

TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2012

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 7:30 PM by President, Sydney Harris.

The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law and was followed by Roll Call:

PRESENT: Mr. Harris
 Mrs. Spiech
 Mr. LaMontagne
 Dr. DeMaria (7:40pm)
 Mrs. DeSilva
 Mrs. Mertz
 Mr. Wasson

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED MEETING

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Mrs. Spiech and, unanimously agreed by all present to approve the minutes of the rescheduled meeting of November 20, 2012.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Moved by Mr. LaMontagne and, seconded by Mrs. Mertz to approve the Health Activities Report for November 2012.

Mrs. DeSilva asked if a horse farm on Campgaw Road that was issued four summonses had a new owner or if the same owner was operating under a different name. Mr. Maas replied that it was a new tenant who had taken over the operation without benefit of Zoning approval. Because they did not submit a tenant application as required, we

were unaware of the change. Mrs. Spiech requested an explanation as to what appeared to be duplicate summonses. Mr. Harris noted that the summonses were issued on separate but consecutive days.

Mr. Maas provided a summary of the activities leading up to the summonses, including requests by both the Department and Tyco Animal Control to license and provide medical certificates for all the horses (at least twenty seven of them) and to abate a manure storage violation.

Mr. Harris asked why summonses for violations on the 14th, 15th and 16th of November were not written until the 19th. Mr. Maas explained that over the initial three days he, Mrs. Homler and Carol Tyler had all visited the property hoping to find the violations abated. After the third day it seemed clear that compliance was not a priority for the new operator and the summonses were written.

Mr. Maas continued that the proximity of the farm to wetlands and the lack of an impermeable curbed surface eliminates organic composting as an acceptable method of disposal here. He affirmed that all manure whether in a paddock, corral or stable needs to be removed in a timely manner. The volume of manure produced by the large number of animals at this facility necessitates placing it in a dumpster and having it professionally carted away.

Mr. LaMontagne asked if they are now cooperating pending their court appearance. Mr. Maas responded that the operator submitted a license application and the required fee but not all of the requisite medical certifications. The license will not be issued until these items are received and the manure removed. Mrs. DeSilva asked if these were the same horses that were boarded by the prior tenant. Mr. Maas felt this was likely but could not confirm.

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

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Mrs. Spiech requested particulars as to the Department's involvement with a fire at Society Hill that consumed four condominium units. Mrs. Musella responded that Mrs. Homler happened on the scene while conducting an unrelated complaint investigation. She stationed herself in the community clubhouse

where resident evacuees were congregating and called the office to request backup from Mr. Maas and the Human Services Director, Dolores Raiz. Mrs. Homler also summoned Tyco Animal Control for assistance in removing animals that may have been trapped in or displaced by the fire. The president of the homeowners' association was on site advocating for the residents as well.

Mr. Maas noted that the building was comprised of sixteen units, four of which were total losses. While a brick fire wall spared eight of the units any appreciable damage, utilities to the entire structure were going to be turned off necessitating the evacuation of all units. Police escorted tenants back into the units that could be entered safely to collect medications or personal effects.

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 Mr. Wasson and, unanimously agreed by all present to pay the bills for November.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

REPORTS OF LIAISON TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Date: 12/05/2012 To: Mayor William LaForet From: Sydney Harris
Recommending the re-appointments of Patricia Spiech and Nancy Mertz

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 2012-10: Ordinance 12-128 on Final Passage

Motion: Mrs. Spiech
Second: Mrs. DeSilva

Roll Call: 7 Ayes

Motion carries.

Resolution 2012-11: Appointment of 2013 Board of Health Attorney

Motion: Mr. LaMontagne
Second: Mr. Wasson

Roll Call: 7 Ayes

Motion carries.

Resolution 2012-12: Appointment of 2013 CHC Physician

Motion: Mrs. Mertz
Second: Dr. DeMaria

Roll call: 7 Ayes

Motion carries.

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:55pm by Mrs. DeSilva, seconded by Mrs. Spiech and unanimously agreed to by all present.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2013 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Campbell
Secretary