

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 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
 Mr. Cimis
 Mr. LoFaso
 Mr. Matysiak
 Mr. Wasson

ABSENT: Dr. DeMaria

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. Matysiak and congratulations were extended by all present.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Mr. Wasson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2018.

In reference to a discussion on page three, Mr. Wasson asked Mr. Maas if an animal rescue operating on Wyckoff Avenue was the only rescue in the Township. Mr. Maas was not aware of any others, but qualified that this particular business was only approved as an office space and was not to harbor animals. Mrs. Musella indicated that we had several licensed kennels but was also unaware of any other rescues.

There being no further questions or discussion, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2018, were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Mr. Cimis to approve the Health Activities Report for September.

Mr. Wasson requested additional information about the petting zoo issues that took place preceding Mahwah Day. Mrs. Musella stated that there has been an historical lack of cooperation with this petting zoo owner who has been participating at Mahwah Day for close to two decades.

An after-hours emergency conference call took place between Township stakeholders (Mrs. Musella, Council President Hermansen, Carol Tyler and Mrs. Homler). Ultimately, the petting zoo owner was permitted to bring her animals, but she will be receiving a letter that in the future, absolutely no exceptions will be made if she does not fulfill her licensing requirements in a timely manner.

Mrs. DeSilva was concerned about a rabies post-exposure prophylaxis and asked how the situation resolved. Mrs. Musella and Mr. Maas explained the particulars of the family's situation and lack of insurance to cover the procedure. Eventually, the patient did go to the ER and obtain the prophylaxis. There was general discussion on what constitutes an 'exposure' and ER protocols that prohibit hospitals from refusing treatment. Mr. Matysiak advised that immunoglobulin can be administered prior to beginning rabies PEP but, it must begin by the seventh day post-exposure.

Mr. Harris asked Mr. Maas if the Juul webinar he viewed provided any new information. Mr. Maas confirmed that some 95% of the vaping liquids available contain nicotine and, therefore, are addictive. The nicotine concentrations are potent, but Mr. Cimis explained the manufacturers skirt that issue by recommending a low per-use dosage that is largely ignored.

Mr. Harris feels that this practice is a huge setback for the public health.

Upon questioning by Mrs. DeSilva, Mrs. Musella responded that a summons issued for an unimmunized pig was not related to the petting zoo.

Mr. Mason asked if the Board of Health could promote the anti-vaping brochures created and printed by the Mahwah Municipal Alliance to the

schools. Mrs. Musella responded that our Health Educator, Chantal Folkes, was available for such a project, and had already conducted an in-service with Mr. Grotheer to the school nurses. She will have Ms. Folkes reach out to our former Board Member, Mrs. Mertz, RN at George Washington School to gauge potential interest in another program.

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

APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Mrs. DeSilva inquired about a second biting incident recorded in a dog-to-dog altercation. Mrs. Musella said Tyco is investigating if Potentially Dangerous Dog restrictions need to be placed on the owner and his animal.

Mr. Harris asked if Mahwah Day enjoyed its usual success. Mrs. Musella shared Mrs. Homler's assessment that it was a beautiful day, the event was well attended and our booth entertained many visitors.

There is some concern about pets that are brought to the event by their owners. These pets are not always leashed and not always wearing their license tags. The CERT volunteers do a wonderful job, but some participants ignored them or put up resistance to their directives. We may have to limit pedestrian entrances to the field to control entry of pets and lobby for the posting of event rules that require leashes. Mrs. Campbell explained that the Municipal 'leash' law does not actually require a leash; the wording indicates only that an owner have its pet "under their strict control".

Mrs. Homler will make those recommendations to the Recreation Director and his committee for next year's event.

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

BILLS

Moved by Mr. Cimis and, seconded by Mr. LoFaso and, unanimously approved by all present to pay the Bills for September.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Based on the interests and expertise of the newer Members and, to address the vacancies created by Mr. O'Brien's resignation, Mr. Harris made the following appointments to the Standing Committees:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Co-Chair</u>
Environmental Health	Dr. DeMaria	Mrs. DeSilva
Admin. and Finance	Mr. Harris	Mr. Wasson
Residential Health	Mrs. DeSilva	Mr. Matysiak
Public Information	Mr. Cimis	Mr. LoFaso
Sunshine Committee	Mr. LoFaso	Mr. Wasson

Mr. LoFaso made a brief presentation regarding improvements he would like to see on the Township website's Board of Health page. He provided a hand-out with graphics detailing our pages as they currently exist and compared them to Ramsey's municipal website.

In general, he would like to "clean up" our page and make it easier for users to navigate. Specific changes he would like to make include using the scrolling marquis for contemporaneous or urgent matters, posting licenses and forms directly on our page, notating the Board Members list by title and including our Mission Statement.

Mr. Harris inquired as to who would actually accomplish the updates. Mr. LoFaso said that Citi-Net hosts the website and created the standard template which the Township uses. He continued that Mrs. Campbell had informed him that a new website was being budgeted for, but that change would not take place before mid-2019.

Mr. LoFaso is willing to volunteer to help implement whatever improvements can be accommodated as he has some experience with web design and programming.

Mrs. Campbell stated that she had spoken with our 'in-house' web administrator, Mrs. Burns, and asked if she was available to assist us in this endeavor. Mrs. Burns is amenable, and we can schedule a meeting likely in November.

Mr. Harris thanked Mr. LoFaso for his willingness to commit time to the project.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Mason advised that some years back, he had attended a Seminar and workshop hosted by the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association.

At that time he was certified as a Board of Health Member and provided a document entitled "Five Functions of a Board", and he distributed a copy to each Member.

Mr. Mason further advised that services and initiatives authorized by the Board of Health and provided by the Department should be periodically reviewed. He had prepared a listing to detail items that have been discussed or that he felt were in need of review. He also qualified that the Health Officer and professional staff of the Department continuously work on many of these initiatives in the background.

CORRESPONDENCE

From: Boswell Engineering To: Mr. Harris
Invitation to attend a League of Municipalities Reception

Mr. Harris noted he was not attending the LOM convention this year and he offered the invitation to any Member who might be interested in attending the function.

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 **November 13, 2018**, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Campbell
Secretary