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**Stanhope Board of Health**

May 8, 2019

President J. Gibbons 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. Bruno, D. Thistleton, T. Romano, J. Gibbons, and M. McNeilly

**Also present:** Zerlina MacDonald, REHS

**Absent:** J. Savino

**Citizens to be Heard**

**President J. Gibbons opened the public portion of the meeting.**

Amy Mahoney, 1 Young Dr - she has lived here for thirteen years. She came to the meeting to discuss the abandoned property at 8 Dell Rd. It has been abandoned for over a year. They have contacted zoning about property maintenance a number of times over the year. They contacted Stanhope Health Dept. and Sussex County Health Dept. last year about rat activity. Property was inspected and at the time no rat activity was observed. Problem continued through out the summer. Her husband received a email from Arlene about lawn maintenance yesterday and Amy went to see if there were any new notices posted on house about who maintenances property. Right before you get to the door there is a dead rat tail and all and a rat carcass. She called again yesterday and missed the call back but knew Zee was going to be at the meeting so she came to catch up. She provided pictures of dead rats on the property at 8 Dell Rd.

Zee informed us that she sent an email to Arlene and that she did just inspect the property and didn't see the carcass. Now that she knows where to look she'll go back take pictures and issue a notice of violation to the company that is handling the property, Home Point Financial Corp. County cannot accept pictures from complainant. Zee did call number posted on house and they no longer maintain that property but she was given another number to call. Zee included the number in email to Zoning.

Arlene has cited this property before and it was discussed how after a property is cited they sometimes hand it off to another company and the process starts again. The town can't clean it up. Arlene worked on it for months last year. It was never mowed last year. There are steps that have to be done before the town can put a lien on the property and be able to clean it up and change company holding property.

Property maintenance is the first step in keeping rodent problem from happening.

Discussed Amy attending Council meeting.

Property was still under homeowners when Zee inspected last year.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, President J. Gibbons closed the public portion of the meeting.

Minutes of April 10, 2019 meeting were accepted with corrections on a motion by T. Romano seconded by P. Zelif-Murphy.

Abstain: J. Gibbons. Motion carried.

**Reports**

**Sanitarian:**

Activity report received. Copies of reports placed on file.

Reviewed activity report.

Will inspect Stanhope House tomorrow.

April complaints not on list included:

20 Main Street Apt 3: Anonymous complaint of tenant hanging bird feeder in vacate lot and rats were seen there. Zee could not see vacate lot or bird feeders. Closed case.

5 Highland Ave: inspected on the 26th. No high grass, didn't see garbage or a reason for rats. There are woods near by.

Complainant needs to call County directly or can submit complaint online. Forwarded email about complaint to Zee.

J. Gibbons discussed abandoned house on Delaware has been renovated.

Crunch: believes re- inspection were related to tanning.

**Animal Control Officer:**

No reports received.

**Secretary:**

Received anonymous complaint about men's bathroom being closed 12-1 at Crunch's . County looking into if they have an

Discussed County Conference call.

Motion by R. Bruno and seconded by D. Thistleton to accept reports. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

**Correspondence**

5/2 JCP&L re: terminated accounts - 51 Audubon Ct. Bldg. 4  
email:  
4/16 BioGurriell re:Public Health Update: Zika Virus - Updated CDC Travel Recommendations and Zika Resources  
4/17 BioGurriell re:Public Health Advisory: Measles Holiday Travel Advisory  
4/17 BioGurriell re:Public Health Information: Multistate outbreak of Salmonella Carrau illnesses linked to pre-cut melon products  
4/25 J. Morse re: Health Report Stanhope Borough  
5/6 BioGurriell re: Public Health Update: Updated Measles Resources Available for First Responders, Clinicians, and Health Departments

Discussed Tyson's chicken recall.

Motion by P. Zelif-Murphy and seconded by T. Romano to accept correspondence. Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

**Old Business**

Letter to Lee Day: Spoke to Administrator and sent letter requesting that L. Day license any animals she has and that in the further she will be charged for the ACO time if used in that capacity again.

Census: provided Police Chief with forms for animal census.

Neuter/Spay Sponsorship Program: one applicant Rabies Clinic went well.

**New Business**

Stanhope Day: only a couple food vendors.

**Bills**

Jeanmarie Casey	Reimbursement of Spayed/ Neuter program	\$50
Monique McNeilly	Reimbursement of syringes for Rabies clinic	\$12.34

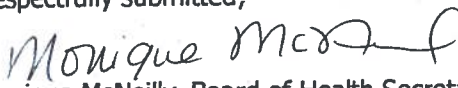
Spayed/Neuter Program provides a \$50 reimbursement to Stanhope resident for spaying or neutering their license cat. Motion by T. Romano and seconded by P. Zelif-Murphy to pay the bills. Roll call vote taken.  
Yes: P. Zelif-Murphy, R. Bruno, D. Thistleton, T. Romano, J. Gibbons, and M. McNeilly  
Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

**Citizens to be Heard**

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

Since there was no further business to transact, the members voted to adjourn 7:49 p.m.  
Motion by T. Romano seconded by D. Thistleton Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Monique McNeilly, Board of Health Secretary