

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health, held on December 11, 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. John McDermott – Environmental Health Specialist
Mr. Frank Mangravite – Council Liaison
Mrs. Carole Howell – Secretary

Call to Order

Mrs. Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM, declaring 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."

Environmental Health Specialist's Report

Mr. McDermott reported that he is the scheduled inspections for the year 2013 are winding down. He noted that Carlos Perez is completing his draft of the massage parlor ordinance. There have been no new complaints regarding cats in the Borough. He then mentioned that a food establishment inquired about requirements for pest control services. Mr. McDermott informed the owner that the State does not currently require these services but that the Borough is drafting an ordinance that addresses this need. At this point, Mr. Mangravite feels that a grease trap ordinance is necessary. John McDermott will bring the matter to Carlos to research what the current ordinances require for grease traps. John's belief is that grease traps must be cleaned bi-weekly or even more frequently, if needed. Logs must be kept and proprietors must review the procedure with John.

John announced that our pet store is selling smaller dogs. Our Code requires them to be licensed to sell any animals. They will therefore have to obtain a license to sell them. This pet store had paid a food handler's license fee. But this fee only applies to food consumed by humans.

John McDermott then noted that Carlos Perez would like to utilize the State Statute that imposes a late fee for licenses not renewed on time.

Mr. McDermott then spoke about licensing massage parlors. At the present time, the State licenses the practitioners, but not the establishments. Many towns are currently adopting ordinances to regulate the establishments themselves. Criminal background checks are performed on the owners of the establishments and photos are taken of their employees. Mr. Perez hopes to set up a meeting with the Chief of Police and the Board President about adopting this ordinance.

There was a question raised about the necessity of inspecting a shelter. John has contacted the shelter and learned that the residents purchase their own food and prepare it themselves, so there is no need for an inspection.

Nursing Report

John then went over the monthly report from the nurses. This included the number of residents that utilized these services throughout the month. The Health Educator, Arlene Stoller, has scheduled a presentation to Girl Scout leaders about healthy bones. The goal is to train these leaders so that they can educate the girls on healthy eating as a way to avoid osteoporosis. Mrs. Dugan mentioned that the new balance class is set to begin in January and already has 18 participants signed up.

Inspections

Mr. McDermott reported that the nursing home, as well as the pre-school that he inspected were both Satisfactory. Lovey's has completed their renovations and he is pleased with them. Healthy and Delicious will be inspected by the end of the week and should be opening soon. Kohl's licensing is now done through Corporate and this has caused quite a delay in getting the paperwork back to the Borough. They have agreed to pay the late fee. The Dunkin Donuts adjacent to Bottle King has been closed for renovations for some time. They should be nearing completion and should be reopening soon.

Cat population

Mr. Mangravite started the discussion by asking what happens of a person cares for strays but fails to license them. Mr. McDermott believes that he should be issuing a summons. He believes that Carlos would send a letter to the offender, if any harboring or feeding is suspected. This would be followed up by a visit from our Animal Control Officer. If she observes the animals in question, a fine would be levied. Mrs. Dugan asked if the Animal Control Officer would receive copies of this correspondence and was assured that she would.

A meeting has been arranged between the Mayor, a Council committee, the Denville governing body, the Animal Control Officer, Peg Dugan, Sue McCluskey, Joe Cecala and Carlos Perez for December 17. Mr. Mangravite then distributed his proposed agenda for this meeting. He asked Board members to include any suggestions they might want added to the agenda. He is requesting that copies of reports be emailed to the Borough Clerk and the Board Secretary prior to our monthly meetings. The Board then discussed the question of fining the resident that had been feeding and harboring the 8 cats in recent months. It was concluded that Mrs. Dugan will discuss the matter with the Borough attorney. Mr. Doherty felt that the upcoming meeting with Denville should clear up the matter. Mr. McDermott plans to bring the Board's concerns back to Carlos in the morning.

Mr. McDermott noted that the proposed new ordinances, as well as replacement ordinances have been forwarded to the Borough attorney for review.

Regarding the sale of Primavera's, Mrs. Dugan inquired what needed to be done as far as licensing. John responded that he will be inspecting the premises and issuing a new license, once the renovations have been completed.

Mr. McDermott was asked by the Board to double check the vaccine supply for the upcoming Rabies Clinic in January.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Marshall made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 19. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Doherty then made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 13, as circulated. Dr. Fenimore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Publicity

Mrs. Marshall announced that the Rabies Clinic information has been published in the latest edition of Plains Talk. Carole will confirm the dates with Dr. Werner, and mail the reminder cards to those due to receive a vaccination during the year.

Municipal Alliance

The Board then discussed their concern with drug awareness and education within the Borough. Mrs. Dugan felt that perhaps someone from the Board would like to meet with the Borough School nurse. Mr. Mangravite came up with the suggestion that someone attend a Municipal Alliance meeting to voice the Board's concerns. Mrs. Marshall expressed interest in attending an upcoming meeting.

Bills

Dr. Werner's Veterinarian services for Rabies Clinic - \$300.00

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

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

Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Marshall made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mrs. Nelson. Voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Carole J. Howell
Secretary