

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2015 - 6:00 PM**

Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order by the Chris Anderson at 6:00 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and the Roxbury Register. Notice posted on Bulletin Board in the Lobby of the Borough Hall.

“Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” recited.

Roll Call. Present: C. Anderson, A. Westerfield, L. Tuorinsky, A. Puskas, P. DiGeronimo. Absent: L. O’Reilly-Stanzilis, R. Morance (did not receive e-mail informing him of the meeting)

In attendance: A. Cangiano, Council, F. Wilpert, Board of Health Officer, and T. Weigle, Board of Health Officer fulfilling F. Wilpert’s position upon retirement.

Motion to Approve minutes from, September 9, 2014. Motion by: A. Puskas, second by L. Tuorinsky. Yes: C. Anderson, A. Westerfield, L. Tuorinsky, A. Puskas, P. DiGeronimo. No: None.

Motion to Approve minutes from February 10, 2015. Motion by: A. Puskas, second by L. Tuorinsky. Yes: C. Anderson, L. Tuorinsky, A. Puskas, P. DiGeronimo. No: None.

March 10, 2015 Board of Health meeting cancelled.

Health Officer’s Reports

Approval of the Sanitarian’s Reports.

F. Wilpert states that there are Sanitarian reports in the packet from January through April. We spoke about the January and February reports at the last meeting. They were provided for continuity.

April was a light month for inspections. A lot of inspections done in March and February.

I need to bring an item to the Board’s attention. There was an animal bite that occurred in town; I was notified by a resident. She had been sitting on her porch watching the sun come up. She heard a hissing noise on a lounge chair behind her and as she turned there was a raccoon. They were both startled. It bit her in the lower part of her rear-end. The raccoon was captured and was sent to Trenton. We received a call from Saint Clair’s emergency room. I asked for a rush on the tests; normally it takes 2 or 3 days. Because it was a bite I made phone calls to the Bureau Chief of the Lab in Trenton and asked to expedite the results. The raccoon was positive for rabies. She is undergoing treatment. I worked with Kim, Animal Control Officer to secure the raccoon. I received a call from Brian Dunster who is Kim’s backup. Animal Control Officers seems to have a network for when they are out. Mr. Dunster asked me if I had the results of the raccoon. I told him, I was able to get the results within 24 hours. He said “that’s my wife’s

relative.” I told him to keep after her to make sure she is getting her shots. Frank talked about the protocol for the shots. Rabies information was distributed on the Borough and school websites. I’d like to thank Carolyn Rinaldi for getting the information distributed so quickly.

C. Anderson thanked Frank for acting so promptly.

Bob Stahlhut, Health Inspector had one septic plan review. It is still ongoing with a couple of minor issues.

We are waiting for QuickChek’s pre-operational inspection. Once that is ok, they will receive their Certificate of Occupancy. Chris asked if that will have a Food Handlers License. Frank agreed it is just like their old store.

Exxon has also received their Food Handlers License for their newly expanded store.

C. Anderson asked if the Hot Dog truck at Lee’s Park had their 2015 Food Handlers License. D. Halik stated that they do have their 2015 license.

Frank states that we are up to date on everything. There are some habitual complainers but for the most part as you can see there is a beginning, middle and ending to the complaints.

C. Anderson asks about older issues from January and February. F. Wilpert states that they have been taken care of.

F. Wilpert said that we received a complaint about dog defecation in February when there was 20” of snow. We took a look but we couldn’t see anything. It will be addressed in the spring.

C. Anderson asked if there were any violations or summons. F. Wilpert replied no.

Motion to accept the Health Officer’s report by: A. Puskas, second by P. DiGeronimo. Yes: C. Anderson, A. Westerfield, L. Tuorinsky, A. Puskas, P. DiGeronimo. No: None.

Nursing Reports:

F. Wilpert talks about H. Giles report. She has been very active. She also attends the senior meetings on a regular basis.

F. Wilpert went through all the activities H. Giles, Public Nurse has been through over the last several months. In January she did a presentation to the Visiting Nurses Association and a Free Child Health Exam. Blood Screening, which was done on April 18th that was well received. Dermatology/Oncology on March 13th. The Seniors loved it so much we had to extend it an additional hour to get as many in as possible. The Doctors agreed to stay.

H. Giles has been busy working with Laura updating the Mayor’s Wellness webpage.

She also was involved with the Ebola preparedness activities. F. Wilpert went over the protocol for monitoring someone that has traveled to one of the affected countries. They will be given a packet at the airport with instructions. They have to call us with their temperature every day for 21 days, which in turn we have a report that we submit to the State. So far we have had 2 cases in Mt. Olive; none in Mount Arlington.

F. Wilpert introduced Trevor Weigle, he is my successor. He is president of the NJ Health Association. He is involved with the State Department of Health working on a grant where the towns will be reimbursed for the Nurses time that is spent on the Ebola reporting.

F. Wilpert introduces Trevor and briefly goes through his background. He has public health, communicable disease background as well as he has worked in regional organizations. He coordinated the Northwest Emergency Preparedness Council. He's involved at the county level with Passaic, Sussex and Morris Counties. He will bring our region to the next level.

C. Anderson welcomes Trevor. He talks about how Frank has been such an asset to our town with our growth and we look forward to moving to the next level with you.

F. Wilpert continues with the Public Health Nurse report. H. Giles has been very active with Health education programs which she has presented and/or plans to be presented. She had a program for the senior's about laughing and how it makes you feel much better. The seniors loved it and laughed like crazy. Helen and I attended a conference for Vaccine for Preventable Diseases. She needed the credits for her nursing as well as maintaining her Communicable Disease Registry and Surveillance Reports. She also is my follow-up on food borne illnesses. Not only does the health inspector go out to inspect but the nurse follows-up with the person to make sure they have gone to their doctor and is feeling better.

F. Wilpert asks if any one has any questions on any of the reports.

Motion to accept the Nursing Report by C. Anderson, second by L. Tuorinsky. Yes: C. Anderson, L. Tuorinsky, A. Puskas, P. DiGeronimo. No: None.

Resolutions

- 1) Resolution of the Mount Arlington Board of Health of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appointing Lizbeth Dwyer as Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Motion by: C. Anderson, second by A. Puskas. Yes: C. Anderson, A. Westerfield, L. Tuorinsky, A. Puskas, P. DiGeronimo. No: None.

- 2) Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey Approving Appointment for Dog Census.

It was explained by C. Rinaldi that a vote was taken by the Board so that the Council knows that in fact the Board of Health agrees with this Resolution and that the Council has the duty to vote on this matter at their next meeting.

Motion by: C. Anderson, second by D. DiGeronimo. Yes: C. Anderson, A. Westerfield, L. Tuorinsky, A. Puskas, P. DiGeronimo. No: None.

Correspondence:

C. Anderson comments on Frank Wilpert's retirement letter, flyers or announcements from the Public Health Nurse, and a copy of the Flu Report.

New Business:

C. Anderson asks that the Animal Control Officer come to the next meeting on September 8th. D. Halik will send an invitation to Kim Smith, Jefferson Township's Animal Control Officer.

Old Business:

L. Tuorinsky asked if there was any follow-up on the cats at 9 Fern Place. L. Tuorinsky said a neighbor had asked her about it because the cat urine was getting into their soil and was smelling. The cats have been trapped by homeowners in the area. F. Wilpert said he thought that it had been taken care of. This was the first he was hearing about it. The last time he talked to Kim about it, it was greatly reduced and manageable. The homeowner was able to get the cats back after a period of time. F. Wilpert said the next time they get out the homeowner will get a summons. F. Wilpert mentioned that the cat census will pick up how many cats she has and if they are licensed.

C. Anderson stated that the Board had put in amendment changes to some of the Board of Health Ordinances. C. Rinaldi spoke to the status of Ordinances. F. Wilpert stated that the September meeting minutes comments on the Ordinances. A. Cangiano said that the attorney is involved in reviewing them.

Open to the Public.

C. Anderson opened the meeting to the public.

A. Cagnino thanks Frank for all his years of service. On a personal note you have been a wealth of knowledge and it has been an education.

C. Anderson closed the meeting to public comment.

C. Anderson asks F. Wilpert to take center stage. C. Anderson reads the Proclamation presented to F. Wilpert.

F. Wilpert tells T. Weigle that he is inheriting a great Board and that they will back you 100% as well as the Council. They truly are great. It has been a great pleasure for me to serve this town since 2008. The seniors love the programs that the Nurse puts together. Lastly, there are no words to express the friendship I developed with Mayor Art Ondish. Carolyn is a charm to work with. I can call her at any time to put our heads together and come up with a solution. Andrew you have been a great liaison to the Council. The Board of Health is only as good as the as the Council that works with them.

C. Rinaldi stated that Mayor Ondish really wanted to be here tonight but work got in the way. For everyone, Frank will be at the next Council meeting.

Motion to adjourn by A. Puskas second by L. Tuorinsky. All in favor. Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Halik
Board of Health Administrator

Approved: September 8, 2015