

MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

BARBARA CHAMBERLAIN, 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		
Dan Kozak	X		
Victoria (Vicki) Taylor-Machulsky	X		
Diana Salvadori	X		
Cncl. Marvin Dilks		X	
Jennifer Toal		X	

NO PUBLIC PRESENT:

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Wendy Carey and Eric Fisher from the Gloucester County Department of Health were present. They went over the functions of the Health Department, the upcoming events and activities that the Department of Health runs and gave out informational brochures and flyers for said events. Eric Fisher commented on the various programs the Gloucester County Health Department offers such as; Public Health Nursing, Special Child Health Case Management, Environmental & Consumer Health, Wic Program, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Health Education & community Outreach. He went on to describe the various services each of the above mentioned programs offer. There was a discussion in reference to the Flu shot calendar from the county. Eric stated that last year they administered 15,000 flu shots and they expect to do about the same this year.

Wendy Carey reported that they inspect all food establishments and food trucks as well as body art facilities such as tanning facilities, tattoos shops and piercing places such as Walmart, jewelry stores any places that are providing those types of services. She stated that they also inspect all of the youth camps and with those inspections they also do sex offender checks and criminal history checks on everyone. They inspect all campgrounds, daycares and all bathing facilities. The state changed the code for bathing facilities that if they are providing swim lessons and/or they are greater than 2000 square feet they need to have 2 lifeguards. There was a discussion in reference to pets stores and boarding facilities are in compliance. Wendy commented that there is a Kennel in Monroe Township wanting to open and they are doing all the necessary steps to bring their septic up to code so they business can open. There was a discussion in reference to childhood lead and the County has equipment that allows them to go out to the residence or facility and test the painted and chipping surfaces for lead. There was a lengthy discussion in reference to the procedures involved when testing for lead. Wendy also stated that they are in the process of passing a new regulation that every home at the time of sale be tested for lead by a private contractor and shared with the local construction office. Every rental would have to be tested at the time of a new renter coming in. There was a discussion in reference to that. Wendy stated that the Health Department has equipment that can test jewelry, small items, antiques and small housewares and they will be offering testing once a month for

residents to come have their items tested for lead. There was a discussion in reference to mold and that there is no testing for it other than visibly seeing it and that it needs to be removed. It needs to be reported to housing. The only indoor air quality standard is for public buildings such as schools and that talks about visible mold only. There was a discussion in reference to mold.

Wendy commented they get monthly calls on Mosquitos breeding and bed bug and there was an article on NJ.COM that said Gloucester County was the 3rd highest in the state for Mosquito breeding that test positive for West Nile virus. That's not based on science because they are not comparing the amount of samples they were taken. Wendy stated that they do the rabies clinics and animal bite confinement. She stated that they get about 10 animal bite reports per week. She explained the procedure on care and follow up after the incident occurs.

Wendy commented that they get a lot of bat calls and if you find a bat in your home to close the windows and doors to confine the animal until Animal Shelter can come capture the bat to test it because you may not be able to tell if you got bit. There was a discussion in reference to the removal of the bat.

Wendy stated that they went to a digital system for septic and wells and all inspections in the County so reports will be available online at the end of each day. Wendy commented on the wells and septic systems in the county and that if residents had their water tested and it's had elevated mercury or VOC's the county will resample it and help them, but currently the DEP has a private contractor in Monroe doing a mercury study. Wendy said they do all solid waste, recycling and all composting facilities inspections in the county. There was a Q&A in reference to the well and water testing. Wendy stated that they inspect all large generators and boiler rooms in the county. There was a discussion in reference to this. There was a discussion in reference to the township not having anyone certified to test for noise levels. There was a discussion in reference to the DEP setting standards that if anyone buys a home that has septic they need to have a contractor inspect it using a four-page format that is then submitted to the county and the check over the paperwork and make sure it is complaint, non-complaint or malfunctioning. There was a discussion in reference to this matter.

Wendy stated that the CDC sent signs to the county in reference to Ticks and the West Nile virus that the county and townships can post in various areas such as dog parks, ball fields, bike path etc. There was a brief discussion in reference to the areas the signs would be posted in and ticks in general.

Eric Fisher explained some of the departments within the Department of Health and their services and functions within the county. Eric Fisher stated that there is the Office of Addictions Services which is not thru the Health Department it's through the Human Services Division they have been offering Narcan trainings and a Narcan kit. There was a discussion in reference to the Addiction Services program. Eric Fisher provided the board with a flyer for unused medication drop box locations. There was a discussion about medical sharps and where they can be disposed of. Wendy Carey from the County Board of Health Department stated that residents are allowed to put the sharps in a container with a lid, tape the lid closed and dispose of them in their normal trash. This is not the case for businesses only residents. There was a discussion in reference to sharps and medicine disposal.

Eric Fisher made his closing statement of how the County Health Department stays connected to the communities. The Eric thanked the Board for their time and the Board thanked Eric and Wendy for the information they provided.

There was as brief discussion by the Board Members as to where the Signs from the CDC should go in reference to ticks. There was also a discussion about Mosquitos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RENE PANDOLA made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13th 2018 meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Health with the minor revisions made. The motion was seconded by **JERRY CONTE**

BARBARA CHAMBERLAIN: The total cash settlement for June \$4,151.42, July \$4,563.23 and August \$4,345.00 of 2018.

REPORTS:

VICKI MACHULSKY: Stated that the Rabies Clinic will be on January 26, 2019, from 12pm to 2pm out at the Township Yard.

VICKI MACHULSKY: Stated that we have cut 28 lawns so far this year and that the banks are stepping up since we sent out 175 violation notices but only had to cut 28 so far.

DAN KOZAK: Stated that a lot of the vacant homes are being purchased and taken care of so there is an increase in the maintenance of the vacant houses.

JENNIFER TOAL: Not present

RENE PANDOLA: Nothing to report.

JERRY CONTE: Nothing to report.

DIANA SALVADORI: Nothing to report.

BARBARA CHAMBERLAIN: Nothing to report.

EILEEN FERGUSON: Not present.

MARVIN DILKS: Not present.

DAVID SCALES: Not present.

BARBARA CHAMBERLAIN: With no further business to discuss, **BARBARA CHAMBERLAIN** asked for a motion to adjourn and **JERRY CONTE** made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Board of Health meeting of September 12, 2018 the motion was seconded by **RENE PANDOLA**. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Rudolph
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 _____