

MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
June 10, 2015

Eileen Ferguson, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Health to order. Notice of the meeting was given pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. Written notice was sent to two newspapers, the Gloucester County Times and the Sentinel. A copy of the written notice was given to the Township Clerk and posted on the bulletin board.

Salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Member	Present	Excused	Absent
Eileen Ferguson	X		
Rene Pandola	X		
David Scales	X		
Jerry Conte	X		
Barbara Chamberlain	X		
Kwabon Bonna		X	
Christina Capate	X		
Dan Kozak	X		
Victoria (Vicki) Taylor-Machulsky	X		
Cncl. Walt Bryson	X		

PUBLIC PORTION:

Troy Sterling, of 1032 Huntingdon Drive, was present to talk to the Board about hens (chickens) as pets, and Chairperson Eileen Ferguson made a statement that the Board doesn't have that under their jurisdiction. Mr. Sterling asked who would have jurisdiction, and Eileen stated Land Use. Cncl. Bryson said he has already asked it be added as part of a discussion at an ordinance meeting to discuss the pros and cons, and then it will go in front of Council to vote upon it. Cncl. Bryson advised Mr. Sterling to go to both the Work Session and Ordinance Meeting. Mr. Sterling said that he has sent his information to the Council members and that he will attend these meetings. Mr. Sterling then went on to talk about his process so far, about trying to get hens (or chickens) in the Township to be considered pets. Pat Henderson of 205 Luray Drive was also present to discuss what she is looking for and what has happened so far as well. The Board thanked them for coming and wished them luck.

Patrick McDevitt of the Monroe Township Green Team was present to talk to the Board about the Township's participation in Sustainable Jersey and passed information about the program and informed them that the submission for 2015 was sent in on the Sunday before this meeting (June 7th). Mr. McDevitt talked about what he has done, who he has worked with and what Boards he is on in Monroe Township. Cncl. Bryson advised Mr. McDevitt to go in front of the Council at a televised meeting so the residents who watch to get the information he is trying to get out to the public. Mr. McDevitt said that Cncl. Miller is the Green Teams liaison and Mr. Bryson claimed that there has not been much reporting, and if he wants the information to be given at Council meetings he can feel free to send it to him to be sure it is shared at a Council meeting. The Board thanked Mr. McDevitt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes, as submitted, from the May 13th Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Health. The motion was seconded by David and approved by all members.

CASH SETTLEMENT REPORT:

Eileen reported the cash settlement for May as \$3158.33. Eileen noted that Vicki attached the May 2015 Summary of Deposit report, as she does monthly, to the minutes for all of the members to review the breakdown of what was taken in.

REPORTS:

VICKI MACHULSKY:

Vicki asked if all the members received the correspondence in reference to the "hens/chickens as pets" presentation, and all members agreed that they did.

Vicki didn't print out the list of complaints/grass cutting properties. She said that so far it's up to 116. There was a discussion about the process amongst the members.

Vicki noted that 323 Holly Parkway has been cut and went through the process with Barbara why the Township could now take action.

DAN KOZAK

Dan had nothing to report.

COUNCILMAN WALT BRYSON

Cncl. Bryson said that the chickens/hens will be up for discussion at the next Council meeting, and Eileen reiterated that the members of the Board of Health took a poll and expressed to Cncl. Bryson that they do not want chickens in a residential. He also brought up Bamboo and some complaints he had received. This will be brought in front of the Council for a new Ordinance.

RENE PANDOLA

Rene had nothing to discuss.

BARBARA CHAMBERLAIN

Barbara had nothing to report.

JERRY CONTE

Jerry had nothing to report.

DAVID SCALES

Dave had nothing to report.

EILEEN FERGUSON

Eileen brought up the property on the pike right before Peter's Diner on the same side before you get to Malaga Road.

Eileen also thanked Vicki for all her correspondence in reference to the hens/chickens as pets.

Eileen reminded the members that there will be no meetings for the months of July & August.

CHRISTINA CAPATE

Christina had nothing to report.

With no further business to discuss, Eileen asked for a motion to adjourn. Christina made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Board of Health meeting of June 10, 2015 and it was seconded by Barbara. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Park
Clerk Transcriber

These minutes are an extract from the meeting that was held on the above date and are not a verbatim account or to be construed as an official transcript of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____