

**Stanhope Board of Health**  
**November 8, 2023**

**President T. Romano called the meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:00 p.m. Open Public Meeting Act 1030 statement was read as required by law.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members present:** P. Zelif-Murphy, R. Maio, D. Kuncken, C. Pico, L. Riccardi, T. Romano, and M. McNeilly  
Also present: Gary Bielen, REHS

**Citizens to be Heard**

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, President T. Romano closed the public portion of the meeting.

Minutes of October 11, 2023 meeting were accepted on a motion by R. Maio and seconded by P. Zelif-Murphy. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

**Reports**

**Sanitarian:**

Activity report received. Reviewed the reports. Copies of reports placed on file. Additional comments:  
Discussed the increase in rabies cases this year.

**Animal Control Officer:**

Email received with an update about the feral cat trapping efforts at 40 Linden Ave. Borough will be billed for the boarding fees for the strays. Homeowner is having several cats neutered at his expense. R. Maio brought up for discussion the existing ordinance dealing with how many cats a resident can own.

**Secretary**

Received OPRA request for 120 State RT 183

Resident at 20 Plane St emailed a complaint about a repeatedly loose dog. Forwarded email to ACO.

Received request for radon kit. Called to ordered 5 kits.

Resident called requesting information on getting child vaccinated. Provided Public Nurses phone number.

R. Maio and D. Kuncken asked about the County's Lantern Fly traps program. G. Bielen will check on.

Motion by D. Kuncken and seconded by C. Pico to accept the reports. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

**Correspondence**

10-12-23                      G. Bielen                      re: PFAS information sheet

Discussion took place and it's an ongoing project.

Motion by P. Zelif-Murphy and seconded by L. Riccardi to accept the correspondence. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

**Old Business**

Contract – President T. Romano stated that he and the Secretary met with the Administrator to discuss the Board's concerns about the ACO Contract. One being things that can be reviewed by the Board, the dates and the yearly increase. The contract has to be approved of by all the Municipalities involved and they have the same concerns as us. There will be no free TNR attached to the contract. Our obligation at this point is to make clear what our policy is for Stanhope about TNR strays. We are obligated to pick up strays and must board them for 7 days. TNR is an additional \$100 per cat. We cannot afford the TNR. Four or five incidences could wipe out the Animal Trust Funds. In terms of strays, we have to tell people who call that if the strays are picked up and not claimed they will probably be euthanized. If the person is willing to have the cat neutered that's at their cost not ours. Discussion took place. It was recommended that we provide a set of guild lines for the office. Discussed cat licensing and upcoming Animal Census

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Motion by D. Kuncken and seconded by C. Pico that the Borough does not have a policy to neuter or spay stray cats and any decision to neuter a stray cat is the responsibility of the homeowner or compliant.

Roll call vote taken. P. Zelif-Murphy : yes, R. Maio: yes, D. Kuncken: yes, C. Pico: yes, L. Riccardi: yes, T. Romano: yes, M. McNeilly: abstain. Motion carried.

Review with Administrator and ask that he have the Borough lawyer write up a resolution.

13 High St- violation notification was returned stamped not deliverable. Will bring it up at Council meeting. Check if we can get lien holder's address from tax collector.

### **Bills**

No bills to be paid.

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Since there was no further business to transact, the members voted to adjourn 7:42 p.m.

Motion by C. Pico and seconded by P. Zelif-Murphy . Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

Respectfully submitted,



Monique McNeilly, Board of Health Secretary