

2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK BOARD OF ETHICS

Introduction

This annual report of the Village of Mamaroneck Board of Ethics (the “Ethics Board”) is submitted to the Village of Mamaroneck Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 21-19 of Ethics Code for the Village Mamaroneck (the “Ethics Code”).

Summary of Ethics Board Activity During 2022

1. Meetings:	12
2. Annual Filings Reviewed:	70
3. Investigations Initiated by Ethics Board:	0
4. Investigations of Formal Complaints:	3 formal complaints, 1 investigation 1 formal complaint from 2021 finalized-no action taken
5. Investigations Stayed Pending Potential Action by Other Authorities	0
6. Hearings	0
7. Formal Advisory Opinions	2 (one requested in 2021, answered in '22)

The Ethics Board would like to make three suggestions to the Board of Trustees and the VOM.

First, it would be expedient and streamlined if there could be an electronic way of annual disclosures being distributed and filed in one place.

Second, the BOE would like a general Ethics Board email address where all advisory opinions/complaints/formal complaints can be emailed to in order to keep all documents in one place. Right now, the boardofethics@vomny email address forwards all communication to our personal vomny addresses, however, when our terms are up, our mailboxes are deleted.

And finally, pursuant to Mayor Murphy's email dated March 29, 2022:

Dear All,

I would like to add a line item to the Budget discussion, Ethics Training. It is apparent that many of our volunteers, through no fault of their own, do not understand their responsibilities under the ethics code. We have given the responsibility for teaching and training to the Ethics Board under the law. But with no resources devoted to that goal it is a heavy lift for a volunteer board to administer. I propose adding \$25,000 to create a budget line to fund training of staff and volunteers about their responsibilities under our code.

Thank you,

Tom Murphy

Mayor, Village of Mamaroneck

The Ethics Board would also like to suggest more detailed and personal ethics training for all VOM volunteers. We believe that some of the complaints evolve due to lack of education and understanding of the present code of ethics. The Ethics Board would be happy to meet with the appropriate VOM representatives to discuss the details of this endeavor.

Dated: January 18, 2023