

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
June 16, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER-

Vice 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 (P); Fran Ellis (P); Mary Mobus (P); George Pogosky (P); Bruce Ruck (P); John Sachariah (P); Peter Savulich (A)
Representative for Middle-Brook-Robyn Key (P)

Prior to conducting the meeting, Bruce Ruck congratulated to Bill and all who won the primary election on June 8th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 21, 2010 Meeting

Mary Mobus moved to accept the minutes of April 21, 2010, seconded by Harriet Stambaugh, all in attendance were in favor.

Report of Vital Statistics for:

APRIL

Births - Male- 1 Female- 0
Deaths- Male- 4 Female- 3
Marriages- 3
Domestic Partnerships – 0
Civil Unions – 0

MAY

Births - Male- 1 Female- 0
Deaths- Male- 2 Female- 1
Marriages- 10
Domestic Partnerships – 0
Civil Unions - 0

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT FOR - April/May (Robyn Key)

Bruce questioned the two incidents of Raccoon bites. Robyn said one was a child and an adult was chased and bitten. The child was from Bridgewater and the incident was turned over to the County – they do not report back to Robyn as far as treatment, etc. Regarding the second incident, Robyn spoke to the resident directly and he is being treated (she believes he went to Overlook Hospital).

Bill questioned the “blue water”. Gasper Orlando, the inspector from Cherry Weber who was hired by State DOH to oversee a road project, contacted Robyn. He discovered the “blue water” which had a solvent smell to it. Robyn took pictures and contacted Watchung Engineering and the NJDEP Spill Hotline. Gregory Guttadora, Somerset County, then contacted her. He requested copies of the pictures she had taken and the exact location of it. Once he viewed the pictures he reported that he was interested in pursuing this further. Robyn has not heard anything further. Bill asked Robyn to send him the phone number of the County person she spoke with.

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Questioned the request from Mansueto's Fish Market to set up tables. This would be a zoning issue not the Board of Health.

Fran asked about the VNA application of stimulus funds – Robyn did not know any details; Kevin would be the person to answer any questions on this.

Bruce had a question on the May report regarding 501 Watchung Avenue notification from DEP that Benzene and Xylene were found on the site that has an underground storage tank. Robyn also had a record showing there is a potable well located on this property and an office building. She notified the County that there is a well located on the property. Lynn Rodriguez of SCHD notified her on May 24th that Jeff Poweley of TRC Environmental gave her a copy of a City water bill indicating that City Water services the building. He also reported that the well is not located on the property. Bruce wanted to know if anyone in the area is on well water – could they be affected? It is possible. If there were groundwater contamination there would have to be a well search by the owner of the property. This is a DEP case. When Robyn got the Lab report she notified the County because her records show that the building has a well and there is no record it was ever sealed.

There were some questions on the Floating Sushi Boat (Warren). They want to set this up outside. These are very popular in California. Robyn spoke to Christine Crosby, Inspector for the Santa Clara County, to find out what to look out for in the plan review process. This is in Warren and Robyn told them to contact the State to see if there are any policies on this. This would be a first in New Jersey. They would probably use time as a control for food freshness. Robyn feels there are too many health issues to allow this.

Fran asked if ice cream trucks had to be licensed. Robyn said yes. Bruce and Bill said they do not allow them in Watchung. If there is a special event and one is hired for the day they should be applying for a one day Food Handler License.

Bruce asked what a two day, unposted, conditional inspection report. Robyn said she is allowed to give a two-day, unposted if the violations are not serious and can be easily corrected. Or show her proof that they have completed the management training, safe serve course, etc.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE-BROOK –April/May (Bill Nehls)

They had their meeting on Monday night, June 14th, in South Bound Brook. The Mayor of Middlesex joined them for the first few minutes. He said Middlesex has commissioned a study through their Board of Health, of the services provided to them by the Commission. They are also going to look at other towns and the County to see if they can get a better deal for their services. They are looking at having this study done by October/November of this year to see if they are going to stay with the Commission. They will then make a decision, probably in January, and if they decide to leave the Commission they will send a letter of intent and then it would be six-month process before they could leave. Robyn mentioned that this is where the Commission is located (2 small offices). Middlesex is looking to get some reimbursement for the office space. However, they do get the services of the Registrar and Deputy Registrar from Middle-Brook. Bruce asked if they did leave the Commission would that be the end of the Commission? Bill said that is not necessarily true, we would have to reevaluate. We will further discuss later in meeting.

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Bill said the second, more important problem is that Bound Brook sent Middle-Brook a Purchase Order for \$9,000 less than their Commission portion of the Budget for the first two quarters of the year. They have a full time Health Specialist who is paid by Middle-Brook, but stationed in Bound Brook. This would reduce the amount they would be paying for the year to \$85,000. This is the figure Bound Brook gave the Commission as what the County would charge them. The County never gave them a number – they came up with that figure on their own. The County never even gave them a proposal. For the last six months the Commission has been paying the Health Specialists salary and now we are \$18,000 short (Bound Brook owes this to the Commission). Warren and Watchung have signed contracts with Middle-Brook but we really do not need one. All signatories of the Commission are included in the contract with the Commission. Generally each town in the Commission has two members and these members are authorized to approve the budget. At the meeting on Monday night the Commission decided to pull the Health Specialist from Bound Brook. Bill said there would be a letter going out to the Bound Brook Mayor and Council that their portion of the Commission Budget (\$125,000) for the year was agreed to by their representatives of the Commission. They must pay this amount. If the situation is not resolved by July 1st Heather (Health Specialist) will be laid off.

Bruce asked Bill which towns at this time want to stay with the Commission. Bill said Warren, Watchung, South Bound Brook and Green Brook are the four towns. Bruce suggested we get firm commitments from those towns and have Kevin work up a budget with the minimum staff required to get the job done with only those four towns included. This would give these towns an idea of how much more it would cost to continue with the Commission. Then inform the other two towns they have to make a decision to stay or not. If not, then we should let them know we will be going it on our own to protect our towns. Worst case scenario – we may have no choice but go to the County. We really don't want to do this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bruce mentioned K2 or Spice, which is an herbal product, sprayed with a synthetic type marijuana derivative. It is legal and kids are getting high on this and agitated from it. Across the country there have been many kids brought into emergency rooms. You can buy this at Seven Eleven, Herbal Shops, Krausers, and over the Internet. We can't do anything right now but if the State doesn't do something to regulate it can we, as a town, regulate through a Town Ordinance? Bill said it could be done in two ways, either through the Board of Health or through the town (Mayor and Council). Bruce said he would bring this up for further discussion at our next meeting, which is in September.

Marijuana – it is being legalized in New Jersey in six locations. Bruce would like Kevin to look into what is being done on the West Coast where there are “no smoking” regulations for municipal buildings, public buildings, baseball fields, schools, etc. – where are they allowed to use it for medicinal purposes? Where would they be allowed to take their “medication” when needed, in these areas?

These are things we have to look into prior to it coming into our towns.

Bruce also questioned Bill on the new law for lead abatement. Any contractor doing work on a home must pass a lead training course. Who will be responsible for overseeing this in Watchung? It would be the Department of Community Affairs (Ed Bennett). It is also the State DCA and nothing to do with the Board of Health. Robyn usually checks with the Contractors anyway.

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Bill mentioned that the Laws and Ordinance Committee are reviewing our questions regarding the Dog Ordinance and possibly passing charges from Roxdane Kennels to the resident when their animals are either picked up on the street or involved in a dog bite. These charges would be passed on only after there has been more than one incident involving the animal.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 4/22 – Letter to R.Reidinger from Michael Kerwin, Somerset County Business Partnership
- Roxdane Kennels – call sheet for 01/01/10 – 05/31/10
- Fax from Somerset County Health Dept notifying us of towns being transferred to the County Health Department

MIDDLE-BROOK

Items for discussion – attached list

No discussion.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT-

Roxdane Kennels – March 2010	-	\$ 886.96
Roxdane Kennels – April/May/June 2010	-	\$ 2,660.93
Middle-Brook Regional Health – 2 nd Qtr 2010	-	\$21,011.00

A motion to approve was moved by George Pogosky and seconded by Fran Ellis. All were in favor.

Vice President Ruck requested a roll call:

Ellis, Mobus, Nehls, Pogosky, Sachariah, Stambaugh and Ruck.

All members in attendance approved the payments.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public in attendance

ADJOURNMENT-

Being no further business Vice President Ruck asked for a motion to adjourn.

Harriet Stambaugh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fran Ellis. All were in favor.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Hance