

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2014**

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.

Robert Riedinger wished to congratulate Kevin Sumner on his receipt of the Frank J. Osborne award and all members joined in to also congratulate him.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Oaths of office were administered to Robert Riedinger, Lynn Franklin and Ronald Jubin and will be held in the Clerks' office.

ROLL CALL-

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

Also present was Middlebrook Representative-Kevin Sumner and although not present at roll call Councilman Black arrived at 7:20

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

Fran Ellis made a motion to nominate Robert Riedinger for the position of Board of Health President, with a second by Ronald Jubin. There being no other nominations the motion carried unanimously on roll call.

NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT

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

Appointment for Representatives to Middle Brook – 2 Members & 1 Alternate

Members: Fran Ellis and Ronald Jubin

Alternate: Harriet Stambaugh

CONSENT AGENDA:

Lynn Franklin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2013 with a second by Harriet Stambaugh. All members in attendance approved.

Report of Vital Statistics for : September/October/November/December 2013

September

Births - Male- 4 Female- 2
Deaths - Male- 0 Female- 3
Marriages- 2
Domestic Partnerships – 0

October

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

November

Births - Male- 2 Female- 1
Deaths - Male- 2 Female- 3
Marriages- 1
Domestic Partnerships – 0

December

Births - Male- 0 Female- 1
Deaths - Male- 2 Female- 5
Marriages- 3
Domestic Partnerships – 0

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - September/October/November/December 2013

Bruce Ruck questioned the December 3rd animal quarantine of a German Shepard. Kevin said it was a first bite incident and it is not considered a vicious animal the animal bit the owners' child. Also a confirmed H1N1 case which Kevin said is the predominate flu this year. Bruce asked if this person had been vaccinated and Kevin said he did not know. Bruce also asked where the VIP Spa is located and MaryAnn said it is located on Johnston Drive next to the Speedy Mart.

Fran Ellis asked if the pertussis vaccine is now available and Kevin said as far as he knows there is no problem getting the vaccine. Ron Jubin asked how the flu clinics went this year and Kevin reported they were better than last year with approximately 100 being vaccinated- 30 at Mount Saint Marys for the staff and 65 to 70 at the clinics. The fall rabies clinics – two in November and two in December - were well attended with 60-70 animals at each clinic being vaccinated. Bruce said he did not see any information regarding the clinics on the Watchung facebook page or the website and Kevin said the information is sent to all municipalities and they are asked to post. It is also in the Watchung Newsletter. Bruce suggested it be put on the Official Watchung facebook page and also the “unofficial Watchung facebook” because the unofficial one seems to get the information out faster than any other source and he said anyone can enter information on the “unofficial page” and if he is given the information he will put it on the unofficial page. Ron Jubin asked Kevin if he is a member of the UMDNJ lecture staff and Kevin said he participates in the practice based research work and there a couple of different studies- they are doing a tobacco study and a variety of STD services. They are also doing a grand round series to try and pull back from the clinical side and add more to the public health side and there is also an online training system primarily geared toward clinical providers but also private practitioners.

Ron Jubin mentioned he has been to the Walgreens in Green Brook and was very impressed by the signs they post when there is a health issue such as a measles outbreak, etc. They do an excellent job getting the information out to the public. They also have signs asking adults if they know when they were last immunized.

Kevin said he has two interns who will be starting on Monday and one of them is focusing on an educational program on adult immunizations and the second intern will be working on a public education flier which will be a one page document on public health preparedness and what the public should do themselves to prepare for natural disasters, bio-terrorism, etc. and he has asked her to include a little social media things. Kevin also said his wife's doctor told her the age for a person to get the shingles vaccine has now been lowered to 50 and he said he will try to confirm this. Bruce Ruck said his organization has received a \$200,000 grant from the State to spend \$100,000 for the next 2 years to incorporate a disaster preparedness and training into their training manual and it is going to start in April and all the County Health Departments are supposed to undergo training on their whole train to train program including receiving what they are in the process of putting together now. Kevin questioned if this if not just carbon monoxide and Bruce said it is for everything from water, bites, stings, etc. Kevin asked if this was going to the County Health Departments and Bruce said they are supposed to put together training programs to the County Health Departments and when the County Staff wants to train someone else they can pick and choose what they want to use. Bruce said they already have over 300 pages and it is broken down to pre-disaster, during disaster and post disaster preparedness. Kevin told Bruce he would like to speak with him about this because he knows nothing about the program.

Lynn Franklin asked Bruce if this training is meant for ordinary lay persons and he said it is meant to train people so they may present programs to many persons.

Ron Jubin reported he saw our ordinance on smoking and that New York City is considering doing they same thing and he feels the Borough of Watchung has been a trailblazer for this. Fran Ellis asked what people are supposed to do with their used syringes and Kevin said most hospitals will take them but there is no law regarding how dispose of them.

NEW BUSINESS-

Kevin also reported the Commission had their annual meeting at the end of October and it was fairly well attended and Mayor Pote attended that meeting and after the meeting the Mayor asked him to attend the next Council meeting. The Commission Budget was approved in November and Kevin explained the main reason the budget has increased as much as it has which is mainly due to those costs the Commission has no control over such as health insurance, pension, etc. The Commission has had a decrease in staff but an increase in the workload. In 2011-2012 and 2013 the Commission received grants from the Federal Government and Funding from the State Health Department to offset the costs for preparing for ministering vaccinations and building some infrastructure to prepare for the pandemic influenza and because the Commission had already budgeted for that year they were able to take that budgeted money and put it in surplus. So for the three years 2011, 2012 and 2013 the Commission divided that surplus to keep the costs down during the difficult economic times. Now that surplus is gone and since they no longer have that money the overall budget is less than 2% but the individual towns will be seeing a higher increase in 2014 but it will be a one-time higher amount and in 2015 the Budget should go back to the way it was with smaller increases to the towns. The Budget was then put to a vote by the Board to approve and it was carried unanimously on roll call.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT-

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| Adolphe Greybek-Rabies Clinic – December 7, 2013 | - | \$ 90.00 |
| Middle Brook Health Commission – Fourth Quarter | - | \$21,010.50 |
| Plainfield Area Humane Society – December 2013 | - | \$ 1,417.00 |
| Plainfield Area Humane Society – January 2014 | - | \$ 1,417.00 |
| RR Donnelley – Registrar Safety Paper | - | \$ 125.00 |
| MGL Printing Solutions-dog tags and paper | - | \$ 356.50 |

There may have to be a change for the April meeting, which we can discuss at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn moved by Fran Ellis and seconded by Harriet Stambaugh

The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall,
15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryAnn Hance

Secretary