

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
June 18, 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)- arrived 7:05 Robert Riedinger (P) Mary Mobus (P) George Pogosky (A) Bruce Ruck (P) John Sachariah (P) Peter Savulich (P) Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission – Kevin G. Sumner (P)

MINUTES –

Robert Riedinger moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mary Mobus. All in favor.

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR: April and May 2008 were read and placed on file.

April

Births – Male- 1 Female- 1

Deaths– Male- 4 Female- 1

Marriages – 1

Domestic Partnerships – 0

Civil Unions – 0

May

Births – Male- 2 Female- 2

Deaths– Male- 2 Female- 3

Marriages – 1

Domestic Partnerships – 0

Civil Unions – 0

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT:

Questions – Lockheed – Vapor Intrusion? Bill explained what this was about. - (Groundwater plume (tetrachloroethylene & trichloroethylene) Robin has contacted the Case Manager – he was not aware of anything going on at this time. There is going to be a meeting with Janice Allen, Mayor of North Plainfield, sometime in the near future, she is concerned about the vapors intruding into the Crystal Ridge Complex. Kevin will be notified of the meeting and if there is an intrusion study Watchung Square Mall will be included in that study. There have been no complaints from the mall as far as we know. We do not know if there is an issue – DEP is not aware of any issues. If there is a vapor intrusion it is very easily fixed. The soil is fine – it is only the groundwater.

Questions on well testing – the majority of these are for property transfers. We cannot notify other residents if there is a contaminated well in their area. We can not force remediation of the situation.

Brook Hill Swim Club – Unsatisfactory conditions – Kevin will follow-up and Bruce will bring it up with the board at the club. They are required to have it tested weekly.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE-BROOK – Bill Nehls

Audit was completed. A few comments from auditor. Jean does everything by hand. It is a lot easier to control everything with a computer. Looking into getting a new computer program. Hopefully it will be up and running in January.

Bill asked if Kevin was getting the new office space. Kevin said Police have moved out but will probably take three months to get everything moved out and another three months or so to refurbish it. May be able to move in early next year. They will be getting the space but not sure where or how much.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to all the hospital closings it was suggested by Bob that we could put some information regarding Hospital locations in our newsletter.

Triathlon – Harriet commented on how well the event went. It was well organized with no negative feedback from those in attendance. Peter heard many positive comments from spectators also.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Kevin said a response to the State supporting the Tanning issue was sent in along with comments.

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT –

Animerge, P.C.-Animal Emergency Service –Stray Cat 5/23/08	\$	391.89
Middle Brook Health Commission – 3rd Qtr. 2008	-	\$21,239.00

Motion to approve by Fran Ellis and seconded by Bruce Ruck

President Nehls requested a roll call for approval:

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

PUBLIC PORTION – No public attended

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion to adjourn moved by Mary Mobus seconded by Robert Riedinger – all in favor.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Texier House, 10 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully submitted,
MaryAnn Hance
Secretary, Board of Health