

RESOLUTION 2020-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS APPROVING PAYMENT OF TOWN COMMISSIONER'S LEGAL EXPENSES RELATED TO ETHICS COMPLAINT

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 22-4 of the Code of the Town of St. Michaels (the "Code"), the Ethics Commission has the responsibility and authority to process and make determinations as to complaints filed alleging violations of the Public Ethics Ordinance, including allegations of conflicts of interest as to any Town official, Town inspector or Town employee as set forth in Section 22-5 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2019 St. Michaels Action Committee, LLC ("SMAC") filed an ethics complaint against Commissioner William E. Boos ("Commissioner Boos") alleging violations of the Public Ethics Ordinance. The complaint, following dismissal by the Ethics Commission without a hearing by order dated May 1, 2019, was remanded to the Ethics Commission by the Circuit Court for Talbot County by order dated January 2, 2020 for purposes of conducting a hearing at which SMAC may participate and present evidence; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 54-2(B) of the Code, the Commissioners of St. Michaels (the "Commissioners") have determined that Commissioner Boos is entitled to be represented by legal counsel of his choice at the Town's expense for purposes of the hearing to be conducted by the Ethics Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS:

Section 1. The Commissioners of St. Michaels are entitled to be represented by legal counsel of his/her choice and to be reimbursed for his/her legal expenses by the Town.

Section 2. The term "legal expenses" shall mean reasonable attorney fees, and other direct costs, incurred in connection with preparing for and representing Commissioners at hearings.

Section 3. Requests for payment of Commissioners legal expenses shall be submitted to the Town by his attorney and, once verified, paid within thirty (30) days.

THIS RESOLUTION 2020-01 HAVING BEEN ADOPTED by the following yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels on the 14th day of January 2020.

Boos	-	Abstained
Bibb	-	Yea
Harrod	-	Yea
Windon	-	Yea
Glackin	-	Yea

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Resolution 2020-01 was adopted by a yea and nay vote of The Commissioners of St. Michaels on the 14th day of January 2020.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS

Jean R. Weisman
Jean R. Weisman, Town Clerk/Manager

Michael E. Bibb (SEAL)
Michael E. Bibb, Vice President