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At an executive meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Minisink held on December 15, 1970, the following Resolution was proposed by Councilman Alfred L. Hansen and seconded by Councilman Vincent Mydosh.

Aye votes - Supervisor Arthur V. Cosh  
Town Justice Gregory E. Good, Jr.  
Town Justice Robert M. Weeden  
Councilman Alfred L. Hansen  
Councilman Vincent Mydosh

### CODE OF ETHICS

#### TOWN OF MINISINK

A Resolution establishing standards of conduct for officers and employees of the Town of Minisink.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Minisink as follows:

Section 1 – Pursuant to the provisions of section eight hundred six of the General Municipal Law, the Town Board of the Town of Minisink recognizes that there are rules of ethical conduct for public officers and employees which must be observed if a high degree of moral conduct is to be obtained and if public confidence is to be maintained in our unit of local government. It is the purpose of this resolution to promulgate these rules of ethical conduct for the officers and employees of the Town of Minisink. These rules shall serve as a guide for official conduct of the officers and employees of the Town of Minisink.

The rules of ethical conduct of this resolution as adopted, shall not conflict with, but shall be in addition to any prohibition of article eighteen of the General Municipal Law relating to ethical conduct and interest in contract of municipal officers and employees.

Section 2 – Definition. (A) “Municipal Officer or Employee” means an officer or employee of the Town of Minisink, whether paid or unpaid, including members of any administrative board, commission or other agency thereof. No person shall be deemed to be a municipal officer or employee solely by reason of being a volunteer fireman or civil defense volunteer.

- (a) Gifts. He shall not directly or indirectly, solicit any gift, or accept or receive any gift having a value of twenty five dollars or more, whether in the form of money, services, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or any other

form, under any circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence him in the performance of his official duties or was intended as a reward for any official action on his part.

- (b) Confidential Information. He shall not disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties or use such information to further his personal interest.
- (c) Representation before one's own agency. He shall not receive, or enter into any agreement, express or implied, for compensation for services rendered in relation to any matter before any municipal agency of which he is an officer, member or employee or of any municipal agency over which he has jurisdiction or to which he has power to appoint any member, officer or employee.
- (d) Representation before any agency for a contingency fee. He shall not receive, or enter into any agreement, express or implied for compensation for services to be rendered in relation to any matter before any agency of his municipality, whereby his compensation is to be dependent or contingent upon any action by such agency with respect to such matter, provided that this paragraph shall not prohibit the fixing at any time of fees based upon the reasonable value of the service rendered.
- (e) Disclosure of interest in legislation. To the extent that he knows thereof, a member of the Town Board and any officer or employee of the Town of Minisink, whether paid or unpaid, who participates in the discussion or gives official opinion to the Town Board on any legislation before the Town Board shall publicly disclose on the official record the nature and extent of any direct or indirect financial or other private interest he has in such legislation.
- (f) Investments in conflict with official duties. He shall not invest or hold any investment directly or indirectly in any financial, business, commercial or other private transaction, which creates a conflict with his official duties.
- (g) Private employment. He shall not engage in, solicit, negotiate for or promise to accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment or service creates a conflict with or impairs the proper discharge of his official duties.
- (h) Future employment. He shall not, after the termination of service or employment with such municipality, appear before any board or agency of the Town of Minisink in relation to any case, proceeding or application in which he personally participated during the period of his service or employment or which was under his active consideration.

Section 3 – Nothing herein shall be deemed to bar or prevent the timely filing by a present, or former municipal officer or employee of any claim, account, demand or suit

against the Town of Minisink, or any agency thereof on behalf of himself or any member of his family arising out of any personal injury or property damage or for any lawful benefit authorized or permitted by law.

Section 4 - Distribution of Code of Ethics. The Town Supervisor of the Town of Minisink shall cause a copy of this code of ethics to be distributed to every officer and employee of the Town within seven (7) days after the effective date of this resolution. Each officer and employee elected or appointed thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of his office or employment.

Section 5 – Penalties. In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of the law, any person who shall knowingly and intentionally violate any of the provisions of this code may be fined, suspended or removed from office or employment, as the case may be, in the manner provided by law.

Section 6 – Effective date. This resolution shall take effect five (5) days after it is filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Minisink.

Adopted Dec. 15, 1970

Posted and Distributed Dec. 30, 1970

Ethics Board shall consist of the Town Supervisor, one Town Justice, Planning Board Chairman, ZBA Chairman, and Highway Superintendent.