

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
December 9, 2014**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Mahwah, held at the Municipal Offices, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:33 PM by President, Sydney Harris.

The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law and was followed by Roll Call:

PRESENT: Mr. Harris
 Mr. LaMontagne
 Mrs. Mertz
 Dr. DeMaria
 Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Wasson

ABSENT: Mrs. DeSilva

PROFESSIONALS: Mrs. Musella, Health Officer
 Mr. Mason, Attorney
 Mr. Maas, REHS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Wasson and, seconded by Mrs. Mertz and, unanimously agreed by all present to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2014.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Moved by Mr. LaMontagne and, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the Health Activities Report for November 2014.

Mrs. Mertz requested an explanation of the suspected hazardous discharge notifications that are reviewed by our office. Mr. Maas gave various examples of spills and events that would qualify as hazardous discharges and how they are reported to the DEP.

Mr. LaMontagne asked for the status of a complaint about crowing roosters on Lakeview Drive. Mr. Maas confirmed that the roosters have all been removed. He also discussed another fowl complaint on Deerhaven Road where an owner does not have the requisite 5 acres to keep fowl on her property. The resident was advised to contact the Zoning Officer to apply for a variance and given an extension to comply with the abatement notice.

Dr. DeMaria asked if the 5 acre requirement was new and questioned its necessity as chickens are both relatively quiet and benign. Mr. Mason clarified that the property requirements were established by the Zoning Board; we only enforce the sanitary standards and licensing requirements. Mr. Maas also noted that our office protocol is to not accept licensing fees from residents when we know that Zoning laws prohibit the use or activity they seek to license.

Mr. Mason requested information provided by the Ebola & Imported Meat seminar. Mr. Maas explained that 'bush' meat is routinely smuggled into the country and sanitarians need to be on the look-out for it during food inspections. If found, any bush meat must be embargoed (not destroyed), the State contacted and the establishment posted Conditional.

There being no further questions or discussion, the Health Activities Report for November was unanimously approved.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT NOVEMBER

Moved by Mr. O'Brien and, seconded by Mrs. Mertz and, unanimously agreed to by all present to approve the Health Officer's Report for November.

BILLS - NOVEMBER

Moved by Mr. LaMontagne and, seconded by Mrs. Mertz and, unanimously agreed to by all present to pay the bills for November.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No Activity.

REPORT OF LIAISON TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

No Activity.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Mason reported that he had consulted with Mrs. Homler on a fowl licensing hearing that is pending before the court in January. He also reviewed a request for discovery by the defendant's attorney in the case and advised Mrs. Homler on providing same.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-11: Retail Food Safety Certification,
Ordinance 14-130 on Final Passage

Motion: Mrs. Mertz
Second: Dr. DeMaria

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

Motion carries.

Resolution 2014-12: Compensation of Part-time Health Inspector

Motion: Mr. LaMontagne
Second: Mr. O'Brien

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

Motion carries.

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to close the meeting was made at 7:57pm by Mr. LaMontagne, seconded by Mrs. Mertz and, unanimously agreed to by all present.

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2015 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Musella
Health Officer

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