

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
BOARD OF HEALTH**

MINUTES

9:00 am

January 9, 2019

REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. PROCEDURAL

- a. Call to Order –
- b. Flag Salute
- c. Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting was properly provided by sending copies of the Notice of Meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the Atlantic City Press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Office.

Roll Call -	Cecilia West	<u> X </u>
	Nick Bonamassa	<u> X </u>
	Dana Covitz	<u> X </u>
	Mary Neafie	<u> X </u>
	Kelsey Denning	<u> Excused Absence </u>
	Joel Polter Alt. #1	<u> X </u>
	Aaron Shapiro Alt. #2	<u> Excused Absence </u>

2. NEW BUSINESS

- **Oaths of Office administered to members for the year 2019.**

Cecilia West, Nick Bonamassa and Joel Polter were sworn in by Deputy Clerk Giardino.
Update: Aaron Shapiro was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Giardino on January 14, 2019.

- **Member Reappointment** –Cecilia West, Nick Bonamassa, Kelsey Denning
Joel Polter

Celia West and Nicholas Bonamassa were reappointed as Regular Members for a three-year term. Kelsey Denning moved up and was appointed as a Regular Member, filling the unexpired term of Dolores Marino. Joel Polter has moved up and was appointed as an Alternate #1 Member, filling the unexpired term of Kelsey Denning.

- **New Member Appointment** – Aaron Shapiro

Aaron Shapiro was appointed as an Alternate #2 Member for a two-year term.

- **Nomination for Chairperson for the year 2019.**

Celia West was nominated as Chairperson for the year 2019 by Nick Bonamassa, seconded by Joel Polter. All in favor: Aye. None opposed.

- **Nomination for Vice Chairperson for the year 2019.**

Nick Bonamassa was nominated as Vice Chairperson for the year 2019 by Celia West, seconded by Dana Covitz. All in Favor: Aye. None opposed.

- **Schedule Meetings for 2019 – Board Members will discuss scheduling 2019 Meetings**

Reorganization Meeting: January 9, 2019 9:00a
Regular Business Meeting: January 9, 2019 Immediately Following
Regular Business Meeting: April 10, 2019 9:00a
Regular Business Meeting: October 2, 2019 9:00a

A motion to approve the 2019 meeting dates was moved by Celia West, seconded by Dana Covitz. All in Favor: Aye. None opposed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Committeewoman Lydia Dodd inquired if the Board of Health meetings could be moved to the evenings.

Nick Bonamassa discussed he prefers mornings, as Greenbriar has their events at night. Dana Covitz discussed she will go with the majority vote of moving the meetings to the evenings. Celia West discussed she would not be able to attend evening meetings in January.

Dana Covitz discussed only the Township Committee can approve changing the meetings to evenings. The Board of Health handles the annual Rabies and Flu Clinics, so there is really nothing for the public. Dana Covitz discussed testing an evening meeting in April and October to see what the response is.

Secretary Giardino discussed she cannot work in the evenings. A secretary will have to be hired at \$120.00 per meeting. Dana Covitz discussed it will be hard to find a replacement. Celia West discussed Secretary Giardino knows all the nuances. Secretary Giardino discussed she will train the new person.

Committeewoman Dodd discussed publicizing the meeting more. A few people have told me they would come if it wasn't during the day. Celia West discussed the meetings are advertised to the public in two newspapers, posted on the Township bulletin board and on the Township website.

Dana Covitz suggested those few people could email Michele with their concerns and she could bring it up at the meetings. It is very likely those people want to discuss an issue the Board of Health has no power over.

Committeewoman Dodd discussed the people wanted to attend meetings that referenced health issues. Celia West and Dana Covitz discussed those few people do not understand what this Board of Health's responsibility is.

Nick Bonamassa discussed putting a survey out to the public stating the Township Committee is in the process of evaluating moving the Board of Health meetings to 7:00pm in the evenings and would like to know the public's response.

Celia West requested Secretary Giardino send a letter to the Township Committee asking them to send out a survey to the public, regarding moving the Board of Health meetings to 7:00 pm.

UPDATE: A Board of Health survey regarding meeting times and presentations has been sent out in a Township email on March 30, 2019.

4. BOARD COMMENTS.

No comments from Board Members.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting was moved by Celia West, seconded by Nick Bonamassa. All in Favor: Aye. None opposed.

Michele Giardino, Secretary
Township of Ocean Board of Health