

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health, held on January 14, 2015, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Present: Mrs. Catherine Marshall  
Mrs. Pam Nelson  
Dr. Dario Fenimore  
Dr. Colin O'Reilly  
Mrs. Jan Ryan

Attending: Mr. Carlos Perez - Health Officer  
Mr. Jack Doherty – Council Liaison  
Mrs. Carole Howell – Secretary  
Mrs. Colleen Drucker – Resident

#### Call to Order

Mrs. Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM, declaring that adequate notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, "Open Public Meetings Act."

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Marshall welcomed the newest Board member, Jan Ryan to the Board. Mrs. Ryan was then asked to give a brief summary of her background. She is a retired nurse and has resided in the Borough for many years. Jack Doherty was then welcomed back in his new role of Council Liaison.

#### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Marshall asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2014. A spelling error was noted in the name of the resident who received a summons for harboring cats. Mrs. Ryan then made a motion to approve the Minutes, as amended. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

#### Environmental Health Specialist's Report

Carlos Perez reported that December was a quiet month, especially for the Nursing Supervisor. He noted that every food establishment has been inspected at least twice this past year. He did receive another complaint about the lobsters in the tank at a local supermarket. This time the caller complained about the size of the lobsters. Carlos has found most of this woman's complaints to have no validity. He has asked his staff to let him speak to this caller the next time, since she is becoming disruptive with these unsubstantiated complaints. Carlos finished his report by announcing that there were no animal bites in the month of December.

#### Council News

Mr. Doherty announced that the deadline for the upcoming issue of Plains Talk is this week. The Board agreed that there was nothing that needed advertising at this time. Mr. Doherty then complimented and thanked the Board for such a fine turnout at the Rabies Clinic on Saturday.

Rabies Clinic – Mrs. Marshall then led a discussion about the Rabies Clinic. It was agreed that things ran very smoothly. The only snag seemed to be that residents didn't always know to fill out the form in triplicate for each animal. Some filled out only one on each animal. The Board will work to make the

instructions clearer for next year's signup. The numbers were compared to last year's and there was a remarkable increase. Last year's number was only 180 and this year's was 254.

### Ordinances

Mrs. Marshall noted that Carlos is an expert on the topic of ordinances and is in the midst of trying to get both the Massage Parlor and the Cat Ordinances completed. Since both are long and complicated, it is an ongoing process.

The Massage Parlor Ordinance that is being written is 26 pages in length. It is very detailed and complicated. The Board agreed that there is an urgent need to complete it. She noted that in the Fall a summons was issued to a proprietor. This summons had to be issued under the Planning Board guidelines, since there was no Massage Ordinance in place yet. Mrs. Marshall feels a need to keep the Borough safe. She would have liked to see the Ordinance ready for reading by the February meeting. However, that deadline cannot be met. Carlos expressed the need to meet with June and other officials to discuss the forms that would be used. Since the Borough does not have such forms yet, it was suggested that Carlos provide the forms used by other towns that already have an ordinance in place. He agreed to secure these and present them at the proposed small group meeting. A date for this meeting was tentatively set for next Wednesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Marshall asked Carole the set up the meeting with June and to invite the following: Cathy Marshall, June Uhrin, Carlos Perez, Gail Fraser, Don Salerno, Chief Kohn and Jack Doherty. The meeting would take place at 5 PM. Mr. Doherty feels that there are a number of unanswered questions that could be covered at this meeting. Two things that Mrs. Marshall was concerned about were the need for all doors to open inward and the need to prohibit shower tables.

### Cat Ordinance

The second ordinance in the works is the proposed Cat Ordinance. As of January 1, 2015, the Borough has a new animal control provider, Animal Control Solutions. Their relationship with the Borough so far has been wonderful. They are willing to do whatever Morris Plains wants. They have forwarded a sample cat ordinance to Mrs. Marshall, which she in turn forwarded on to Carlos. Carlos feels that it matches our proposed ordinance and has additional important sections. One question the Borough must answer is whether or not to charge for lost licenses. A second issue is whether or not the owner must pay the Borough back if an animal must be held. Mrs. Marshall is also concerned with the need to make the person harboring a feral cat take ownership of that animal. Carlos mentioned that the ordinance he is looking at from Westfield has a limit of 8 pets that can be licensed per household. The Board will have to discuss that number. Mrs. Marshall concluded that hopefully the entire ordinance can be presented by the February Board meeting.

### Bills

Bill from eSigns for the Wellness Day Banner - \$70.20

Mrs. Ryan made a motion to approve payment. Dr. O'Reilly seconded the motion.

Roll Call:            Mrs. Marshall - yes  
                         Mrs. Nelson     - yes  
                         Dr. Fenimore   - yes  
                         Dr. O'Reilly    - yes  
                         Mrs. Ryan       - yes

Motion carried.

A bill from the County for Contract Health Services for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2014 - \$15,197.33  
Dr. Fenimore made a motion to approve payment. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:       Mrs. Marshall - yes  
                  Mrs. Nelson - yes  
                  Dr. Fenimore - yes  
                  Dr. O'Reilly - yes  
                  Ms. Ryan - yes

Motion carried.

Correspondence

Thank you from Larry Ripley for the Blood Drive  
Letter from Animal Control Solutions

Mrs. Marshall asked for a motion to close the regular meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:15 PM.  
Mrs. Ryan made a motion and Mrs. Nelson seconded it. All were in favor.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Dr. O'Reilly seconded the motion. Voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Carole J. Howell  
Secretary