

**WATCHUNG  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
October 19, 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 (A), William Nehls, Council Liaison (P); Harriet Stambaugh (A); Fran Ellis (P); Mary Mobus: (A); George Pogosky (P); Bruce Ruck (P); Peter Savulich (P); Ronald Jubin (P)  
Also in attendance - Middlebrook Representative-Kevin Sumner.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2011.**

George Pogosky moved to accept the minutes of June 15, 2011, seconded by Fran Ellis, all were in favor.

**Oath of Office: for Louise Lindenmeier was postponed until the November 16, 2011 meeting. She was unable to attend this meeting.**

**Report of Vital Statistics for :**

**JUNE**

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

**JULY**

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

**AUGUST**

Births - Male- 0 Female- 0  
Deaths - Male- 1 Female- 3  
Marriages- 2  
Domestic Partnerships – 0  
Civil Unions – 0

**SEPTEMBER**

Births - Male- 1 Female- 0  
Deaths - Male- 1 Female- 1  
Marriages- 7  
Domestic Partnerships – 0  
Civil Unions – 0

**HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - June/July/August/Sept (Kevin Sumner)**

Grays Florist – Food License – Kevin explained they are selling foods other than pre-packaged and Robyn has been in touch with them.

Regarding the in-home food service-“Honey I’m Home” on Elsinore Drive is no longer preparing the food from the home. He did say the Governor wants to allow Food for Sale from homes.

There have been a lot of reports of bats in homes – and Kevin said any bats found in a home are tested. All tested so far have been negative for rabies.

There was a question about the rats – Kevin said rats do not need garbage available – just a location that would allow them to borrow. Rats are great scavengers.

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**REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK –**

There was no meeting. The next meeting will be held sometime in early November.

Kevin was concerned because none of our members were in attendance. He said our Board has always been active in the Commission meetings and he really would like someone there at the next meeting because they will be discussing the budget.

Bruce will try to attend if Bob cannot.

Kevin also mentioned that the flu clinics were not as well attended as usual. This year they had under 100 – usually it was about 300. He felt this could be due to the fact that shots are being offered at many more locations. Bruce suggested possibly doing them at the October Fest. Kevin thought it would be difficult to get nurses to do this.

Kevin also mentioned our rabies clinic will be held December 3, 2011, 9-10 AM at the Firehouse, 57 Mountain Blvd.

Discussed the Hurricane – Kevin reported there were mostly power outages and all the food establishments handled it very well. There were no health issues at all.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

Board of Health Codification of Ordinances – Eliminating the Ten (10) Board of Health Books in gold stamped vinyl ring binders decreases the cost by \$430.00.

Codification will most likely not be approved until November and possibly not until January 2012 due to financing.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

November meeting date – It was decided to keep the date of November 16, 2011 – most members will be able to attend.

There was a discussion on a dog complaint – dog bite. Kevin said the dog has been quarantined for the required time (10 days) and will be going to the “Vet” for release on Friday, October 21, 2011.

Councilman Nehls requested the secretary to give a copy of complaint to Michelle DeRocco, Borough and request that she send to the Borough Attorney, Mr. Cruz.

Our administrator, Thomas Atkins, has received correspondence from a resident regarding stray cats and our contract. As far as he knows that State is satisfied with our contract with Roxdane. The State requires they hold an animal for seven (7) days.

Councilman Nehls discussed the new sanitary sewer project for Johnston Drive. They are close to getting 50% of the residents to agree. The approximate assessment is \$17,500 per household. Our Ordinance requires all residents within 200’ must tie-in there are no exemptions or exclusions in the Ordinance. The State requires 100’ with some exemptions such as blasting through bed rock, or installing a pump station. He thought we need to be more flexible. We could possibly but in some exclusions. The cost of the project to run the sewer line for residents would be about \$250,000 and the same for the Borough.

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Residents could appeal to the Board of Health for an exclusion/exemption. They would have to present a rational reason they cannot tie-in. Some of these residents have recently installed a new Septic System which could have a life span of approximately 20 years.

All Members agreed to recommend amending the Ordinance.

Some recommended amendments: If system failing – they must connect  
If home is sold they must connect.

Kevin discussed the Fee Ordinance Amendments. There was some discussion but it was decided to go with the suggested fees.

Ron Jubin made a motion to pass the Ordinance of First Reading and seconded by Fran Ellis.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Fran Ellis, George Pogosky, Bruce Ruck, Peter Savulich and Ronald Jubin – all members in attendance approved.

The secretary was authorized to advertise the Ordinance OR:BH2011/01, with the second reading and public hearing to be held on November 16, 2011.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Roxdane Kennels – Activities Report – January – June 2011
- July 22,2011-from Animal Protection League of NJ re: Information on Black Bear relocation information
- Township of Livingston – Cat bite (owners cat)-baby chasing cat
- NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services- Dog Bite incident- Report of Rabies Post-Exposure Treatment-
- From Middlebrook- Meeting Dates For Commission

### **MIDDLE BROOK**

Items for discussion – attached list

There was no discussion

**VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT-**

Middlebrook Regional Health Commission – 3rd quarter	-	\$20,290.50
Roxdane Kennels – 3rd Quarter	-	\$ 2,754.06
Moore Wallace North America (Registrar – Green Safety Paper)	-	\$ 125.00
Moore Wallace North America (Registrar – New Burgandy Paper)	-	\$ 187.50
Registrar Association of NJ-(2 members-for mandatory credits)	-	\$ 98.00
MGL Printing-Dog Tags and Paper for 2012	-	\$ 356.50

Fran Ellis made a motion to approve payment with a second by Peter Savulich .

**ROLL CALL:**

Fran Ellis, George Pogosky, Bruce Ruck, Peter Savulich and Ronald Jubin – all members in attendance approved.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** No public attended

**ADJOURNMENT-** Motion to adjourn moved by Ron Jubin and seconded by Fran Ellis  
All were in favor.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **November 16, 2011** at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall,  
15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069