

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2016**

The regular 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 7:35 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. O'Brien
 Mrs. DeSilva
 Mr. LaMontagne

ABSENT: Dr. DeMaria
 Mrs. Mertz
 Mr. Wasson

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Mr. LaMontagne to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2016.

Mr. Harris requested a clarification on page four regarding the complaint against a resident who was feeding wild animals. Mrs. Campbell affirmed the complaint against the resident was valid; the resident's counter-complaint was not. The minutes will be corrected to remove ambiguity.

There being no further questions or discussion, the Minutes of the November 15, 2016, Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

Mrs. DeSilva noted an inordinately large number of Conditionally Satisfactory ratings this month. Mr. Maas agreed it was an unusually high number and that all three inspectors had issued them.

He stated that he assisted Mrs. Homler on the inspection of Sonny & Tony's; among the more egregious issues were unsanitary conditions and damaged equipment. Mr. Maas conducted the inspection at Fardale Deli & Mini Mart where hot and cold food cases were not maintaining proper holding temperatures. Fairfield Inn was issued a Conditional by Mr. Grotheer as they failed to have the required personnel certified in food safety appropriate to a Risk II establishment. Mr. Maas also performed the Burger King inspection where significant [interior] maintenance issues and outdoor violations relating to the compactor and dumpster areas warranted a Conditional rating.

Mr. LaMontagne inquired if we received any push-back from the proprietors. Mr. Maas said Burger King readily admitted they were at fault, and the local and district managers of the establishment are addressing the problems.

Mrs. Musella noted that Sonny and Tony's and Fardale Deli & Mini Mart are historically problematic and both have received Conditional ratings in the past. She is encouraged, however, that Sonny & Tony's has committed to holding a private Spanish language Food Handler course for ten of their employees.

Mr. O'Brien was surprised that Lindvale Gardens would permit conditions in a unit to deteriorate to the point where they could be issued a summons. Mrs. Campbell explained that this property was an apartment complex and not a condominium association. All of the units are rentals, and we have dealt with several issues there including bed bugs.

Mr. LaMontagne inquired if bed bugs migrate from unit to unit. Mr. Harris affirmed this is exactly what happens and why they are so difficult and expensive to eradicate.

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

APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Harris requested further details on Mrs. Musella's meeting with the new Business Administrator, Quentin Wiest. Mrs. Musella stated that she met with Mr. Wiest to present our 2017 Budget Request and also provided history and documentation in support of the Board of Health Secretary stipend. Feedback has not been received on either request. Mr. Harris asked her to follow up on the latter at her earliest convenience. Mrs. Campbell confirmed that Administration's 2017 budget recommendations to Council have not yet been posted.

Mr. LaMontagne inquired if there were any extraordinary budget considerations the Board needed to be apprised of. Mrs. Campbell believed the overall budget was fairly static though individual line items varied. An increase in the vaccine line item was requested to cover the additional cost of the high-dose vaccine we want to administer in 2017; other items, such as the costs associated with providing Child Health Conference services have decreased significantly due to outsourcing the clinic to Waldwick. Mrs. Musella said there were very few questions posed at our Budget hearing regarding the request as presented.

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

BILLS

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Mr. LaMontagne and, unanimously approved by all present to pay the Bills for October.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No activity.

REPORT OF LIAISON TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mr. LaMontagne expects to meet with the Mayor next month. There are additional post-election transition pains due to the withdrawal of a newly elected Councilperson [Marcus] and the resignation of a seated one [Amoroso]. He feels it would be prudent to wait until January.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Mason advised that he finally received word back from Counsel for the Society Hill @ Kilmer Woods condominium regarding a hoarding issue. The attorney advised that the problem had been handled internally by the Association's property manager, but no further details were available.

CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-13: Appointment of 2017 Rabies Clinic Veterinarian

Motion: Mr. O'Brien
Second: Mrs. DeSilva

Roll call: 4 Ayes, 3 Absent
Motion carries.

Resolution 2016-14: Appointment of 2017 Board of Health Attorney

Motion: Mrs. DeSilva
Second: Mr. LaMontagne

Roll call: 4 Ayes, 3 Absent
Motion carries.

Resolution 2016-15: 2017 Meeting Place, Date and Time

Motion: Mr. LaMontagne
Second: Mrs. DeSilva

Roll call: 4 Ayes, 3 Absent
Motion carries.

Resolution 2016-16: 2015 Compensation for Part-Time Inspector

Motion: Mrs. DeSilva

Second: Mr. O'Brien

Roll call: 4 Ayes, 3 Absent

Motion carries.

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:07pm by Mr. LaMontagne, with a second by Mrs. DeSilva and, unanimously agreed to by all present.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2017, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Campbell
Secretary