

Chairperson Teager called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present - Michael Teager, Chairperson
Teresa Funk, Vice-Chairperson
Lawrence Kavanaugh, Jr.

Absent - Anna Garvey
Kayla Leonard
Paula Eade Newcomb, Deputy Town Attorney

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

Motion by Chairperson Teager, seconded by Ms. Funk, to approve Minutes of September 11, 2024, board meeting.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Randolph, West Bihrwood Drive, made the following comments and questions:

- ✓ What is the change to the newest version of the Contractor and Vendor Disclosure Form – Chairperson Teager referred the certification statement on page 4 and state he changed the punctuation to make it one sentence instead of two. One additional edit was the inclusion of check boxes on page 2.
- ✓ In his opinion, transparency in government starts at the local level
- ✓ Referred to previous discussions about political donations received by Town Board members from the insurance carrier for the town and questioned if the Ethics Board can offer any guidance on disclosure of such donations – Chairperson Teager stated the topic of political donations was discussed and recalls the Ethics Board decided to investigate this further. Mr. Kavanaugh stated the Ethics Board members determined political donations are under the realm of election law. Ms. Martin referred Mr. Randolph to the meeting minutes of August 14, 2024. Chairperson Teager stated the Ethics Board was legally advised to avoid addressing political donations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Contractor and Vendor Disclosure Form

Motion by Chairperson Teager, seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh, to adopt the attached Annual Statement of Disclosure for Vendors & Independent Contractors.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried
APPENDICES

Updated Member Terms

Motion by Chairperson Teager, seconded by Ms. Funk, to adopt the attached Proposed Updated Terms.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried
APPENDICES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chairperson Teager, seconded by Ms. Funk, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried



Margaret A. Martin
Deputy Town Clerk/Secretary to the Ethics Board

Composition: Current Terms

Theresa Funk -- through 12/31/2025

Lawrence Kavanaugh, Jr. -- through 12/31/2025

Michael Teager -- through 12/31/2025

Anna Garvey -- through 12/31/2026

Kayla Leonard -- through 12/31/2026

Composition: Proposed Updated Terms (if updated composition/code is passed)

Theresa Funk -- through 12/31/2024

Michael Teager -- through 12/31/2025

Anna Garvey -- through 12/31/2026

Kayla Leonard -- through 12/31/2027

Lawrence Kavanaugh, Jr. -- through 12/31/2028 (to remain seated until replacement is appointed; replacement would serve remainder of term)

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



ANNUAL STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE FOR VENDORS & INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS FOR CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR: _____

The purpose of this Annual Statement of Disclosure is to identify potential conflicts of interest before such conflicts occur. Completion of this form is required as per the Town of West Seneca's Ethics Code §13-5 C. In answering the questions on this Annual Statement of Disclosure, the following definitions are critical:

1. Interest, as used in this Annual Statement of Disclosure, is defined as follows:
 - A. Providing goods, influence, investment, property or service(s) to any person, business or entity for which compensation or benefit is expected or received; or
 - A. Holding ownership, title or right, individually¹ or with others, to real property, within the Town of West Seneca.
2. Contract, as used in this Annual Statement of Disclosure, shall be defined in accordance with the Standard English usage.

INSTRUCTIONS:

All individuals who have an ownership interest in a business entity, including, but not limited to, a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, or any other business entity organized under the laws of New York State, or authorized to do business in New York State, shall complete this form prior to signing a contract or entering into an arrangement with the Town to provide goods or services.

For both independent contractors and vendors, subsequent disclosures are to be completed annually.

¹ For the purpose of this section an individual shall be deemed to have an ownership interest when he or she individually maintains any ownership interest in real property, or (a) is an officer or director of a business entity that owns any interest in real property, or (b) owns or controls stock of a corporate or business entity that owns any interest in real property, or (c) is a member of a partnership or limited liability company, which maintains any ownership interest in real property.

FILL OUT COMPLETELY:

BUSINESS ENTITY NAME: _____

BUSINESS ENTITY ADDRESS: _____ NY _____
(Street Address) (Town) (Zip Code)

TYPE OF ENTITY (select one):

___ Corporation ___ LLP ___ Sole proprietor
___ LLC ___ Partnership

YOUR NAME:

(Last) (First) (Middle initial)

ADDRESS: _____ NY _____
(Street Address) (Town) (Zip Code)

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

POSITION HELD*: Mark all below that apply to you

(*Skip if a sole proprietor.)

___ Officer ___ Manager ___ Sales Rep./Employee
___ Director ___ Member ___ Shareholder
___ Other

OWNERSHIP INTEREST² (yes or no): yes no If yes, what percentage?: _____

COMPENSATION INTEREST³ (yes or no): yes no

TOWN DEPARTMENT YOU PRIMARILY SERVE: _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES YOU ARE PROVIDING, OR PROPOSING TO PROVIDE, TO THE TOWN: _____

IS THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE SUBJECT TO A BID (yes or no)?: _____

WHAT IS THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS?: _____

² Ownership Interest, includes, but is not limited to, the ownership of stock, membership units, silent partner, an ownership of a right to vote, or any other ownership interest, monetary or nonmonetary where one would receive a benefit from such business.

³ Compensation Interest, includes, but is not limited to, one's compensation, monetary or nonmonetary, being contingent, in whole or in part (e.g., commission, bonus, etc.), upon executing a business arrangement with the Town.

Please list any real property in the Town of West Seneca where you, as an individual⁴ (including a personal residence), own or hold any ownership interest⁵:

Please list any relatives employed by the Town of West Seneca or appointed to serve on a committee or board in the Town of West Seneca:

<u>Relative Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Position Held</u>

Relative – A spouse, parent, stepparent, sibling, step-sibling, sibling’s spouse, child, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece or household member of a Town official, officer or employee and individuals having any of these relationships to the spouse of the Town official, officer or employee.

Please answer the following questions.

1. Have you, your spouse/partner or relatives had any interest in any business or entity doing business with the Town currently or within the past twelve (12) months?

Yes: _____ No: _____

2. Have you, your spouse/partner or relatives had any interest in any contract made or executed with the Town of West Seneca within the past twelve (12) months?

Yes: _____ No: _____

If you answered yes to either of these 2 questions, describe the nature of the interest. Please attach an additional page if necessary.

⁴ For the purpose of this section an individual shall be deemed to have an ownership interest when he or she individually maintains any ownership interest in real property, or (a) is an officer or director of a business entity that owns any interest in real property, or (b) owns or controls stock of a corporate or business entity that owns any interest in real property, or (c) is a member of a partnership or limited liability company, which maintains any ownership interest in real property.

⁵ See footnote 2 above.

List any position held in any other business, association or not-for-profit organization held by you, your spouse/partner or relatives that has or could in the future transact business with the Town of West Seneca.

Business Name	Person Name	Nature of Business

During the current year, if there are any changes in your answers to anything on this form, you must file an amended Annual Statement of Disclosure with the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days of such change.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED IN THIS ANNUAL STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE; THAT I AM AUTHORIZED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED VENDOR/CONTRACTOR TO COMPLETE THIS FORM ON ITS BEHALF; AND THAT I HAVE REVIEWED THE CURRENT CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE TOWN OF WEST SENECA.

_____ (Signature)

Date: _____

_____ (Print Name)

(Return this form to the Town Clerk)