

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health, held on May 8, 2013 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
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. Dugan at 7:33 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

Mrs. Dugan moved to amend the Minutes of April 10, 2013 as follows: The suggestion of hand sanitizer in the restrooms at Community Park ball field food concession stand be removed. Dr. Fenimore moved to approve the Minutes of 4/10/13, as amended. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. Mr. Doherty abstained. All of the remaining members were in favor.

Environmental Health Specialist's Report

Mr. Aue began by announcing that the Food Handler's Course will be offered on June 26 in English and again on June 27, in Spanish. The classes will run from 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. He invited Board Members to attend. Their room will hold 35 people. Mrs. Dugan asked how the County was getting the word out to the food establishments. Scott assured her that the fliers were included in the food licensing applications that were recently sent out to every food establishment. He added that the Health Educator, Arlene Stoller, will be conducting the class in English and Carlos Perez will teach the class in Spanish.

Scott Aue informed the Board of an excellent seminar held in Rockaway Township recently on the topic of mold. He presented Board members with the literature obtained at this seminar. He educated the Board on when mold remediation companies need to be called in.

Scott mentioned that Carlos and Cindi have placed an article in the upcoming Plains Talk that introduces the residents to the role Cindi will play as our on-site nurse at Community Park on scheduled Mondays throughout the year. This information is also on the web site.

Scott also mentioned that Carlos in hoping to send out information on a monthly basis that deals with such topics as disasters or violence.

Scott's inspections for the month included a small restaurant that had problems with wiping cloths, thermometers, lack of gloves and improper storage. They corrected every problem by the second inspection. Mr. McDermott revisited a company café that had been given a Conditional, due to sink drainage problems, no sanitizer and food that needed to be destroyed. They had corrected every failure by the reinspection. The basement of a Convenience Store was found to be in total disarray. There were dead insects living there. The proprietor insisted that he does not use the basement for any reason. The owner was then notified and order to remediate the situation by bringing in a pest control company.

A restaurant has paid their fine and remains open while trying to change ownership. All issues have been cleared up at the establishment and they are in compliance. Another company café had received a Conditional. They too paid their fine and have brought everything into compliance.

Carlos investigated the neglected property on Franklin Place. The family was issued a summons last year when the elderly resident died and the property had deteriorated. The children have been working to clean up the outside. Don Salerno is working on the case, since the Borough now has an ordinance that deals with the necessity of cleaning out the interior of an abandoned home, as well as the exterior. The Board then asked to see this new ordinance and Scott will provide them with copies.

Mr. Doherty then brought up the problem of feral cats on Forest Court. A homeowner is feeding them and therefore aggravating the problem. He noted that the February animal report stated that 5 out of 7 cats that are captured are feral. Mr. Mangravite would like to know from Meredith Petrillo if she thinks the Borough is doing enough to curtail this problem.

As an update to the Little League Field bathrooms, Mrs. Dlugan reported that she has spoken with Councilwoman Lauri Fu. They discussed the problem with the hot water in the restrooms. It was running for only 5 seconds. 15 seconds are needed before it runs hot enough. The Borough has since resolved the problem, with the water now running for 15 seconds.

Mrs. Dugan then referred to the Animal Control Officer and the chain of command. She explained that Meredith Petrillo reports to June Uhrin and then to Carole when a problem arises. Peg expressed a desire to invite Meredith to an upcoming meeting and the Board agreed. The Board should be receiving an Animal Control Report in the coming weeks.

Scott noted that both Carlos Perez and the Police Department are working closely together on Emergency Management. Arlene Stoller attends the Municipal Alliance meetings, along with Frank Mangravite. Arlene also included an article in Plains Talk about the Healthy Bones program in the Borough. Carole Howell will act as liaison to the website.

Arlene Stoller conducted a recent Lunch and Learn. There was an interactive speaker. Approximately 60 residents attended and it was very well received.

New Business

Mrs. Dugan announced that the flu clinic will be held on October 2 from Noon to 3:00 PM. Wellness Day is set for October 19, at which time the flu shots will also be available.

The nurse will be starting at Community Park on Monday, May 13. Mrs. Dugan has arranged for Cindi to address the Seniors group to make them aware of this new service.

Correspondence

Letter from County Library Foundation honoring Joan Bramhall

Letter from Vornado regarding Rt. 10 property

Mr. Doherty made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss contractual and personnel matters. Mrs. Marshall seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Mrs. Marshall read the following: Be it resolved by the Board of Health of the Borough of Morris Plains on the 8th day of May 2013, that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this Regular Meeting of the Board President and Board of Health Members of the Borough of Morris Plains which Regular Meeting has been opened to the public. The Board President and Board Members shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-sections:
 - b. (8) Personnel matters.

Boardmember Fenimore moved that the Board of Health close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Meeting at 8:33 PM. Seconded by Boardmember Doherty. So ordered.

Peg Dugan, President

Mrs. Dugan then reopened the Regular Meeting. With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Marshall moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Dr. Fenimore. Voice vote. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Carole J. Howell, Secretary

