

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2017
6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Adequate Notice

Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Roxbury Register. The Notice is also posted on the Bulletin Board in the Lobby of the Borough Hall.

3. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

4. Roll Call

Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis, Sheila Studint, Christopher Anderson, Patti DiGeronimo, Linda Tuorinsky, and Roy Morance were present as were Trevor Weigle and Derrick Webb. Ann Marie Westerfield arrived to the meeting at 6:45pm. Andrew Cangiano was absent.

5. Presentations

A. None

6. Approval of Minutes

January 10, 2017 BOH Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Mrs. Tuorinsky

Second: Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved

7. Approval of Public Health Services Report

Mr. Weigle started by introducing Derrick Webb to the committee. Mr. Webb is the Deputy Director of the Mount Olive Board of Health reporting directly to Mr. Weigle. Mr. Webb will be participating in our meetings when Mr. Weigle is not available due to his responsibilities to the Dover Board of Health.

Mr. Webb is an Environmental Health Specialist and has a bachelor's degree in Science and Public Health and a master's degree in Public Health as well as a RHS License. He is currently working on his CPM certification and working to sit for the Health Officers exam with the goal of becoming the Assistant Health Officer.

Trevor Weigle reviewed the January and February 2017 Health Officer's Report for the Borough. He noted that the 2016 year end totals have been added to each category within the report. This new information will allow for comparisons between calendar years 2016 and 2017.

A question was raised regarding 10 Septic System Plan Reviews being rated unsatisfactory. Mr. Webb explained that an unsatisfactory rating could be something as simple as incorrect calculations or missing topographical information on the plans. Normally the information is corrected by the engineer and updates are provided to the Board of Health quickly.

Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis stated that she has noticed a prevalence of fox in Mount Arlington and asked if the Animal Control department has received complaints about them. Mr. Weigle said that there is an increase in fox and coyote in the area and mentioned one incident where a Wharton man was bit by a rabid coyote. The resident was treated for rabies.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the February 1, 2017 complaint at 27 Bertrand Island Road. This was the second complaint at this residence. The first was related to hoarding cats and the second was related to feeding wildlife. Both complaints were investigated. It was noted that unless the matter is directly related to a community health issue an Animal Control Officer may not enter a home. A notice of violation was issued to the homeowner for feeding wildlife and the situation will continue to be monitored. If the issues are raised again the board will take action.

A question was raised regarding the Charts Audited totaling 186 year to date under the Public Health Nursing section of the Public Health Services report. Mr. Weigle said the Board of Health is required to audit charts of school age children assuring all required vaccines are up to date. The Board went on to have a discussion related to a parent's right to opt out of having their children inoculated. Parents can opt out of inoculations for reasons other than religion.

The Board reviewed the Workforce Development Activities section of the Public Health Services report. A short discussion was held on the Opiate Epidemic Training Mrs. Giles attended. Mr. Weigle mentioned that opiate addiction has become a public health issue.

Motion to Approve: Mrs. DiGeronimo

Second: Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved

8. Resolutions

- A. None

9. Correspondence

- A. Sustainable Jersey Newsletters distributed 3/1/17 & 2/15/17
- B. 2017 Board of Health Members List
- C. Financial Disclosure Statements distributed 3/6/17
- D. Free Mammogram Screening March 23, 2107

Mr. Anderson reviewed the Sustainable Jersey Newsletters and mentioned the Borough's silver status. The board talked about the importance of staying apprised of any Sustainable Jersey grant money the Borough is applying for. The idea would be for board members to volunteer to help on sustainability efforts which benefit the Borough. It was also mentioned that the Sustainable Jersey website has a list of eligible projects and documents each town's status and what they did to achieve their goals. Mrs. Studint mentioned that Julie Crawford, Mount Arlington School Science Teacher, is very involved with the Borough Sustainability efforts and recently received a \$10,000. grant. Ms. Crawford is very knowable and willing to share information.

The board had a discussion regarding wild dogs running at large. Mr. Weigle said an attempt can be made to trap wild dogs, but it is very difficult to do. If a wild dog is trapped the law required they be impounded for seven days and if not claimed by an owner the dog is euthanized. If wild cats are trapped they are neutered and then released. Mr. Weigle said there are many more cases of rabies in cats than in dogs every year.

Mr. Weigle said dog licensing came about because the process requires dogs to be vaccinated for rabies prior to licensing. This process eliminated rabies in dogs, but the state does not mandate licensing of cats. Most towns require cats to be licensed including Mount Arlington. Mr. Weigle mentioned that animal census' are conducted and are effective in finding unlicensed dogs because they typically bark when the census taker is at the door, but cats are not as easily detected through the census process. Beth Dwyer mentioned that the Borough has a bi-annual animal census where two census takes go door to door looking for unlicensed dogs and cats. If unlicensed animals are discovered through the census process the animal owners are notified and they are required to have their animal licensed.

Mr. Weigle added that it is a bit more difficult to do animal census in private communities. Normally the census takers have to get permission from the owner/superintendent prior to doing a census. It was suggested that we work with the private communities to ensure that an arrangement is made to conduct an animal census in their communities. The Woodmont West management company requires all animals to be licensed prior to a residents moving in. They charge a yearly fee to the renter who owns animals. The other private communities in Mount Arlington do not require licensing.

The board agreed that Beth Dwyer will forward Sustainable Jersey Newsletters to Board members, but will not continue to print the documents out as part of the meeting correspondence package.

2017 Board of Health Members list was approved with updates.

The Board had a brief discussion on Financial Disclosure Statements. They are due by April 30th but please keep in mind the due date is usually pushed out.

10. New Business

The Board had a brief discussion on warming centers. The Borough's OEM organization takes responsibility to open the Civic Center in cases of bad weather/power outages.

11. Old Business

A. None

12. Public Comments

A. None

13. Board Comments

A. None

14. Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. DiGeronimo moved to adjourn

Second: Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Dwyer
Board of Health Administrator
Approved: May 8, 2017

CC: [unclear]