

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2009**

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-

William Nehls, President & Council Liaison (P); Harriet Stambaugh (A); Fran Ellis (P); Robert Riedinger (P), Mary Mobus (A); George Pogosky (A); Bruce Ruck (P) John Sachariah (A); Peter Savulich (P)
Middlebrook-Kevin Sumner (P)

Prior to the Call to Order Mayor Ellis issued Borough Of Watchung Pins to each member of the Board in attendance. He thanked them for continuing to volunteer to serve the community on the Board of Health and commended their efforts to keep our community healthy and safe. He thanked Kevin and Middlebrook Health Commission for their continued service to the Borough.

REORGANIZATION:

Nominations were requested for President of the Board of Health for 2009.

Bill Nehls nominated Robert Riedinger, seconded by Bruce Ruck. There being no further nominations Mr. Riedinger was unanimously elected as President of the Board of Health.

Bob thanked everyone for their support and said it has been a privilege serving on the Board.

The meeting was then turned over to Robert as the new president who requested nominations for Vice President:

Bill Nehls nominated Harriet Stambaugh for Vice President, seconded by Fran Ellis. There being no further nominations Ms. Stambaugh was unanimously elected Vice President of the Board of Health for the year 2009.

President Riedinger appointed the following members as representatives to the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission:

Robert Riedinger, William Nehls as members with Peter Savulich as alternate.

RESOLUTION -- R1:01/21/09

Appointing Linda F. Monetti as Alternate Registrar for a 3 year term expiring 05/15/11

Motion to approve the appointment by Fran Ellis, seconded by Bruce Ruck. All members in attendance approved the appointment.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Bruce Ruck and Peter Savulich were administered their Oath of Office. The Oaths were signed and will be placed on file in the Clerks office.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 3, 2008 MEETING

William Nehls moved to accept the minutes of December 3, 2008, seconded by Peter Savulich, all were in favor.

Report of Vital Statistics for :

November

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

December

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

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - November/December (Kevin Sumner)

Questions to Kevin:

Fran questioned advertisements regarding Flu Shots – she thought the time had passed for these. Kevin said they are given through March.

Bruce wanted to know if there is a way residents and food establishments could be contacted when there is a health issue such as the peanut butter recalls. He suggested a possible email list. Kevin said the stores are routinely inspected and these items are included in the inspection. He receives many recalls per week – which ones should be sent? Bruce suggested only Class one and Class two recalls. Kevin said we also do not have the staff to do the transfers to email.

As far as resident emails – we do offer a reverse email and instructions are included in the newsletters on how to sign up for this. It could also be an Eagle Scout Project (go door to door to request a resident email address or instruct the resident how to sign up for the reverse email).

The Borough could include a line on the renewal forms to food establishments requesting both their email addresses and their FAX numbers.

The Mayor is meeting with Dr. Malyska this Friday, January 23rd. He will ask her about their email lists and discuss the possibility of the Board of Ed sharing their lists.

Bruce questioned the Non-Pulmonary TB case – Kevin said it was an unconfirmed case.

Question on Child Care Center opening (Best Times, in Bayberry School)– we do not license them the State does. The local Board of Health routinely checks for health issues.

Bruce questioned the law regarding snow removal on residential properties – especially around the lake. There is an ordinance in place and the Mayor said he would get further information regarding how the residents are notified if there is a violation.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK – Bill Nehls

No report – the next meeting will be January 28, 2009 in South Bound Brook , 7 PM

NEW BUSINESS-

Pool Safety – suction - filters should be put on so someone cannot be caught in the suction. Bruce wanted to know if there was a way to inform owners of the potential dangers and if it could be made mandatory to put these caps on the filter. There is no way to enforce this on the older pools (these were installed with laws at the time of installation). However, if a new pool is being installed it must meet all safety requirements at the time of final inspection.

Bill suggested we look into having Food establishments include calorie counts on their menus. Possibly requiring the food establishments to post calorie count on their menus. Fast food stores already have the calorie count but they don't post them. Have Kevin look into and see if we should pursue this further. He said he will check other towns, etc.

Bruce suggested we request the Mayor and Council do a Proclamation for Poison Prevention Week. The dates are March 15th through March 21st.

It was suggested that we could possibly have news articles periodically put in the Echoes Sentinel with items of interest or concerns. Bill Nehls said he would speak to Dennis Kelly at the Thursday Night meeting to see if he would be interested in such articles for the Board of Health and if so the type of format he would like it in. Kevin said he could have Colleen do the articles when the time came.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BOROUGH:

- To Mayor Ellis from DEP – Radon month – January

MIDDLE BROOK

Items for discussion – attached list

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT-

Dr. Greybek – December 6, 2008 – Rabies Clinic	-	\$ 90.00
Roxdane Kennels – March-Dec. 2008	-	\$8,280.00
(1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd & 1 mo. 4 th Qtr.)		
MGL Printing Solutions - Registrar reference pages & postage	-	\$ 48.00

Fran Ellis made a motion to approve and seconded by Bill Nehls

President Riedinger asked for a roll call to approve:

Ellis, Nehls, Ruck, Savulich and Riedinger, all members in attendance approved.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public attended

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn moved by Bruce Ruck, seconded by Fran Ellis
All members in attendance approved.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Texier House,
10 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Hance
Secretary, Board of Health