

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health held on January 12, 2012 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

The following members were present:

Present: Mrs. Peg Dugan
Mrs. Catherine Marshall
Mrs. Pam Nelson
Mr. Larry Ripley

Attending: Mr. Ben Samara, Sanitarian
Mrs. Laurie Fu, Outgoing Council Liaison

Absent: Dr. Dario Fenimore

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dugan, who 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.”

Comments from the Public

None

Reports

Mr. Samara reported on the following establishments: Collins Pub, Arthur’s, Kohl’s, Lemon Grass and Joyful Noise. All received Satisfactories.

He informed the Board that Coco Pazo has closed. There was a problem with the dumpster area. Cooking oil had been left in barrels. Letters were recently sent to the owners informing them that they have 15 days to remediate the situation or face a summons. There is also a noticeable pile of leaves piled in the corner of the property . Mrs. Fu announced that she will speak to the Road Department in the morning about removing the leaves.

Mr. Samara received a report of a small amount of smoke on the roof of Arthur’s. It turned out to be a problem with a sensor. Mr. Ripley asked for a ruling on the practice of leaving the pickles on the tables at Arthur’s. He was assured that the practice is allowed under the code.

Mr. Samara announced that he is beginning the food inspections for 2012.

Approval of Minutes

Regarding the Minutes of December 14, 2011, Mrs. Fu asked that the sentence about lead testing be amended to read: “Mr. Samara was asked by Mrs. Dugan about the existence of Section 8 housing.” Mrs. Marshall moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. Mr. Ripley abstained. The remainder of the Board was in favor.

Bills

Payment to Dr. Werner for services rendered at the annual Rabies Clinic in the amount of \$300. Mrs. Nelson made a motion to approve payment. Mrs. Marshall seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Dugan - yes
Mrs. Marshall - yes
Mrs. Nelson - yes
Mr. Ripley - yes

Motion carried.

Correspondence

NJLBOH ballot

Bankruptcy notice

Council News – Mrs. Fu announced that the following Council Members were sworn in at the recent Reorganizational meeting – Mr. Coogan and Mr. Mangravite. Mr. Zabihach was named Council President.

The 9/11 Memorial Committee, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary, have been awarded the Community Service Award.

The Community Garden may be expanded due to popular demand.

Rabies Clinic – Dr. Werner is ready for the upcoming Rabies Clinic on Sat. Jan. 14, 2012. Mr. Samara has approximately 340 doses of vaccine. Carole will contact Dr. Werner about bringing any extra vaccine, since a large turnout is expected.

Wellness Day – Mrs. Dugan asked Carole to check with June Uhrin for the Morris Plains Day date. As soon as that date is in place, the Board will proceed with choosing a date for the Wellness Day in the Fall. The possible dates are 9/29, 10/13 and 10/20. Carole will secure the date and inform Madison of the date.

Two residents contacted the mayor about turkey vultures in the Carlyle Avenue area. They were leaving a mess. Mrs. Fu offered to contact Meredith, our Animal Control Officer, as to how to remedy the situation.

There being no further business, Mrs. Marshall moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Nelson. Voice vote. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Carole J. Howell

Secretary

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