

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 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
 Mrs. DeSilva
 Mr. Cimis
 Mr. LoFaso
 Mr. Matysiak
 Mr. Wasson

PROFESSIONALS: Mrs. Musella, Health Officer
 Mrs. Hagan, Acting Secretary
 Mr. Mason, Attorney (7:49pm)
 Mrs. Homler, REHS

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Wasson and, seconded by Mr. LoFaso and, unanimously agreed by all present to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2018.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

Mr. LoFaso inquired as to the content of the Cyber Security Webinar viewed by all staff members. Mrs. Homler explained that cautious internet use and security protocols were discussed as it pertained to safeguarding Township computers and network. Mrs. Musella stated

viewing was mandatory, and employees watched independently as was convenient to their schedules. Mrs. Homler added that the Township receives credit from the Joint Insurance Fund based on participation.

Mr. LoFaso wished to confirm if Pesharwi Grill had provided a completed Voluntary Destruction Form after their kitchen fire. Mrs. Homler responded no. Mr. LoFaso then asked if there was a time limit for that submission. Mrs. Homler replied that there was no time limit, but the amount of food thrown out was substantial so she will ensure that it is received.

Mr. LoFaso then wished to know why Papa Leone's was charged an additional \$33 upon his guilty plea. Mrs. Homler explained that this charge is separate from the fine and is levied by the Court to help defray their costs.

Mr. Cimis noted current reports of Chagas Disease and related a case he was familiar with where an expectant mother passed it on to her unborn child. Typically this is disease endemic in Latin America and easily transmitted. Mrs. Homler confirmed that the insect complaint handled this month concerned bedbugs.

Mr. Matysiak questioned if the West Nile Virus case was suspect or confirmed. Mrs. Musella responded this was a confirmed case and that, fortunately, the patient recovered. She further explained that in October the Bergen County Health Department had a press conference to alert residents that several cases of West Nile Virus had been contracted by residents. Bergen County Mosquito Control stepped up their spraying and treatment activities.

Mr. Harris requested additional clarification regarding the Risk Levels of the different establishments and their food safety certification requirements. Mrs. Homler briefly explained the differences between the 4 Risk levels noting our local ordinance exceeds the state's requirements only for Risk Level 2 establishments.

Mr. Harris' concern is for the small businesses for whom Food Manager's Certification seems to be proving a hardship. Mrs. Musella agreed that Food Manager Certification is harder to obtain than that of a Food Handler. However, she emphasized that Food Manager Certification is valid for five years, benefits the establishment by lowering its risk of liability and benefits the employees who obtain it by increasing their marketability.

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

APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER

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

Mrs. DeSilva requested additional information about conditions at one of the horse farms. Mrs. Musella noted that there have been chronic problems with excess manure and standing water in the paddocks at this particular farm. Mrs. Homler stated that the owner has hired a company to come in and address the issues and provided the Health Department with the contractor's business card.

Dr. DeMaria inquired about an animal bite incident where the dog could not be located. Mrs. Homler explained that a dog belonging to one of our condominium residents was bitten by another dog on the condominium property. Initially, it was thought the biting dog was owned by a fellow resident. This turned out not to be the case, but extensive efforts to find the aggressor dog proved unsuccessful.

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

BILLS

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. LoFaso reported that he hopes to meet with Mrs. Campbell shortly to ascertain what tools are available to us with the current website host and to implement the changes proposed.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Mason wished to follow up on any progress Mrs. Homler or Mrs. Musella had made in scheduling a "post-event" meeting with the Recreation Director, Dennis Burns, to hash out protocols and responsibilities.

Mrs. Musella advised that she had reached out to Mr. Burns several times via email without response.

CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. DeSilva, seconded by Mr. Cimis, and unanimously carried at 8:08pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for **December 11, 2018**, at 7:30pm.

These minutes were recorded by Kathryn Hagan.

Transcribed and respectfully submitted by,

Marianne Campbell
Secretary