

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
June 12, 2018**

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 (7:40pm)  
                      Mrs. DeSilva  
                      Mr. Cimis  
                      Mr. LoFaso  
                      Mr. Wasson

ABSENT:           Mr. O'Brien

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. Mason administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Cimis and all present offered congratulations to both new Members.

*(NB: Mr. LoFaso had been sworn in by the Municipal Clerk on April 12, 2018 in the Municipal Building.)*

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Mr. LoFaso and, unanimously agreed by all present to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Moved by Dr. DeMaria and, seconded by Mrs. DeSilva to approve the Health Activities Report for April.

Mrs. DeSilva inquired if action was required on any of the 28 product recall notifications received in June. Mr. Maas replied no, and that generally, this is the case. The majority of recalls are voluntary, initiated by the corporations who produce the products being recalled, and relate to missing declarations for allergens.

Mrs. DeSilva then requested additional information on an animal control presentation that Mrs. Homler and Mr. Grotheer had attended. Mrs. Musella explained that Mrs. Homler assisted Karin LaGreca of the Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization (MEVO) by coordinating with Tyco Animal Control to present a program to our residents about co-existing with wildlife. Mrs. Homler said the presentation was made in the Senior Center, was fairly well attended, and garnered credits for MEVO toward their 'green' certifications.

Mr. Mason noted the changes to the Public Recreational Bathing Code and asked how the information was being relayed to our pool owners and operators. Mrs. Musella stated the changes were numerous and significant, and as has happened in the past, put into effect without benefit of sufficient training. Mrs. Musella developed a guidance document which was forwarded to all our pool operators with their license applications in order to facilitate compliance.

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

**APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT FOR APRIL**

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Mr. Cimis to approve the April Health Officer's Report.

Mr. Harris inquired if all issues regarding Ms. Homler's years of service had been resolved amicably. Mrs. Musella stated yes; she feels that communication was the biggest issue. When all the parties made time to sit and discuss the issue together, the matter was resolved quickly.

Mrs. DeSilva inquired about a new shingles vaccine introduction. Mrs. Musella offered that it is given in a series of two doses; Mr. Cimis added that it cannot be taken until five years have elapsed since the older formulation had been administered.

Mr. Mason inquired about the Norovirus and influenza outbreaks at the Brandywine Living facility for seniors. Mrs. Musella stated that Mrs. Homler inspected the facility, and interviewed and worked with the staff to ensure that proper outbreak protocols were being followed.

Subsequent to those activities, a report was compiled and sent to the State Health Department as required.

Mr. Mason inquired what criteria are used to determine an outbreak. Mrs. Musella responded that a single laboratory confirmed case of influenza will put outbreak protocols into motion in a facility with a high risk population.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MAY HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT**

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

Mr. LoFaso noted the large number of animal bites that were reported in May [9 versus 2 in April]. Dr. DeMaria said this seasonal uptick in bites each year was why May was designated as National Dog Bite Prevention Month.

Mrs. DeSilva asked for additional information about a new tick that had been found in New Jersey. Mrs. Musella related that this was a Longhorn tick found on a sheep in Hunterdon County. The animal in question had no history of travel. The State Health Department is conducting surveillance to see where the tick came from and where it may have established a presence. She offered to email additional information to interested Members.

Mr. LoFaso inquired which two food establishments had complaints lodged against them. Mrs. Campbell stated that Wah Sing was served an abatement notice for permitting patrons to reuse single serve plates and bowls when returning to a self-service station. This is prohibited, and the establishment will post warning signs to prevent it. Mr. Maas said that the Acme complaint concerned the periodic misting of produce which the anonymous complainant (incorrectly) asserted was illegal.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MAY**

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Dr. DeMaria to approve the Health Officer's report for May.

Mrs. DeSilva asked if a cat complaint Mrs. Musella and Mrs. Homler had discussed on May 8<sup>th</sup> was one of an ongoing nature. Mrs. Musella responded that it was but, now the police were involved as well. A neighbor of the resident who is harboring unlicensed cats filed a separate complaint, and the responding officer reported that he had seen a cat in one of the windows. Based on the police officer's observation and report, a summons was issued for non-licensure.

Mr. Mason inquired if an advisory had been issued by Animal Control after receiving a complaint of a bobcat in a residential area. Dr. DeMaria explained that the animal had been photographed and the picture indicates the animal is a mountain lion, not a bobcat. Mrs. Musella stated that Tyco was reluctant to issue an advisory due to past instances where such notifications drew human and vehicular traffic to the area, as well as persons intent on harming the wildlife.

Mr. Maas stated that Tyco informed him that these are endangered animals and a protected species, and that as solitary predators do not represent a threat to humans.

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

#### BILLS

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Dr. DeMaria and, unanimously approved by all present to pay the Bills for April and May.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No activity.

#### REPORT OF ATTORNEY

No activity.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Musella presented a request from Recreation Director, Dennis Burns. Mr. Burns is seeking a waiver of Board of Health Temporary Food Licensing fees for participants in an event he is planning for August. The event in question is a food truck festival, and its purpose is to raise discretionary funds for the Recreation Department. He anticipates that six to ten vendors will participate, each paying an entry fee of \$200.

Mrs. DeSilva wished to confirm that the request was only for this specific event. Mrs. Musella replied yes; because we were not consulted prior, Mr. Burns was unaware of our licensing requirements and had already advertised the entry fee. He wished to realize a profit of \$200 per truck.

After lengthy discussion the Board determined it would be improper to essentially 'donate' the funds it had been budgeted by giving them to another Department. All the trucks would still have to be licensed and inspected, and our personnel would have to be paid to accomplish that.

The Members were also concerned with setting a precedent and, therefore, chose not to reduce the fee which at \$50 per vendor is already reasonable.

Mrs. Musella will advise Mr. Burns of the Board's decision.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. DeSilva, seconded by Mr. LoFaso and, unanimously agreed by all present, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2018, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Campbell  
Secretary