

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 16, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER –**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President William Nehls, who determined that the meeting had been called under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the official newspapers.

**ROLL CALL –**

William Nehls (P) Harriet Stambaugh (P) Fran Ellis (P) Robert Riedinger (P) Mary Mobus (P) George Pogosky (P) Bruce Ruck (P) John Sachariah (A) Peter Savulich (A)  
Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission – Kevin G. Sumner (P)

**OATH OF OFFICE –**

George Pogosky was administered the Oath of Office for Board of Health member and signed the Oath to be placed on file.

**MINUTES –**

Fran Ellis moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mary Mobus. All in favor.

**REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR: February and March 2008** were read and placed on file.

**February**

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

**March**

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

**HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Bruce asked about all the dog bite incidents – these were actually dogs released from quarantine. Most of the incidents were with a family member being bitten by their own pet.

Fran asked about State Cat Licensing – The State Health Officers Association is encouraging the State Health Commissioners to adopt similar languages as dog licensing for cats on a Statewide basis so its not up to individual municipalities to develop its own licensing ordinances. They should be treated the same as dogs.

Indoor Air Quality Act– States that all Public Buildings must have an individual appointed to accept complaints and monitor maintenance of HVAC systems.

Harriet questioned the increase in pertussis cases. Kevin said there has been an increase in older children and adults.

Questions on wells when there is a problem with readings – can residents in the area be informed of this problem in order to have their own well tested. We cannot disclose this information to neighbors because of the privacy act. We could possibly put information in our newsletter informing residents of reports that some wells in Watchung have high levels of contamination and make the suggestion that residents with wells should periodically have their wells tested for contamination.

**REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE-BROOK – Bill Nehls**

Bill had no report

Kevin – April 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Health Education Session – All are invited to attend.

Will review annual report; offer a presentation on Pandemic Influenza, the Commission's Pan Flu Plan and an overview of Incident Command and the National Incident Management System

Middle Brook is trying to get new office space where the Police used to be in Middlesex.

Kevin is setting up a meeting with the Mayor to discuss this. There will be one representative from Green Brook, two from Middlesex and one from Warren, Bill and Kevin, to try to get them more office space. They have no space where they are. We will probably have to give Middlesex a break on their budget if they give the space to Middle-Brook, Kevin is figuring about \$18/sq.ft.

Up until now they have their office space free of charge because the Registrars are in the same offices.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

Tanning Salon – The State has finally come out with proposed regulations. The language for the facilities is much the same as what we had requested in the local ordinance. Age restrictions are the same and all safety issues are the same. Kevin has some administrative issues that he will be submitting comments on, in particular registration. These comments will be submitted from the State Association. They are going to require registration through the State but the local Board of Health will be required to do the annual inspections. There is language in the preamble that the local boards will be reimbursed but there are no specifics on how this will be done. One person Kevin spoke to at the State said it would possibly be mini-grants. How much paperwork would be required to apply for the mini-grant. Possibly we could require local registration also.

The State is accepting comments until April 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will review all comments and write a response and based on those responses they will either adopt it and move forward or make minor changes or if they get a lot of negative comments they would scrap it, but Kevin does not think that will happen.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Triathlon- There will be a meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 8 AM at Borough Hall with Green Brook Racing and Watchung High School Educational Foundation to go over the final points. We have some concerns with parking and traffic, but everything has pretty much been worked out. The bikes will be housed on the Green, the lake will be tested and Bill said they would like Robin and/or Kevin to be at the meeting. They want three (3) samples along the swim line. The test must be one week before the event. If the tests come up positive then they will eliminate the swim and do a bike/run/bike event. There will be mats placed where the swimmers will be exiting. The swimmers are in stages so there will not be too many at one time. Our insurance company required sign offs that they will not sue in the event of any injury. They are going to swim first then run and finally get their bikes for the final leg of the event.

Bruce questioned the turf fields – we do not have any in Watchung.

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

No discussion

**VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT –**

Echoes Sentinel – Ordinance Ads – OR:08/01 & 08/02 -	\$37.23
Middle Brook Health Commission – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. 2008 -	\$21,239.00

Motion to approve by Fran Ellis and seconded by George Pogosky.

President Nehls requested a roll call for approval:

Nehls, Stambaugh, Ellis, Riedinger, Mobus, Pogosky, Ruck – all members in attendance approved.

**PUBLIC PORTION –**

No public attended

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion to adjourn moved by George Pogosky, seconded by Bruce Ruck – all in favor. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 18, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Texier House, 10 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully submitted,

*MaryAnn Hance*  
*Secretary, Board of Health*