

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 11, 2017**  
**6:30 PM**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**2. Adequate Notice**

Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and the Roxbury Register. 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. Mr. Anderson asked for a moment of silence to remember those who were lost on September 11, 2001 and for their family members.

**4. Roll Call**

Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis, Sheila Studint, Christopher Anderson, Pattie DiGeronimo, Linda Tuorinsky and Roy Morance were present as was Carolyn Rinaldi and Derrick Webb. Ann Marie Westerfield was absent.

**5. Presentations**

None

**6. Approval of Minutes**

The May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes were not voted on because we did not have a quorum. They will be carried over to the November 13, 2017 Board of Health meeting.

**7. Approval of Sanitarian's and Nursing Report**

May, June, July and August 2017

Mr. Webb reviewed the May, June, July and August Sanitarian's and Nursing Report. Mr. Webb noted that the State Zika Conference held in May reported that Zika cases in New Jersey have declined primarily due to screening and education.

The Board had a short discussion related to the increase in animal licensing this year, particularly dog licensing with a YTD number of 578 licenses issued. Mrs. Rinaldi noted that the substantial increase in licensing is related to the census process and the follow up done once the census is complete. The township reaches out to animal owners through formal letters reminding them they must license their animals.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Borough has good ratings related to Board of Health inspections. Mr. Webb said that Mount Arlington is a good town as far as the level of enforcement necessary. Typically verbal warnings are sufficient and re-inspections are done and completed with satisfactory results.

Corporate Café received a conditional satisfactory rating when they were inspected due to infrastructure problems such as old equipment and insufficient refrigeration. Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis asked about the number of times conditional ratings are allowed. Mr. Webb explained that conditional rating can be somewhat misleading; they are not major issues. Repeat violations in the same area will receive summonses. Corporate Café is under new management; prior to the change in management they were very close to receiving major fines.

The Board went on to discuss a rodent issue at 82 Rogerene Way which is a foreclosed property. It will take time to remediate the issue because there are no owners physically present. Robert Stahlhut is working with the bank managers who have had pest control out to take care of the issues. Mr. Stahlhut will continue to monitor the situation.

Mrs. Rinaldi explained the foreclosure process and subsequent notification process. The lender is the contact person who takes responsibility for property maintenance issues of all foreclosed property. Lenders recognize that it is their investment so they are keeping taxes and utilities current and they also want to make sure the property is properly maintained. Property maintenance and Board of Health issues are procedurally handled in the same manner. It is essential that the property owner is given a reasonable amount of time to correct a situation and you want to make sure they understand what the issue is. Once that has been done if remediation is not complete then the Borough then goes through the violation process.

The board had a discussion related to care facilities. Care One is a long term private care management company and Capitol Care is a residential management program. The local Board of Health has little interaction with private care management facilities. The Board of Health guides individuals toward local hospitals. Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis stated these facilities are licensed by the Department of Health. She suggested the Department of Health should refer individuals to the NJ Department of Health and Senior Service who in turn will help individuals with referrals to proper facilities based on individual needs and on facility ratings and reputation. The idea is to provide the family with a list of facilities which they in turn can choose from.

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

## **10. New Business**

- A. Animal Census Results

The board briefly reviewed the animal census results and noted the increase in animal licensing in calendar year 2017.

- B. The annual Rabies Clinic is scheduled for December 2, 2017 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Dr. Hodes will administer the rabies vaccinations. Volunteers are needed.

Mrs. DiGeronimo, Mr. DiGeronimo, Mrs. Tuorinsky, Mr. Morance and Mr. Anderson will help during the December 2 Rabies Clinic.

- C. Animal Control Services – Shared services agreement with Township of Mount Olive.

Mrs. Rinaldi noted the Borough had a shared animal control service agreement with Jefferson for many years. Jefferson can no longer sustain the service for the Borough.

For this reason the Borough of Mount Arlington is moving toward a shared service agreement with Mount Olive which is comparable to our agreement with Jefferson.

Mrs. Rinaldi noted that shared service agreements are good for both municipalities. This agreement will be on the October council meeting agenda with a start date of September.

## **11. Old Business**

- A. Financial Disclosure – All BOH members must submit a Financial Disclosure Statement. All Board of Health members have completed their Financial Disclosures agreements.

## **12. Public Comments**

None

## **13. Board Comments**

Ms. Studint raised an issues related to a gentleman who lives in Ridgeview (55 and over community) who forgets to turn his gas stove off. The gas company has been to his home three times. They inspected using a gas sensor and determined that the gentleman is leaving his stove on. The Ridgeview Homeowners Board decided to purchase plug in detectors which have battery backups. These devices will be distributed to each home owner and will sound if gas is detected in a condominium.

Mrs. Rinaldi agreed to call the Marketing department of the NJ Natural Gas Company to see what type of public outreach they have including flyers or an open house which might help get information out to the community related to natural gas use and safety.

Mr. Webb mentioned that Morris County Social Services representative might be able to help by sending a social worker to the condo to assess the issue, however, if the homeowner is unwilling to let the worker in there is little they can do to rectify the problem.

Mr. Webb asked that Ms. Studint send the contact information for the Ridgeview association president so he can contact him and discuss the issue. Mr. Webb will also reach out to County Social Services and will try to speak with the gentlemen and his family regarding the matter.

Mr. Webb discussed Board of Health continued education. Mount Arlington Board of Health representatives are Certified Local Board of Health members. Mr. Webb went on to report that the health officer is supposed to make sure members of the local boards are aware of continuing education opportunities. Mr. Webb handed out training material and reviewed ways in which board members can continue to develop their education through continuing education programs. He discussed the Training Learning Network website which is where public health training programs are available. Mr. Webb said NJ Element is an additional site containing training information including free conferences. They also focus on current board of health trends and issues of importance such as opioids and addiction. Mr. Webb pointed out the Quality Improvement course which teaches boards how to fine tune and improve processes. He thought this might be of interest to the Mount Arlington Board of Health.

Mr. Webb went on to note that NJ State Health Department and the Bloomfield Health Department are accredited Public Health organizations. Camden County is also working toward accreditation.

Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis pointed out that the NJ Local Boards of Health Association is holding their annual awards dinner on December 2, 2017. They are taking nominations for Public Health awards and recognition. Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis encouraged our board members to attend the event.

#### **14. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to Approve: Mrs. Tuorinsky

Second: Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Dwyer

Board of Health Administrator

Approved: November 13, 2017

CC: website