

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health held on September 14, 2011, at 7:30 P.M., 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
Dr. Dario Fenimore

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dugan. 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."

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Fenimore moved that the Minutes of the August 10, 2011 Meeting be approved as circulated, seconded by Mrs. Nelson. All were in favor.

Correspondence

St. Clare's Community Day on 10/24 in which the public will hear about the challenges and plans facing the Hospital.

Notice of DEP checking water on Johnson & Johnson property.

Report on our municipal wells from SMC MUA – They have inspected 4 wells and there have been no changes from last year.

Fact sheet from company cleaning the former Airtron property as part of their periodic updates to us.

LBOH newsletter about upcoming meetings and events.

Letter from James Norgalis in Madison regarding spraying Community Park on 9/9 to prevent West Nile Virus and plans to respray. He assures us that the spraying is routine and the chemicals pose no danger to pets.

Report

Mr. Samara conducted 4 inspections, which resulted in 2 Conditionals being given. One of the establishments still has the Conditional, since the handwashing sink has been removed and has not yet been replaced. The first establishment has paid the \$240 fine and the second will be paying it shortly when it is reinspected.

Mr. Samara investigated a complaint of overgrown shrubs. This is still ongoing.

A dead crow was picked up by Mr. Samara in mid August.

The complaint of overgrown grass was investigated. They were told to remove a large pile of debris and that has been done. Since the long grass is ornamental and is not harboring rodents, no action needs to be taken.

Mr. Samara investigated a report of vegetative debris between neighboring properties. He spoke to the homeowner and informed him that it must not continue.

Mr. Samara reported that there was a discrepancy in a pool water test performed on Community Park Pool on Aug. 3. It was traced back to a problem in the lab.

Mr. Samara met with our Police Chief regarding hurricane preparation. He was impressed with the preparations Shop Rite had already implemented. This included having dry ice ready to carry them through 8 to 12 hours without power.

Mrs. Marshall then asked if there is some agency to contact when a resident loses power. Ben explained that only generators seem to be the only answer. Laurie Fu added that it might be worth mentioning to our Emergency Management Team.

Mr. Ripley brought up the problem of a dog being brought into a restaurant. He had mentioned this incident last month. Since the dog was walking around the restaurant, he felt that Ben must visit the establishment and make it clear that this is not allowed, unless it is accompanying a handicapped person.

Council News – Mrs. Fu reported on the meeting held recently with Meredith Petrillo, our Animal Control Officer from Denville. Things seem to be going well. It was brought out that the Board of Health also needs to be notified when there is a bite. This information is available on-line. June Uhrin would also like to see this information included in the dog licensing packet sent to residents. Laurie then showed the Board the rabies brochure she was able to find. She hopes to secure more copies for our Rabies Clinic in January.

The Municipal Alliance has scheduled a Lunch & Learn for Oct. 17 and a Mother/Daughter night on Oct. 15.

Wellness Day – Mrs. Dugan reported that the news releases have been sent out to the Daily Record and the News Bee by Marlene Dolan in Madison. Mr. Ripley will get the information to Patch and to Steve Welsh for the web site. Some of the flu vaccine has arrived. The banner is being printed to be hung in front of Borough School to advertise the Wellness Day. Peg Dugan has visited the Seniors' Groups to promote our sign-ups. The seniors were very receptive to coming in for their flu shots. Laurie will email the information to Borough School for publication.

Board Members agreed to man the desks for the Wellness Day sign-ups as follows:

Sat. Oct. 1 – Larry Ripley and Cathy Marshall

Sat. Oct. 8 – Pam Nelson, Laurie Fu & Carole Howell

Wed. Oct. 12 – Larry Ripley & Carole Howell

The times for the flu shots has been set for Oct. 15 (Wellness Day) from 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Oct. 26 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

Mr. Ripley and Mrs. Fu will be in charge of coffee for the Wellness Day and Carole Howell will purchase the fruit, bagels, juice, etc.

There being no further business, Mr. Ripley moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Dr. Fenimore. Voice vote. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Carole J. Howell
Secretary