

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
RE-ORGANIZATION
January 17, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER-

President's Statement-

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the official newspapers.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Oaths of office were administered to Bruce Ruck and Peter Savulich.

ROLL CALL-

Robert Riedinger (P); Harriet Stambaugh (P); Fran Ellis (P); Bruce Ruck (P); Ronald Jubin (P); Peter Savulich (P); Francesca Escaleira (A); Julia Gunther (A); Diane Logan (P)

Also present Middlebrook Representative-Robin Key. Councilman Black arrived at 7:12 P.M.

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

Fran Ellis made a motion to nominate Bruce Ruck for the position of Board of Health President, with a second by Peter Savulich. There being no other nominations the motion carried unanimously on roll call.

NOMINATION TO VICE PRESIDENT

Harriet Stambaugh made a motion to nominate Robert Riedinger for the position of Board of Health Vice President, with a second by Bruce Ruck. There being no other nominations the motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Appointment for Representatives to Middlebrook- 2 members and 1 alternate

Members: Ronald Jubin and Fran Ellis

Alternate: will be appointed at a later date

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 29, 2017

Following a motion by Ronald Jubin and a second by Fran Ellis the minutes were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - November/December

Robert Riedinger asked is the turkey vultures would be a health hazard and Robyn key said they would not.

Bruce Ruck questioned the Pump House at the Colorado Café and if the Board of Health is involved with this. Robyn Key said no it is the Department of Environmental Protection who handles this.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK (Commission Report)

The Commissions' re-organization meeting is scheduled for the first Monday of February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the legalization of Marijuana in New Jersey. Bruce Ruck said Watchung should make a decision whether or not to allow this in the Borough. It should be the decision of the Mayor and Council. Ronald Jubin said there is no value to the Borough if it is allowed. Everyone felt there should be many controls regarding safety, packaging, etc. if it is allowed.

The Board asked Councilman Black to get a consensus from the Council on their opinion regarding this and also ask if they would like any input from the Board of Health.

Councilman Black said he would get a consensus from the Council and get back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peter Savulich discussed a program he attended at the High School discussing drugs and alcohol. He said former basketball player Chris Herrin, who lost everything through the use of drugs/alcohol, was the speaker. Peter suggested inviting someone to one of our meetings to discuss these issues. All members were in favor of this and asked Peter to reach out to someone to see if this can be scheduled.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public was in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT-

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Hance
Secretary