

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health held on October 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM, in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

The following were present: Mrs. Peg Dugan
Mrs. Catherine Marshall
Mrs. Pam Nelson
Mr. Larry Ripley
Dr. Dario Fenimore

Attending: Mr. Ben Samara – Sanitarian
Mr. Frank Mangravite – Council Liaison

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dugan at 7:35 PM. Mrs. Dugan stated 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.”

Sanitarian’s Report – Mr. Samara reported on the following establishments for the month of September:

Quick Shop – Satisfactory
Plaza Restaurant – Satisfactory
Shop-Rite - Satisfactory
Borough School – Satisfactory
Morris Plains Co-Op School – Satisfactory
Mountain Way School – Satisfactory

Mr. Samara has been working closely with the family working on their father’s house on Franklin Place. There is a court date set for next Tuesday (10/16) and Ben hopes they will have everything completed on the house by then.

Ben noted that he visited the municipal lots three times throughout the month and was satisfied with the conditions.

Ben informed the Board that the new Health Officer in Madison is Lisa Gulla. She will be attending the Wellness Day on Oct. 20 to meet the Board. Since the Board would like to have Lisa attend a meeting, it was determined that the December meeting would be more likely to have all of the members present. Lisa will be invited to the December 12th meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Dugan made a motion to amend the September 12, 2012 Minutes to reflect the necessary wording for the Executive Session transition. Dr. Fenimore made a motion to approve the September 12, 2012 Minutes, as amended. Mr. Ripley seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Wellness Day – The Board discussed asking Madison for a list of last year’s participants that have not yet signed up for this year’s testing. Carole will contact these regulars to see if they still want to attend. Mrs. Dugan gave the Board the number of participants for the past two years. They were as follows:
2010 – 47 participants 2011 – 63 participants 2012 – 60 sign-ups so far

The details for Wellness Day were then discussed. The supplies will be handled by both Larry Ripley and Carole. Carole will also contact the Road Department about opening up Community Park for the Rotary set-up on Friday evening, 10/19. She will also check on the temperature inside the building for the Wellness Day, since many were cold last year. Peg has the banner from last year that has been updated with this year's information, to be hung on the fence at Community Park.

New Business – Mrs. Dugan asked the Board if they would like to consider increasing the licensing fees? Since this was done not all that long ago, the Board agreed that no increases were warranted at this time.

Regarding the upcoming contract, Mr. Mangravite has been in contact with Carlos today. This new contract was approved by the Council on 10/4/12 by the Borough Council. The insurance review has been completed. There was a minor change needed regarding the flu shots. Carlos will meet with Peg Dugan on 10/17 to begin developing an implementation plan. He was concerned about the Rabies Clinic that will be held on 1/12/13. Peg reassured him that Madison has ordered the vaccine, Dr. Werner is scheduled and everything seems to be in place. There seems to be a question about the age requirement for our flu vaccines. Carlos is proposing it for all residents 18 years of age or older or those suffering from a chronic illness (with a note from their physician). It was decided that Carlos, the nurse and Peg will meet to iron out our wishes for next year. Peg would also like to see transition meetings take place between Ben and the new Sanitarian, as well as the nurses. Since the nurse will need a place to see Morris Plains residents needing her help, the Board is looking into securing a spot at Community Park for this purpose. This might take 2 to 4 hours per month for the nurse. This new staff does plan to attend our January meeting.

Mr. Mangravite noted that the Animal Control contract is coming due. Laurie Fu, Sue McCloskey and Jason Karr are in charge of the renewal of the contract. Therefore the Board must notify them if there are any changes the Board would like incorporated into the new contract. Mr. Mangravite thinks that having Meredith Perillo from Denville attend our meeting in January or February would be beneficial. The Board agreed.

Mr. Mangravite also alerted the Board to the need to enact a grease trap ordinance. The Board totally agreed and will address this.

With no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Fenimore made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ripley seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Carole J. Howell
Secretary