

City of Reading Charter Board

August 6, 2013 – 7:00 pm

Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, Jerry Richter, Elizabeth Stanley

Board Solicitor: Eric Smith, Esq

Members Absent: None

Members of Public and Invited Guests: none

**I. Administration**

- The Board's next meeting will be September 3, 2013, at 7:00 pm.
- The Chair announced there has been no new Right to Know requests.
- The 2013 Charter Board budget and July invoices were reviewed. Year to date total spent is \$126,903.15.
- The Chair noted that application to the Board has been made by Mr. James Fegley. Mr. Fegley's application has received mayoral approval and he is awaiting interview by Council in September. Mr., Anewalt's appointment remains pending dissolution of the Charter Review Commission.
- Charter Board minutes were reviewed for meeting dates 5/7/13, 6/4/13, and 7/15/13. A motion to accept minutes was made by Ms. Stanley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Richter. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.

**II. Education**

- No current issues

**III. Advisory**

- No current Issues

**IV. Enforcement**

- The Board Chair announced an Executive Session to confer with counsel regarding pending litigation including the appeal of the Final Opinion and Order of Investigation #32, the Declaratory Judgment Action and appeal of the Final Opinion and Order of Investigation #34 (Docket #1320083), and procedural matters regarding Investigations #38 and #39.

- The Board entered executive session at 7:15 pm and exited executive session at 7:45 pm.
- After returning to public session an open call for public comment was offered by the chair. No public comment was given.
- Finally, a motion was made by Ms. Stanley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Richter authorizing the Board Solicitor to file an appeal with the Commonwealth Court in regards to Investigation #32 and the order issued by the Berks County Court of Common Pleas (Judge Timothy J. Rowley) dated July 17, 2013. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.
- The Board Chair additionally notes the following :
  - Complaint #39 was filed July 18, 2013.
  - Argument for the local agency appeal of Investigation #34 before the Berks County Court of Common Pleas has been continued by stipulation to September 16, 2013.

V. **Closing**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gibson, Chair

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