Board Solicitor

I. Administration

- The Boards will convene Monday, September 24th for the Evidentiary Hearing of Investigation #32. Pending other request from the subject, the hearing will be closed. Public notification via the Reading Eagle will be coordinated through the City Clerks Office. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Tuesday, October 2, 2012.
- August invoices were distributed for review. YTD the Board has spent \$39,737.76 on a budget of \$50,000.
- The Chair announced there has been no Right to Know requests.
- Meeting minutes are up to date through 9/4/2012.

II. Education

- The City Clerks office has suggested 12/4 and 12/11 as possible dates for the Charter Board educational sessions. Board members and the Solicitor are asked to review schedules and report availability at the next meeting.

III. Advisory

- No current requests for Advisory Opinion.

IV. Enforcement

- The Board Chair announced an Executive Session to confer with the Board Solicitor regarding pending litigation of Investigation #32, and the procedural status of Investigations 33, 34, & 35. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:30 pm and exited Executive Session at 8:45 pm.
- Upon return to public session, the Board chair noted the agreement to terminate Investigation #33 effective September 10, 2012. The document, signed by the Charter Board Investigative Officer and counsel for the subject, terminates the investigation without prejudice.

The Board chair additionally notes the attendance of an individual, who was present at the outset of the meeting. The individual identified themselves to the Board and the Board Solicitor as the complainant for Investigation #33. The Board Chair and the Board Solicitor clarified with this individual that:

- 1) the investigation was terminated,
- 2) that no evidentiary hearing would convene and
- 3) that the investigation was terminated without prejudice, allowing them to refile a new complaint if so desired.

V. **Closing**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gibson, Chair

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