## The Town of West Seneca Ethics Board

The goal of the Ethics board is to promote transparency, civility and courtesy.

It is our hope that all citizens of West Seneca and our public officials will work together to promote understanding and sharing of ideas. We are looking for our elected officials and town employees to be good stewards of our town's resources.

Prior to making decisions, we ask that due diligence is performed and that one simple question is answered by those making any decision: "Is this the right thing for the wellbeing of the town's citizens?" Decisions should not be about self, friends, family or party.

Ethical behavior is required by public officials, town employees and anyone representing the town. The purpose of the Ethics Code is to promote:

- No conflicts of interest
- A duty to recuse
- No personal use of town property
- No misuse of confidential information
- No improper gifts
- A duty to cooperate
- Treat everyone with dignity and respect
- What's best for the Town should be the sole motivation over any individual or business

## Work to build public trust by being:

- Collaborative
- Communicative (Which includes listening)
- Professional
- Service-oriented
- Fiscally responsible
- Empathetic