

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER-

President Ruck called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and made the following 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-

Riedinger (A); Stambaugh (P); Ellis (A); Ruck (P); Jubin (P); Savulich (A); Franklin (P); Escaleira (A); Gunther (P)

Also present: Middlebrook Representative - Robyn Key

Although not present at roll call, Councilman Black arrived at 7:05 PM

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2015 Meeting

Ron Jubin made a motion to accept the minutes of April 15, 2015 with a second by Bruce Ruck and all members “aye.”

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS:

<u>APRIL</u>		<u>MAY</u>	
Births - Male- 2	Female- 2	Births - Male- 0	Female- 0
Deaths - Male- 2	Female- 3	Deaths - Male- 1	Female- 5
Marriages- 1		Marriages 1	
Domestic Partnerships – 0		Domestic Partnerships – 0	

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sent: 4/17/15 – Letters sent supporting proposed legislation:

Governor Chris Christie
Senator Thomas Kean, Jr.
Senator Stephen Sweeney
Speaker of General Assembly, Vincent Prieto
Assemblyman Jon Bramnick
Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz
NJ Dept. of Health Commissioner Mary O’Dowd

Received: 4/20/15- Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz
4/29/15- Senator Thomas Kean
4/30/15- Assemblyman Jon Bramnick

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - April/May

Bruce questioned the Ice Cream Truck inspection and said he thought this was not allowed in Watchung and Councilman Black said there are no restrictions as long as they file all necessary permits. Bruce also asked about the bee hives and Robyn Key said she referred the person to the zoning department because she does not know anything about the laws regarding these and does not know if there are any restrictions on having them. Bruce mentioned the information on the tick testing locations and said we should not be

promoting the testing because whether the tick tests positive or negative the person would not be treated. Treatment is done only if a person shows symptoms. Robyn said it is only recommended if a person does have symptoms. Harriet said if she removes a tick from a student she puts it in a baggy and sends it home with a note to save it just in case symptoms occur. Julie said her office does not treat but she does tell the patient to put it on their calendar and watch for 30 days.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK (Commission Report)

Ron Jubin reported the Commission discussed running the Pool video on the Health channel again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Grease traps – Robyn Key said the last court case has been resolved.

Carbon Monoxide – Bruce questioned what has happened, if anything, regarding requiring businesses to install these detectors. Councilman Black said it is with the Laws and Ordinance Committee but they did not receive it very well so far. The Committee thinks the fire inspector, Gary Greves, should be taking this on his own and he has been asked to include this when he does his inspections. Mr. Greves can make the suggestion to the establishment to have them installed and if there is no cooperation he can have the Committee further discuss possibly including in an Ordinance. The Committee is concerned about the enforcement of this.

Possible Board of Health Projects – Bruce mentioned the age for purchasing tobacco products. The current law is 18 years and he would like to see this raised to 21. Lynn Franklin said the State is trying to incorporate the e-cigarettes into the law since it is becoming a big issue because it is thought that these are safe. Councilman Black suggested this go to the Laws and Ordinance Committee for review. Lynn suggested having an Educational program for parents of all age groups to get them better informed about smoking and include the e-cigarettes and the misconception that they are a safe alternative to cigarettes. Ron suggested doing a video similar to the Pool video and he also said it could be brought up at the Commission Level. Julie suggested having more than cigarettes/e-cigarettes included in some type of educational program. All thought this would be a good idea and it was also suggested information could be included in the Borough Newsletter and Lynn thought the Green Team might be able to incorporate in some of their events.

New Business:

2015 County Health Rankings – report attached

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.
The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall,
15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069.

Respectfully submitted

MaryAnn Hance
Secretary, Board of Health