

**MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2023**

SHERRI MCILVAINE, 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 public notice was posted on the Township's website advising that a public meeting would be held by way of electronic communication/live streaming-via Zoom. 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
Rene Pandola	X		
David Scales	X		
Dan Kozak	X		
Diana Salvadori	X		
Cncl. Ronald Garbowski		X	
Marie Sheridan	X		
Ben Jones	X		
Debra Valcourt-Sherman	X		
Sherri McIlvaine	X		

SHERRI MCILVAINE: Read Resolution R01-23 BOH appointing a Chair Person and Vice Chair Person for the Monroe Township Board of Health 2023 year.

SHERRI MCILVAINE asked for a nominee for Chair Person.

DAVID SCALES nominated **DIANA SALVADORI** as Chair Person and **RENE PANDOLA** 2nd the motion. **DIANA SALVADORI** declined the position. **DEBRA VALCOURT-SHERMAN** nominated **RENE PANDOLA** who declined the nomination. **RENE PANDOLA** nominated **DEBRA VALCOURT-SHERMAN** who also declined the position. There was a few minutes of silence and it seemed as no one wanted the position of Chair for the Board of Health.

DAVID SCALES: Volunteered to stay on as Chair with notification to the Board that this would be his last term as Chair as he has other obligations with his employment and family. **SHERRI MCILVAINE** asked for someone to second the motion to appoint **DAVID SCALES** as the Chairperson for the Board of Health and **BEN JONES** seconded the motion. **SHERRI MCILVAINE** asked for a roll call vote and all members agreed.

RENE PANDOLA nominated **DEBRA VALCOURT-SHERMAN** as Vice-Chair Person. **SHERRI MCILVAINE** did a roll call vote and all members agreed.

SHERRI MCILVAINE: Read Resolution R02.23 Notice of the Regular Board of Health meetings and asked for a motion to approve said resolution.

DIANA SALVADORI made a motion to approve and **BEN JONES** seconded the motion there was a roll call vote and all members agreed.

SHERRI MCILVAINE: Read Resolution R03.23 Authorizing employment of individuals to conduct a free rabies clinic which will be held on January 28, 2023 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm and asked for a motion to approve said resolution.

DIANA SALVADORI made a motion to approve and **DEBRA VALCOURT-SHERMAN** seconded the motion there was a roll call vote and all members agreed.

SHERRI MCILVAINE: Read Resolution R04.23 appointing **CHARLOTTE RUDOLPH** as the Board of Health Clerk Transcriber and asked for a motion to approve said resolution.

BEN JONES made a motion to approve and **DEBRA VALCOURT-SHERMAN** seconded the motion there was a roll call vote and all members agreed.

SHERRI MCILVAINE: Read Resolution R05.23 appointing **SHERRI MCILVAINE** as the Monroe Township Deputy-Registrar of Vital Statistics for a 3-year term was already completed in November of 2022.

PUBLIC PORTION: No Public Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SHERRI MCILVAINE: Asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from December of 2022 meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Health.

DIANA SALVADORI made a motion to approve the minutes from the December of 2022, the motion was seconded by **RENE PANDOLA**. All members agreed to approving the minutes.

SHERRI MCILVAINE: The total cash settlement for **December of 2022** was **\$13,913.13**.

REPORTS:

SHERRI MCILVAINE: Stated that she attached all of the meetings and everyone's contact information to the packet and she apologized for how many times it was sent over as she was trying to get everyone's information correct.

SHERRI MCILVAINE: Stated that we have a very big issue coming up with the Cat Colonies and the TNR program. Pet Savers came out to the ordinance meeting and **DEBRA VALCOURT-SHERMAN** did attend the meeting. **SHERRI MCILVAINE** stated that there is someone on Glassboro Road that has sixty (60) plus cats trying to become a Cat Colony. Sherri stated that the way she understands it is the Township is leaning towards allowing this resident to be a Cat Colony. There was a discussion in reference to this matter between the board members.

DAVID SCALES: Asked how this person is not in violation already since there is no program currently in place. **SHERRI MCILVAINE** stated that it was just brought to her attention this week and she brought it to the Board's attention because she received a call from Alex and Wendy from the Gloucester County Board of Health. She stated that the Gloucester County Animal Shelter is currently in the process of trapping these cats, neutering them and releasing them back to this property because the shelter is overpopulated and they have no place to put them. PetSavers is in the process of helping this woman and they have a program that states that they do not want the neighbors of these cat colonies to have to be informed when these cat colonies are being looked over. There was a discussion in reference to this situation. **SHERRI MCILVAINE** stated that she would be sending out a violation to the resident and that she has made our Administration aware of the situation. The Ordinance committee seems to be leaning towards allowing this program to go through.

DEBRA VALCOURT-SHERMAN: Stated that she asked questions such as who is going to perform the surgeries and PetSavers stated they were and they have people who will donate. Debra stated that PetSavers has guidelines in which they have funding available through donations and fundraisers but they can only utilize those funds for Cat Colonies that are registered with the Township and since we do not have registered colonies in our town it has made it difficult for them to control this colony which has been an issue since 2002 and it just keeps multiplying. There was a discussion in reference to this issue.

DIANA SALVADORI: Stated that there is an issue with the cats whether we know it or not and there is a need to stop the reproduction of these cats. The cats need to be attended to for health reasons and the multiplication of these cats needs to be addressed. The board discussed the issues at hand and the need for guidelines to be set in place as far as notifying the neighbors, relocating the animals if necessary and having people responsible for the health and welfare of the animals. The board agreed that there needed to be some issues addressed and that we would like for the County, PetSavers, council persons and anyone else involved come to our meeting to address our concerns.

MARIE SHERIDAN: Nothing to report.

DAN KOZAK: Nothing to report.

BEN JONES: Nothing to report.

RENE PANDOLA: Nothing to report.

DIANA SALVADORI: Nothing to report.

RON GARBOWSKI: Not present.

DEBRA VALCOURT-SHERMAN: Nothing to report.

DAVID SCALES: Nothing to report.

DAVID SCALES: With no further business to discuss, **DAVID SCALES** asked for a motion to adjourn and **BEN JONES** made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Board of Health meeting of January 18, 2023 the motion was seconded by **DEBRA VALCOURT-SHERMAN**. 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 _____