

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
December 12, 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
 Mrs. DeSilva
 Mrs. Mertz
 Mr. Wasson

ABSENT: Dr. DeMaria
 Mr. O'Brien

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. Wasson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2017.

Mrs. DeSilva inquired if Papa Leone's had attained compliance with required food safety certifications. Mr. Maas confirmed they had. The establishment now has three certified Food Handlers and a certified Food Manager. Papa Leone's will be re-inspected shortly, and he expects to issue a Satisfactory rating.

There being no further questions or discussion, the Minutes for November were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Moved by Mrs. Mertz and, seconded by Mrs. DeSilva to approve the Health Activities Report for November.

Mrs. DeSilva asked for details about an abatement notice issued to a homeowner with no heat or hot water. Mrs. Musella and the staff jointly explained the circumstances of a resident who was recently widowed. The Township Human Services Director had been contacted to see if any assistance was available for the resident. The Health Department was ultimately called in when it was discovered conditions within the home rendered it uninhabitable. Heat and water have since been restored to the dwelling, and a significant clean-up was accomplished. Adult Protective Services and a social worker are now administering to the welfare of the resident.

Mr. Harris was pleased that there were no Unsatisfactory or Conditional ratings issued to any of our establishments this month and attributed it to the good work of the inspectors.

Mrs. DeSilva asked for what reason did Mr. Maas return to an establishment for a spot check so soon after it had been rated Satisfactory on a full inspection. While Mr. Maas had not performed the spot check in question, Mrs. Musella provided several reasons why an inspector would return i.e. to ensure promises were made good on, that equipment was installed, to retrieve documents unavailable during the initial inspection, etc.

Mrs. DeSilva inquired if the reported lead exceedance in a water sample related to a private test the Board had discussed in November. Mrs. Musella confirmed that it was.

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

APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Moved by Mr. Wasson and, seconded by Mrs. DeSilva to approve the Health Officer's Report for November.

Mrs. DeSilva requested additional information about a complaint on Halifax Road regarding a Port-o-San unit. Mrs. Musella explained that the unit was delivered to the property approximately one year ago in response to a different complaint alleging visitors to (and

residents of) the Split Rock Sweetwater Prayer Camp had been urinating and defecating in the Ramapo River.

Mrs. Musella's understanding is the Township does not have an ordinance limiting or regulating the length of time a portable sanitary facility may remain on a property. The Planning Board may address the issue now that a complaint has been registered. As it stands now, the unit is permitted to stay and it is also being emptied and serviced regularly.

Mr. Harris inquired about a request Mrs. Musella had received to host a student intern. After due consideration, she had declined the request owing to the lack of time and resources required for such a commitment.

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

BILLS

Moved by Mrs. Mertz and, seconded by Mrs. DeSilva and, unanimously approved by all present to pay the Bills for November.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Members briefly discussed their efforts to solicit a member for the vacant board seat. Mrs. DeSilva, Mr. Harris and Mrs. Mertz have all reached out to individuals with backgrounds in mental health, nursing and education. Mrs. Campbell submitted a press release to the Bergen Record and Suburban news, but neither of them have published it.

In January, if the individuals contacted decide they are unable to commit, Mrs. Campbell will place a paid advertisement in the paper and post the position in the Municipal Building and on the Township website.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Mason deferred his report to Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 2017-10: Appointment of Veterinarian, 2018 Rabies Clinic

Motion: Mr. Wasson
Second: Mrs. DeSilva

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carries.

Resolution 2017-11: Amending Resolution 2017-09 (Staff Compensation)

Motion: Mrs. Mertz
Second: Mrs. DeSilva

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carries.

Resolution 2017-12: Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics

Motion: Mrs. DeSilva
Second: Mrs. Mertz

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carries.

Resolution 2017-13: 2018 Meeting Dates

Motion: Mr. Wasson
Second: Mrs. DeSilva

Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. DeSilva, with a second by Mrs. Mertz, and agreed to by all present, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:55pm to discuss a personnel issue.

On a motion by Mr. Wasson, with a second by Mrs. Mertz, and agreed to by all present, the Board returned to Regular Session at 8:00pm.

There being no further comments or discussion, Mrs. DeSilva made a motion to dismiss at 8:00pm, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Mertz and unanimously agreed to by all present.

The next meeting is scheduled for **January 9, 2017**, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Campbell
Secretary