

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
April 17, 2013**

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.

ROLL CALL-

Robert Riedinger (A); Harriet Stambaugh (A); Fran Ellis (P); Bruce Ruck (P); Ronald Jubin (P); Peter Savulich (P); Lynn Franklin (P); Anita Frimmer (A); Mohamed Husain (P)

Also Present: Stephen Black Council Liaison and Middlebrook Representative-Kevin Sumner

There were 5 students in attendance from Rutgers, Eli Weingast, Liam Callahan, Frederick Reichert, Andrea Veduas, and Gina Curcio.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Lynn Franklin made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2013 with a second by Fran Ellis. All members in attendance approved.

Report of Vital Statistics for :

February

Births - Male- 0 Female- 2
Deaths - Male- 1 Female- 4
Marriages- 5
Domestic Partnerships – 0
Civil Unions - 0

March

Births – Male – 1 Female - 1
Deaths – Male - 3 Female - 5
Marriages - 0
Domestic Partnerships - 0
Civil Unions - 0

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - February/March: (Kevin Sumner)

Bruce Ruck questioned the dog bite issues and asked if we could get follow up information on these. Kevin Sumner said it would be difficult for the staff to enter follow up information on the reports. These issues are followed up to make sure the quarantines have been properly followed and once completed this is on the reports.

There was also a question regarding the March 11th report of Campylobacter in a food establishment employee - this person had no contact with food. Lyn Franklin questioned the Conditional Food establishment inspection. Kevin said usually it is for something minor which is corrected and once re-inspected they are given a satisfactory report. Lynn also questioned the Measles scare and wanted to know why this is happening now. Kevin said the concern is for those who have not been vaccinated. This could be a major problem if there is an outbreak. Measles is a very serious illness. Ron Jubin asked about deer feeding. Kevin said there is no Borough Ordinance preventing a person from feeding deer on private property – only Borough Property.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK – February/March

Ron Jubin said there was nothing to report at this time. The next meeting is Monday, the 22nd and he will have a report for our next Board of Health Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Public Health Preparidness – There were no new developments. However, Councilman Black reported prior to our meeting this evening there was a C.E.R.T. program to explain what the program entails. He was very pleased with the attendance and hopes to get a training class set up shortly.

Tobacco Control Ordinance – Kevin reported he sent a copy of the Draft Ordinance to Laws and Ordinance Committee for review. It is his opinion that any Ordinance should probably come from the Mayor and Council since it would send a “stronger” message to the public. Lynn said there was a concern regarding this Ordinance specifically if there is a conflict with the State and Kevin responded it is definitely not and it is most likely more strict than what the State has. Bruce asked if this includes the Electronic Cigarettes and he responded that it did. He would suggest letting this Ordinance go as is and add/change at a later date to include other restrictions.

Councilman Black asked the Rutgers students, who were in attendance at this meeting, what they thought about the Electronic Cigarettes. Most did not have a problem with them and said students are allowed to use these in the School.

NEW BUSINESS-

Food Handler courses - There are two sessions scheduled. April 23rd from 7 pm to 9 pm and the second one April 24th at 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The April 23rd class is also in Spanish.

A Rabies Clinic is scheduled for May 4th, 8:30 am to 9:30 am at the Washington Valley Fie House in Warren, NJ.

Kevin Sumner received a call from Attorney Albert Cruz regarding a property on Valley Drive for sewer connection. This property owner is requesting an exemption from the mandatory sewer connection hook-up because there is a water stream which would have to be crossed. Kevin is requesting the approval from the Board to approve this exemption. Following an explanation by Kevin that the exemption is one of those allowed in the Board’s newly adopted ordinance and discussion by the Board Bruce Ruck made a motion to approve this exemption with a second by Fran Ellis. The motion included the conditions that an application be submitted to the Board and that the applicant supply all of the requirements of the ordinance. The motion was approved with the conditions upon roll call as follows: Ellis, Ruck, Jubin, Savulich, Franklin, and Husain, “aye”.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Receipt from Summit Medical Group - Dog Bite Incidents – March 20th and April 3rd.
No discussion on these reports – just a suggestion these only be emailed to Middlebrook not to members of the Board.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT:

Middle Brook Regional Health Commission (2 nd Qtr)	-	\$21,260.50
Plainfield Area Humane Society – March 2013	-	\$ 1,417.00
Plainfield Area Humane Society – April 2013	-	\$ 1,417.00
Echoes Sentinel – Advertisement for December final Passage of Ord.No. BH:12-01	-	\$ 17.85

Ron Jubin made a motion to approve with a second by Fran Ellis and upon roll call as follows: Ellis, Ruck, Jubin, Savulich, Franklin, and Husain, “aye”.

ADJOURNMENT- Ron Jubin made a motion to adjourn with a second by Fran Ellis all members “aye”.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall,
15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Hance