

**RIVERDALE BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES / REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2023
REVISED MARCH 22, 2023**

**THIS MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER
FLAG SALUTE
SUNSHINE LAW**

Secretary Linda Roetman stated this is a Reorganization / Regular meeting for the Riverdale Board of Health opening on January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the Morris Daily Record and also posted on the bulletin board outside the Council Chambers. No new testimony will be heard after 9:00 p.m. and the meeting will be adjourned by 9:30 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS: The following members were sworn in:

Councilman Steve Revis (Council Representative)	Term Expires 12/31/2023
Linda Roetman (Secretary)	Term Expires 12/31/2023
Millie Stires (3 Year Term)	Term Expires 12/31/2025
Anita Meola (3 Year Term)	Term Expires 12/31/2025

**ROLL CALL: Present: Millie Stires
Anita Meola
Stacey Dakake
Council Liaison Steve Revis**

Also present is Gina McConeghy, Health Official.

REORGANIZATION: NOMINATIONS ARE HEARD FOR:

1. CHAIRMAN

Thereupon Anita Meola set forth the motion seconded by Stacey Dakake to nominate Mille Stires for Chairman. Hearing no other nominations the nominations are closed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Meola, Dakake, Stires
Nays: None**

(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

2. VICE-CHAIRMAN

Thereupon Anita Meola set forth the motion seconded by Millie Stires to nominate Stacey Dakake for Vice-Chairman. Hearing no other nominations the nominations are closed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Meola, Stires, Dakake
Nays: None
(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

3. REGISTRAR

Thereupon Chairman Millie Stires set forth the motion seconded by Anita Meola to nominate Connie Andersen for Registrar. Hearing no other nominations the nominations are closed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Stires, Meola, Dakake
Nays: None
(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

4. MEETING NIGHTS AND TIME

MARCH 21ST, MAY 16TH, SEPTEMBER 19TH, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

Thereupon Chairman Millie Stires set forth the motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Stacey Dakake to approve the meeting nights and time. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations are closed.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Stires, Dakake, Meola
Nays: None
(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

5. LEGAL NEWSPAPER AND ALTERNATE NEWSPAPER:

Thereupon Vice-Chairman Stacey Dakake set forth the motion seconded by Chairman Millie Stires to nominate the Morris Daily Record and the Suburban Trends to follow the Mayor and Council nominations.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dakake, Stires, Meola
Nays: None**

(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

MOTION TO CLOSE THE REORGANIZATION PORTION OF THE MEETING AND ENTER INTO THE REGULAR MEETING.

Thereupon Anita Meola set forth the motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Stacey Dakake to close the Reorganization portion of the meeting and enter in the Regular meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR / Motion Carried

**ROLL CALL: Present: Anita Meola
Vice-Chairman Stacey Dakake
Chairman Millie Stires
Council Liaison Steve Revis**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Thereupon Vice-Chairman Stacey Dakake set forth the motion seconded by Anita Meola to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022 meeting as written and submitted.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dakake, Meola, Stires
Nays: None
(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

REGISTRAR'S REPORTS: November and December 2022

Thereupon Anita Meola set forth the motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Stacey Dakake to approve the Registrars Reports as written and submitted.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Meola, Dakake, Stires
Nays: None
(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)**

HEALTH OFFICIAL'S REPORTS: November and December 2022

Gina Mc McConeghy stated that all of the inspections that were to be completed by December 31st were done. Some of the places were to be inspected once and some were inspected twice, however by the end of the year all of the inspections were completed. Gina stated there was an issue in September with the Flaming Grill Restaurant that lasted until December and it took two additional inspectors to bring them up to code and they were placed on conditional. The inspectors went together to cover everything. One of the conditions that they had to do to bring them up to code was all of the employees had to take the safe serve class.

The language barrier was a problem and they have to take the class on line, Spanish or Chinese. They have to do it online and Gina stated she will be going back in another month and they will have to be inspected every two months and Gina stated that there will be at least two or three inspectors that will do the inspection when they go because it is too much for one inspector and they need to cover all aspects. There is a lot going on there and a lot of people eat there as well stated Gina.

Gina stated that Blu Ale House is also due for inspection and again it is better to go with more than one inspector. Vice-Chairman Dakake stated Tiki Barber was at the Blue Ale House last week and wondered how that went. Gina stated it is still a popular place and will be inspected within the next couple of weeks.

There was a discussion in reference to the animals in the stores and the customers showing cards that they are service dogs. Gina stated that there are many complaints at Target in reference to the amount of dogs coming in. Gina stated with the world in the place it is in, people are afraid to do anything. Target had a meeting with Corporate in reference to the dogs. The manager talked to Gina in reference to the dogs and she told him to use the Health Department and tell the customers that if they bring a dog in the store the store will be fined. Councilman Revis stated he received a letter about the Target and the dogs and they were making people stand outdoors.

Gina stated there was a complaint about the rest rooms in Target and there was a plumbing issue and there was another restroom in the back of the store and they were personally bring the customers to the restroom in the back. Gina stated they didn't have any employees standing outside. A lot of times stated Gina it is not a Health Department issue and is actually customer service. Gina stated she was in Kinnelon and one of their stores there was a huge sign on the window that they welcome service dogs. Every town is different.

Anita Meola stated she had a question about the Pequannock website where they have the food establishment inspections. The last time it was updated was March of last year. Gina stated she would talk to Tim Zachok and get the website updated.

Chairman Stires asked about people's yards and who is responsible for that. That is actually a zoning problem, however, the zoning and health work together on some of the complaints.

Gina stated that there are a lot of vape places popping up all over. Selling flavored vapes are illegal. There is a State level ordinance that the towns can adopt, and so Pequannock is having printed up ordinance sheets that will explain what is not to be sold at these shops and the fines would be the first fine \$500, the second fine \$1,000.00 and the third fine \$1,500.00. The question was asked if there were any of the vape shops in this town that were selling illegal flavored vapes. Gina stated that they have not been inspected as of yet this year and they are waiting for the ordinance sheets to be ready to take which should be in another week or so. Linda Roetman asked for a copy of the ordinance sheet so she could keep a copy in the file for the Board of Health. There was a discussion in reference to the vaping huts and places.

Thereupon Anita Meola set forth the motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Stacey Dakake to approve the Health Official's reports for November and December 2022.

ALL IN FAVOR / Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Millie Stires asked about people to walk their dogs and don't clean up after the dogs and who is responsible for that. Linda stated you have to have proof of the person that is not cleaning up. Chairman Stires stated that the person on camera and they were trying to talk to him to be neighborly and take care of it that way. Linda stated that if that doesn't work and you have the proof, she would send a letter to the person and try to take care of it that way.

ADJOURNMENT:

Thereupon Vice-Chairman Stacey Dakake set forth the motion seconded by Anita Meola to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR / Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Roetman, Board Secretary