

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
APRIL 13, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER-

President's Statement-

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the official newspapers.

ROLL CALL-

Robert Riedinger (P), William Nehls, Council Liaison (P); Harriet Stambaugh (P); Fran Ellis (P); Mary Mobus (P); George Pogosky (P); Bruce Ruck (P); Peter Savulich (P); Ronald Jubin (P) Middlebrook Representative-Kevin Sumner (P)

OATHS OF OFFICE:

George Pogosky and Ronald Jubin were administered their Oath of Office. The Oaths were signed and will be placed on file in the Clerks office.

STRESS SOLUTIONS: Prior to inviting the representatives from Stress Solutions into the room the Board members were given a background on the problem the Board of Health has been having with the establishment regarding licensing of Massage Therapists at the Stress Solutions business location. Robyn Key had informed them about the requirement on February 1st and dropped off copies of the Ordinance and all paper work for them to complete. They brought in their application and payment for the Establishment on February 23rd. No applications were received for the Therapists until Tuesday, April 12th at 3:50 pm. The application was received for Tanya Hunter, who is the only therapist who has her State License. She did not include the background check. The other two therapists, Betsy Pastor (the owner of the business) and Michelle DiParisi do not have their State Licenses nor have they paid for the Borough License. They have supplied the application but have not had their background checks completed either.

Robyn issued summonses to the Business and they have now hired an attorney to discuss the situation.

At this time the Board invited those in attendance representing Stress Solutions to present their requests to the Board regarding the licensing and the fines they had received to date for not complying with the Borough Ordinance.

In attendance for the business were the Owner Betsy Pastor, and her Lawyer, Gerry Kitsopoulos, who also owns the building where Stress Solutions is located.

Mr. Kitsopoulos stated that the Board of Health did not give the therapists or the establishment enough time to comply with the Borough requirements. He also stated that our Ordinance does not state that the Therapists are required to have a State License. He would like to resolve all issues as soon as possible and try to remove all fines. He also stated that it takes time to apply for and receive a State License (if it is actually a requirement), and for background checks to be completed. He informed the Board that the two therapists who do not have their State Licenses are in the process of applying for them.

He also mentioned that the business that was in the building prior to Betsy purchasing it did not have a license to perform Massage Therapy. Kevin said it was because there was a medical doctor there if there was a medical license related to the business they were not required to have a massage license.

The Board informed Mr. Kitsopoulos that the owner of Stress Solutions was informed of the Borough requirements the beginning of February by Robyn Key. They were given all the necessary paper work and a copy of the Ordinance at that time. They never followed through with the application process.

The Board asked them to step out of the room while the Board discussed a solution to the situation and they would call them in once a decision was made.

The Board then discussed the issues and it was decided that the Therapist who has her State License would be allowed to continue doing massage therapy, but we must receive the background check prior to actually issuing her the Borough License. The other two therapists cannot continue doing massage therapy until they have their State License and we receive background checks. It was also noted that the Board cannot supercede any State Laws.

The Board invited Stress Solutions back to the meeting and they were informed of the decision to allow Tanya Hunter to perform massage therapy but that she must submit the background check information prior to the issuance of the Borough License. The other two therapists cannot perform the massage therapy until they get their State License and have background checks. Also the owner and Michelle must pay the \$100.00 fee (I have copies of paperwork for both but will need copies of State License when issued). As far as the fines, we are not able to do anything about those – that would be a court decision. Stress Solutions seemed in agreement with this decision. No licenses from the Borough will be issued until all State Licenses and background checks are in place. The lawyer and owner were in agreement with this decision, thanked the Board for their time and departed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2011 MEETING

Bruce Ruck moved to accept the minutes of February 9, 2011, seconded by George Pogosky, all were in favor.

Report of Vital Statistics for :

February

Births - Male- 2 Female- 2
Deaths - Male- 1 Female- 9
Marriages- 1
Domestic Partnerships – 0
Civil Unions - 0

March

Births - Male- 1 Female- 0
Deaths- Male- 4 Female- 2
Marriages- 2
Domestic Partnerships – 0
Civil Unions - 0

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - February/March (Kevin Sumner)

Mary reported that at her facility there have been 11 cases of Norovirus (just under the number of cases required to report to the state).

Harriet mentioned that there have been 80 cases of Strep Throat at her school.

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There were a few questions from members on the reports. Bruce questioned why the Board of Health was called to check on BJ's - an employee complained that it was too cold in the building. Kevin said it is not a health department issue but they have to take the call and respond anyway.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK –

Watchung did not have a representative and neither did Bound Brook at the Middle Brook meeting. Harriet Stambaugh said she will go to the next meeting which will be held On Wednesday, June 1st at the Warren Township Municipal Building – 7 PM.

Kevin informed the Board that a new President was elected at the meeting. The following are the officers of the Commission:

President	-	Jon Fourre of Green Brook
Vice-President	-	Malcolm Plager of Warren
Treasurer	-	Jean S. Mazet of Green Brook
Secretary	-	Kevin G. Sumner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

It was decided to table the discussion on fees until a later date. Kevin will prepare suggestions for the fall meeting and submit to the Board for further review.

NEW BUSINESS-

Bill Nehls informed the Board that the Dog Ordinance was pulled. It will be reviewed further by the Laws and Ordinance Committee. The Contract with Roxdane covers all but fees for medical expense. We are not charged for euthanizing of an animal. The State Statute requires holding an animal for 7 days and the maximum fee that can be charged is \$4.00/day - the Borough is not charged this fee. We are only charged fees for after hours calls (\$400.00).

CORRESPONDENCE:

BOROUGH:

**TRC Environmental Corporation – Re: Receptor Evaluation Form Submission
Former Lockheed Electronics co. Facility**

Bill Nehls explained these are the new, required Receptor Evaluation forms and regulations and that the DEP no longer is sending “No Further Action Required” letters. These new reports take the place of those letters. These forms had to be submitted to the DEP by March 1st. It identifies areas that may be impacted due to contamination of the site. Lockheed and Getty are two such sites. The Lockheed site is a groundwater issue and there could be wells that were impacted by this. This has been going on for years and will continue for years to come.

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VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT-

Middlebrook Regional Health Commission – 1 st quarter	-	\$20,290.50
Moore Wallace North America (Registrar - Safety Paper)	-	\$ 62.50
Registrars' Association-Spring Meeting – (M.DeRocco & M.Hance – for CEU's)	-	\$ 80.00

Peter Savulich made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Harriet Stambaugh.

President Riedinger requested a roll call:

Ellis, Mobus, Jubin, Pogosky, Ruck, Savulich, Stambaugh, Riedinger

All members in attendance approved payment of vouchers.

Bob Riedinger welcomed our new member, Ronald Jubin to the Board. He also thanked the Board and Kevin for acting judiciously on the Stress Solution case.

Bruce again mentioned the Bath Salt issue and how widespread it has become. He said they have had 14-15 cases in New Jersey in the New Brunswick area. The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs is working on banning it. K2 is banned in the country but it is still running rampant.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public attended this portion.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn moved by Harriet Stambaugh and, seconded Fran Ellis.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall,
15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully submitted,
MaryAnn Hance
Board of Health Secretary