

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health held on March 13, 2013 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

The following members were present:

Present: Mrs. Catherine Marshall
Mrs. Pam Nelson
Dr. Dario Fenimore
Mr. Jack Doherty

Attending: Mr. Scott Aue, Environmental Health Specialist
Mr. Frank Mangravite, Council Liaison

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marshall at 7:35 PM. She 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

Mr. Doherty made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2013, as circulated. Dr. Fenimore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Environmental Health Specialist's Report

Mr. Scott Aue began his report by mentioning the email received by Mr. Perez regarding black vultures. He explained that this problem on Central Avenue is being handled by our Animal Control Officer, Meredith Petrillo.

On 2/21/13 Mr. Aue visited a pre-school regarding their reports to the State on annual vaccinations received by their children. He worked with them to compile their records to meet the 3/7/13 deadline from the State.

A local restaurant had been given a Conditional. They rectified most of the problems upon his return visit. However, due to financial hardship and plans to close the business by the end of the month, they have not paid the \$240 fine for the Conditional. Scott plans to monitor the situation closely. The roof repairs will be addressed with the landlord.

In the area of Communicable Diseases, Scott noted that the following cases were reported within the past month: 2 Hepatitis B, 1 Flu, 1 Chicken Pox and 1 Lyme Disease. There were no child health services provided or inquiries about vaccinations.

Regarding the Board's Wellness Day in October, Scott has been speaking with Carlos Perez and Cindie Bella. They are awaiting our decision on the date and reserving it with the Community Center. They have also met with Vicky Hughes at Morristown Medical Center regarding the Wellness Day.

Scott then mentioned monitoring cases of lead poisoning. They post information on children having elevated levels of lead in their blood. The entire family is monitored and followed. There were no cases reported in Morris Plains.

Scott noted that Arlene Stoller attended the Municipal Alliance Committee meeting. She updated the Committee on the needs assessment training and what it might mean for the Committee. Arlene also spoke to the Municipal Alliance Coordinator about the "Strengthening Families Program" and answered questions about supplemental funding. This Strengthening Families Program is available to veterans and their families to improve communication, family relationships and to reduce stress.

Mr. Aue then reported on the following food establishments:

A clothing store and bakery both received Satisfactories. The bakery is keeping impeccable records and the owner is very knowledgeable about food safety.

A gasoline station needed a sink for hand washing and a repair of floor tiles. They had recently begun to sell milk and packaged goods, which precipitated the inspection. They were issued a Satisfactory and given 30-60 days to install the sink and repair the tiles.

Another restaurant was revisited and had corrected the necessary hand washing sink. The only repair still needed is the gap in some piping from the sink to the sewer. They will have 45 days to repair it.

A diet food location that sells all pre-packaged goods received a Satisfactory.

A sushi restaurant received a Satisfactory. They do need to supply the following: a rice prep log, and testing of PH levels every four hours.

A convenience store received some instruction on improved cleaning behind the counters and food prep areas.

Borough School was inspected and everything was immaculate.

A restaurant had a few problems in the basement related to the sump pump well. There was old water accumulating from the ice machine and a cooling machine. The bayne maries were also out of temperature. A great deal of food had to be discarded. The Plumbing Inspector was brought in to inspect the new pump when it was subsequently installed. The owners had proven to be very cooperative in correcting the pump, the ice machine and the drain pipe over it.

Another restaurant had a problem with dishwasher temperatures. These were corrected by the follow-up visit.

There was a complaint from a customer in a supermarket. The customer complained of finding a 2 inch worm in his pork roast. Since he had disposed of the meat, and nothing was found to be amiss in the supermarket itself, the case was closed.

A second supermarket was inspected following a customer complaint of odors in certain areas of the store. They acknowledged that they are beginning a deep steam cleaning to rectify the situation. Scott will monitor the store in the future.

A report of a gnat or fruit fly at a local establishment is being monitored but is very baffling. The Environmental Health Specialists have visited the premises several times but haven't been able to see these insects. Seeing and catching one would give them the opportunity to test and identify it. They are also checking out the possibility of a clogged drain or rotting food as the source of the insects.

A resident of a condo complained of a foul odor throughout her unit. Scott could not detect any odor but did find that the PBC vent pipe was discharging outside her window. He instructed the building manager on extending the piping out from the building.

The areas behind several stores/food establishments were found to be clean, garbage free and rodent free.

New Business

Mrs. Marshall then told Mr. Aue that the Board is very pleased with the feedback it has received regarding the County's Health services to Morris Plains. She noted that the Public Health Nurse (Cindie Bella) will be announced in the 4/22/13 edition of Plains Talk. Hopefully Cindie will be able to begin servicing individuals in the Borough by mid May at the Community Center. We hope to be able to utilize her for 2 hours twice each month. The days and times will be determined shortly. Cindie is also aware of our concern for identifying the needy residents of the Borough in the event of a disaster. She plans to address these needs with the residents when she meets with them. Dr. Fenimore noted that the last edition of the Plains Talk did mention special needs (e.g. oxygen) and the need to notify Emergency Management of any such needs. Mr. Aue also mentioned that Carlos Perez is currently working on the Public Health Emergency Annex for Morris Plains.

Mrs. Marshall then pointed out to the Board the detailed memo from Carlos Perez. The items to be noted were the upcoming educational credits required of Board Members, a possible ordinance for smoke-free parks, food handling classes in both English and Spanish provided by Carlos Perez, and the updating of the Emergency Plan. Mr. Mangravite noted that the Emergency Plan has been given to Peg Dugan and Carlos Perez.

Council News

Mr. Mangravite updated the Board on the plans by Honeywell to occupy the J&J property by 2015. He also mentioned his dislike for the wording on the fines that are issued to food establishments. He feels that there are presently too many differences between the inspection of one establishment and another. He is concerned with when a Conditional and its fee is issued. Mrs. Marshall believes that it is up to the Health Specialist's discretion.

Bills

Daily Record for publication of Annual Meetings Schedule - \$32.24

Mr. Doherty made a motion to approve payment. Dr. Fenimore seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Marshall - yes
 Mrs. Nelson - Yes
 Dr. Fenimore - yes
 Mr. Doherty - yes

Motion carried.

There being no further business, Dr. Fenimore moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Mrs. Nelson. Voice vote. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Carole J. Howell
Secretary