

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
September 11, 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
 Mrs. DeSilva
 Dr. DeMaria
 Mr. Cimis
 Mr. LoFaso
 Mr. Wasson

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

Mr. Harris requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the 9/11 tragedy and to honor the first responders who bravely answered the call to serve.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Mr. Harris asked Mrs. Homler if she had been able to confirm that inspectors' personal information was no longer appearing on police reports. Mrs. Homler replied that reports for the most recent incidents to which she responded were not yet approved for dissemination. Mr. Harris strongly reiterated his concern that this information must not appear on those reports, and encouraged Mrs. Homler to persist in her efforts until the protocol was corrected.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

Mrs. DeSilva requested details on two cases wherein residents were advised to undergo rabies prophylaxis. Mrs. Homler explained that one case involved a bat exposure and the other was an adult bitten by a dog whose immunization status could not be determined. The adult involved in the dog bite discussed his options with his physician and ultimately chose not to take treatment.

Mr. LoFaso inquired as to the fire that had taken place at Kingsbridge Diner. Mrs. Homler explained that the establishment has two kitchens back to back. A pot boiled over in the back kitchen creating smoke and fire, but the Ansul fire suppression system did not activate. A worker utilized a fire extinguisher, however, and contaminated the exposed food and kitchen surfaces.

In addition to the mess that needed clean-up, Mrs. Homler determined the stove itself had to be replaced as it had rusted through in some places and was no longer fit for use. The establishment was posted Unsatisfactory and closed pending abatement of all critical issues. The establishment made good progress and was permitted to reopen despite the fact that ownership is in transition.

Regarding summonses issued to Franklin Heights, Mrs. DeSilva asked if her understanding that the pool water was out of compliance all summer was correct.

Mrs. Homler explained that the pH levels of the water must be tested and recorded by the lifeguard(s) and/or CPO every two hours during operation. This was being done, but the test results were not compliant for every entry over a four week period and there was no attempt to correct the problem. The municipal prosecutor, Mr. DeMarco, advised Mrs. Homler to write one summons for each week the violations took place.

Mrs. Campbell added that the inspectors only review facility logs during operational inspections, but independent lab reports are also sent directly to the Health Department. Those reports indicated compliance. Franklin Heights was getting incorrect results because the test kit they were using was faulty. Summonses were issued because no corrective measures were taken to remove the "hazard" which they themselves had been documenting all summer.

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

APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT FOR JULY

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

Mr. Harris asked if a decision had been made to commence with the DEP and Columbia University cooperative well testing program. Mrs. Musella responded that she had composed and provided a letter to the DEP which they could use to introduce the program to our residents. She also attempted to coordinate a DEP presentation to Council at Mr. Ervin's suggestion, but was unable to do so with her contact. Presentations have to be arranged by the DEP's public relations liaison who would contact our mayor directly.

Ultimately, Mrs. Musella contacted the Mayor herself and learned he was already aware of the program. He advised Mrs. Musella to let the DEP and Columbia present the program independently. Mrs. Musella told Mr. LaForet that she would relay this information to the Board.

Mrs. Musella will reach out to the DEP to obtain a copy of the letter they plan to send to the residents.

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

APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

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

Dr. DeMaria was concerned about an illegal kennel operation. Mrs. Homler detailed the circumstances of a Mahwah bite incident leading to the discovery of an animal rescue enterprise in potential violation of its tenant approval.

Mrs. Homler continued that the rescue outfit was only approved for office use - no animals were to be boarded or kept on the premises. The owners were cooperative during the investigation and advised Mrs. Homler that a 'meet and greet' was scheduled at the office facility between a rescue dog and a prospective adopter who became the bite victim.

The rescue was negligent because the biting animal was from South Carolina, and it did not have current rabies immunization. Animals are never to be transported inter-state without proper and documented immunizations; Carol Tyler was very troubled about this offense.

Mahwah Vet and Groom performed the quarantine on behalf of the rescue. In the upcoming weeks, Tyco and/or one of the inspectors will make an unannounced inspection of the rescue's office facility to ensure they are not exceeding the terms of their tenant approval.

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

BILLS

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No activity.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Mason deferred his report to the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 2018-09: Ordinance 18-133 on Final Passage

Motion: Mr. Wasson
Second: Mrs. DeSilva

Roll Call: 6 Ayes
Motion carries.

Resolution 2018-10: 2018 Staff Compensation

Motion: Dr. DeMaria
Second: Mr. Cimis

Roll Call: 6 Ayes
Motion carries

Resolution 2018-11: 2018 Flu Clinic Physician

Motion: Mr. LoFaso

Second: Mr. Wasson

Roll Call: 6 Ayes

Motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. DeSilva, seconded by Mr. Cimis, and unanimously carried, the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:15pm to discuss procedural issues and the selection of a candidate for the vacant seat on the Board of Health.

On a motion by Mrs. DeSilva, seconded by Dr. DeMaria, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to Regular Session at 8:45pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wasson, seconded by Mr. Cimis, and unanimously carried at 8:45pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for **October 9, 2018**, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Campbell
Secretary