

**TOWN OF BLENHEIM
SCHOHARIE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION #9

RESOLVED, that the Town of Blenheim hereby adopts and establishes the following Code of Ethics to take effect immediately:

SECTION A - INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 806 of the General Municipal Law, the Town of Blenheim 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 Blenheim. These rules shall serve as a guide for official conduct of the officers and employees of the Town of Blenheim. The rules of ethical conduct of this resolution as adopted, shall not conflict with, but shall be in addition to any prohibition of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law or any other general or special law relating to ethical conduct and interest in contracts of municipal officers and employees.

SECTION B - DEFINITIONS

(a) "MUNICIPAL OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE" means an officer or employee of the Town of Blenheim, 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 firemen or civil defense volunteer.

(B) "INTEREST" means a pecuniary or material benefit accruing to a municipal officer or employee unless the context otherwise requires.

SECTION C - STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Every officer or employee of the Town of Blenheim shall be subject to and abide by the following standards of conduct:

(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 form of money, services, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or any other form, under circumstances in which it could reasonably be expected to influence him, in the performance of his official duties or was intended as a reward for any official action on his part.

SECTION E – ENFORCEMENT

Upon receipt of a written complaint alleging a violation of this code of ethics the Supervisor shall convene a special town board meeting, such board meeting shall be held within 20 days of receipt of the complaint. In the case that the allegations involve the Town Supervisor, The Town Clerk shall be authorized to cause public notice of the meeting to be advertised and the senior Town Councilman shall run the meeting. The purpose of the meeting shall be to inform the legislative body of the allegations, and to begin an investigation of the complaint.

Upon completion of the investigation a report shall be filed with the Town Clerk and the conclusion must be noted. If the complaint is found to be valid, the violator will be notified in writing and a disciplinary hearing shall be scheduled. The Hearing shall be in executive session of the Town Board, the Violator shall be present and may bring a representative and any evidence they deem necessary. The purpose of the hearing is to consider and impose penalties. The Town Attorney must be present at any disciplinary hearing.

SECTION F - PENALTIES

In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of 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.

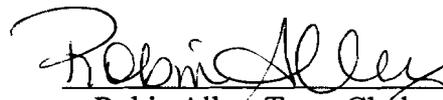
SECTION G - EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect January 2, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON RESOLUTION #9

Supervisor : Robert H. Mann Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Councilman: Joseph Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Councilman: Chester Keyser	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Councilman: Anne Mattice-Strauch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Councilman: Keith Graham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Date: January 2, 2012


Robin Alley, Town Clerk