

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health, held on February 11, 2015, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

The following were present:

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

Attending: Mr. James Breiten – Environmental Health Specialist
Mr. Jack Doherty – Council Liaison
Mrs. Carole Howell – Secretary

Call to Order

Mrs. Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:33 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."

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Marshall noted that the Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting of January 14, 2015 should have named Dr. O'Reilly as the Emergency Management Liaison instead of Dr. Fenimore. Dr. O'Reilly then made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting as amended. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. Regarding the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2015, Dr. O'Reilly questioned the wording in the last sentence regarding the massage parlor doors. It should read that doors must open inward. Dr. O'Reilly then made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Environmental Health Specialist's Report

Mr. Breiten reported that the Subway location on Route 10 has closed and is searching for a buyer. He noted that several establishments along Speedwell Avenue have been monitored for grease traps in recent weeks. Mr. Doherty added that the volume of snow has prevented the opening of the manholes until today. The Road Department believes they have located the source of the problem. Mrs. Marshall then stressed the need to check every eating establishment's grease log book on a regular basis. The Board was in total agreement with her. Mr. Breiten noted that opening the manholes pinpoints the exact location of the grease problem. He plans to discuss the four establishments that are involved with Carlos and will continue monitoring every eating establishment.

Vaccines

Mrs. Ryan then brought up the question of adult vaccines. She is interested in how the Board can make this important information available to seniors in Morris Plains. Mr. Breiten suggested putting Jan in touch with Cindie Bella. Together they can work on a possible article for Plains Talk. Dr. O'Reilly then offered to check for any helpful information on scheduling these inoculations for seniors.

Animal Control

Mr. Doherty reported that Don Salerno had 2 stray cats in his backyard. Mr. Doherty instructed him to report this to Animal Solutions. That seemed to solve the problem.

Massage Ordinance

Mrs. Marshall outlined the wonderful work meeting she held in January with Carlos Perez, Gail Fraser, Chief Kohn, Jack Doherty, Don Salerno and Sgt. Koroski. They believe that the proposed Ordinance is ready for the Board to study carefully over the next month. The Ordinance will then be introduced at the March meeting and will be ready for passage at the April meeting. Mrs. Marshall noted that the flow chart created by Don Salerno is an excellent description of the application procedure that must be followed by every applicant. Mrs. Marshall also shared with the Board the application forms that will be filled out by new and existing establishments. The Borough Clerk will be consulted regarding a letter to the existing parlors.

Cat Ordinance

Mrs. Marshall reported to the Board that the existing Cat Ordinance was drafted and adopted by the Council. They would therefore be responsible for any amendments to it. Mrs. Marshall intends to discuss this with Carlos in the near future. Mr. Breiten added that Animal Control Solutions is a proponent of the philosophy that feeding a stray cat makes a resident the adopted owner. The Board then tackled the question of amending the number of dogs allowed in a household. The current number is three. It was agreed by Board members that the number should remain the same for now. Mr. Breiten will check the animal census for numbers. Mr. Doherty announced that Mr. Cortese hopes to have a revised animal ordinance ready by March or April.

Council News

Mr. Doherty reported that the Council feels that grease traps are an ongoing problem that will need continuous monitoring. He also mentioned the need to complete the Budget for 2015. Mrs. Marshall will see that it is completed in the next few days.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. Voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Carole J. Howell
Secretary