

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
July 11, 2017**

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 7:30PM by President, Sydney Harris.

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

PRESENT: Mr. Harris
 Dr. DeMaria
 Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Wasson

ABSENT: Mrs. DeSilva
 Mr. LaMontagne
 Mrs. Mertz

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Wasson and, seconded by Dr. DeMaria and unanimously agreed by all present to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2017.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Moved by Mr. O'Brien and, seconded by Dr. DeMaria to approve the Health Activities Report for June.

Mr. O'Brien commented that a significant percentage of the pool water samples were bacteriologically unsatisfactory. Mrs. Campbell explained that most (if not all) of these samples were taken from newly opened seasonal pools. The first test results are often poor; a satisfactory water report is required before they can open the pool for bathing.

Mr. Harris requested the circumstances leading up to a chipmunk bite. Mrs. Campbell responded that a minor child was trying to revive it after it nearly drowned in a swimming pool. Mr. Harris then remarked that fully one-third of the bite investigations year-to-date took place in June. Mrs. Musella confirmed that summer weather increases the opportunities for altercations and exposures.

Mr. Mason inquired as to the action required on twenty-five product recall notices. Mr. Maas and Mrs. Musella explained that usually no action is required; corporate policies and structure [in the retail and distribution chains] are usually sufficient to prevent recalled items from remaining on the shelves. Most of the recalls are for undeclared allergens such as soy or nuts or milk.

Mr. Maas continued that actionable recalls in the past have included salmonella in peanut butter, e. coli in ground beef, and tomatoes and scallions with listeria contamination. The State usually requests our assistance in those cases as the illnesses caused are severe and every person who consumes a contaminated item is at risk. Pet foods and pharmaceuticals are also among the recalled items we review.

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

APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Mr. O'Brien requested a status update on 17 North Hillside. Mr. Maas advised that the DPW had re-installed the pool cover and that Bergen County Mosquito Control had treated for larvae. A hole in the side of the house had been boarded up. One of the neighbors who has been dealing with these issues for many years came in to thank us and to report that the mosquito population has decreased.

Mr. Harris inquired if the Township would assume the cost for the remediation since the house was vacant? Mr. Mason replied that the Township can place a lien on the property and collect monies owed when the property is sold. The property taxes are being paid which complicates the issue.

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

BILLS

Moved by Mr. Wasson and, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and, unanimously approved by all present to pay the Bills for June.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No activity.

REPORT OF LIAISON TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

No activity.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Mason advised he will defer his report to Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Musella related that Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission celebrated its sixtieth anniversary in public health with a dinner on June 19th at Amster's Tavern in Waldwick. Members of the staff that were able to attend were presented with a plaque commending the Mahwah Board of Health for all its work on behalf of the Township.

At the request of Mr. Harris, Mrs. Musella read the inscription on the plaque. She then suggested that as liaison, Mr. LaMontagne may wish to show it to the Mayor and Council noting that Board Members perform an extremely important service for which they are rarely recognized.

Mrs. Musella also shared that a time-line exhibition of the major events and changes in public health during the Commission's sixty year span was on display in her office and welcomed any Member to stop in and view it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. O'Brien, with a second by Dr. DeMaria and, agreed by all present to move into Executive Session at 7:50pm to discuss a personnel matter.

On a motion by Dr. DeMaria, with a second by Mr. Wasson and, agreed by all present to return to Regular Session at 8:00pm.

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 by Mr. O'Brien, with a second by Dr. DeMaria and, unanimously agreed to by all present.

The next meeting is scheduled for **September 12, 2017**, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Campbell
Secretary