

MCANJ Conference Call Minutes
January 5, 2018
10 am

On the call: Dina Zawadski, Eileen Gore, Kevin Galland, Joel Popkin, Denise Szabo, Diane Pflugfelder, Kim-Marie White, and Dan Davidow John Gillespie joined the call at 10:20 am.

Teaneck OPRA Case: Dan said the last conference call was December 18, 2017 regarding Teaneck Case for an amicus brief. He spoke with the Staff Attorney at Teaneck and he indicated that they were going to be filing an amicus brief on the issue and they contacted John Gillespie to write that brief. Dan stated that the NJ League of Municipalities would be joining in with the amicus brief. It's an issue extremely important to Municipal Clerks. There are associated cases out there like this one where 300 OPRA requests were received and the entities were asking for lengthy extensions to full-fill the requests. Dan said that the purpose of the 300 OPRA requests was to harass and shut down the Clerk's office to operate. Dan suggests that the MCANJ file a amicus brief as it would help all the Municipal Clerks in New Jersey. The cost for Dan to file would be about \$5,000 however the total cost of everything would be about \$15,000. Dan mentioned that Teaneck not being an active member wouldn't matter since MCANJ would be filing the brief and not filing on behalf of Teaneck.

The Executive Board is concerned with the funding associated with filing the brief and not in favor at this time as the MCANJ does not have a policy on how to proceed with an amicus brief. If the NJ League of Municipalities is filing we can join forces with them if they allow us too and the MCANJ could fund a certain amount. They decided to hold another conference call on Friday, January 12, 2018 to make a final decision.

Conference call ended at 11:11 am

Prepared and submitted by

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Approved: March 23, 2018