

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
February 10, 2015**

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 7:30 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
 Dr. DeMaria
 Mr. Wasson

ABSENT: Mrs. DeSilva
 Mrs. Mertz
 Mr. O'Brien

PROFESSIONALS: Mrs. Musella, Health Officer
 Mrs. Campbell, Secretary
 Mr. Mason, Attorney
 Mrs. Homler, Principal REHS
 Mr. Maas, REHS
 Mrs. Carol Tyler, Tyco Animal Control

APPROVAL OF REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Wasson and, seconded by Mr. LaMontagne and, unanimously agreed by all present to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 13, 2015.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Dr. DeMaria and, seconded by Mr. LaMontagne to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015.

Mrs. Musella thanked the Members for their votes of confidence and the praise expressed in her absence in January.

Mr. Wasson inquired if Dr. DeMaria and Mrs. Musella had discussed the merits or necessity of vaccinating pot-bellied pigs for rabies. Mrs. Musella confirmed that they had and would discuss it as part of her report.

There being no further questions or discussion, the minutes of the Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Moved by Dr. DeMaria and, seconded by Mr. LaMontagne to approve the Health Activities Report for January.

Mr. Mason inquired as to the course content of a seminar Mr. Maas had attended. Mr. Maas replied that the course was hosted by the Bergen County Health Officer's Society and was presented by a family owned company called Emergiclean. Emergiclean specializes in the remediation of bio-hazardous material and the licensed clean-up of police vehicles, homicide and suicide scenes, and other instances where blood and/or body fluids are present.

Mr. Harris requested additional information about the public health mentoring that was provided. Mrs. Homler stated that Karin LaGreca, a member of the group "Sustainable Mahwah" had approached her seeking to discuss coordinated aspects of public health, education, environmental health and sustainability as part of the group's grant application. Ms. LaGreca volunteered at our Rabies clinic and will also be part of a health and wellness program the Mayor's office is sponsoring later in the spring.

Mrs. Musella explained that the Mayor's plan is still in its formative stages, and he introduced it to us during our last staff meeting. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, from 10:00am until 2:00pm in the Senior Center. It is an ambitious project, and many parties will need to be involved. There is a planning meeting scheduled which we have asked HARP to attend. Mr. Harris asked if private, for-profit organizations will be asked to set up booths. Mrs. Musella indicated that this was likely. Mr. Wasson asked if it would be open to township residents only. Mrs. Musella said no; these programs are generally open admission.

Mr. Harris noted a Potentially Dangerous Dog letter that was issued and asked Mrs. Tyler if this was the reason she was in attendance. Mrs. Tyler responded no; however the letter was an important tool that

she and the staff employed when dealing with owners whose dogs were likely to cause harm to others. The letter educates those owners as to what is required and what the consequences will be if they do not/cannot keep their pets under control. The letter also documents the Township's actions should a declaration be made and the owner chose to fight it in court.

Dr. DeMaria and Mr. Harris requested copies of the letter. Mrs. Campbell offered to email each of two letters being utilized by the Department.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT JANUARY

Moved by Mr. Wasson and, seconded by Dr. DeMaria to approve the Health Officer's Report for January.

Mr. Harris asked for an evaluation of the Rabies clinic which was held on January 17th. Dr. DeMaria noted that we vaccinated in excess of 250 animals. Mrs. Musella confirmed that the clinic went very well. She convened a wrap-up meeting with the staff afterward to discuss logistics and identify those items we would like to improve upon.

There being no further questions or discussion, the Health Officer's Report for January was unanimously approved.

BILLS - JANUARY

Moved by Mr. LaMontagne and, seconded by Dr. DeMaria and, unanimously agreed by all present to pay the bills for January.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No Activity.

REPORT OF LIAISON TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

No Activity.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Mason reported that he had reviewed the annual contracts for Public Health Nursing and for Health Officer Services. The contracts remain essentially the same excepting for pricing increases.

Mr. Harris asked the Members to confirm receipt of their copies of the contracts and if anyone wished to discuss any points or issues regarding same. None were raised.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-05: 2015 Health Officer Contract with NWBRHC

A motion to waive the reading of Resolution 2015-05 was made by Mr. Wasson, with a second by Dr. DeMaria and, agreed to by all present.

Motion: Mr. Wasson

Second: Dr. DeMaria

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 2 Absent

Motion carries.

Resolution 2015-06: 2015 PublicHealth Nursing Contract with HARP

A motion to waive the reading Resolution 2015-06 was made by Dr. DeMaria, with a second by Mr. LaMontagne and, agreed to by all present.

Motion: Mr. LaMontagne

Second: Dr. DeMaria

Mrs. Musella related that she had addressed our concerns for improving communication and documenting services provided by HARP with Mrs. Wendolowski. She instructed Mrs. Wendolowski to be prepared to address the Board on a quarterly basis and provided her with a copy of our meeting schedule. Mrs. Wendolowski is planning to attend our March meeting.

Mr. Harris wished to clarify that his priority was the regular submission of reports, not presentations. Mrs. Musella agreed.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 2 Absent
Motion Carries.

Resolution 2015-07: Payment for Rabies Clinic Veterinarian

Consideration of this Resolution was tabled and will be carried to the March meeting.

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to close the regular meeting and enter Executive Session was made at 8:00pm by Dr. DeMaria and, seconded by Mr. LaMontagne and, unanimously agreed to by all present.

At 8:55pm a motion to return to regular session and close the meeting was made by Mr. LaMontagne and, seconded by Mr. Wasson and, unanimously agreed to by all present.

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for **March 10, 2015** at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Campbell
Secretary

