

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
April 15, 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-

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 25, 2009

1st Harriet Stambaugh 2nd Mary Mobus

Report of Vital Statistics for : February/March

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Births - Male- 2 Female- 3	Births - Male- 2 Female- 0
Deaths - Male- 3 Female- 3	Deaths - Male- 4 Female- 4
Marriages- 1	Marriages- 4
Domestic Partnerships – 0	Domestic Partnerships – 0
Civil Unions - 0	Civil Unions - 1

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - February/March (Kevin Sumner)

Bruce asked about the sharps incident at Blue Star Shopping Center and the question of disposal. Kevin said the property owner was looking for guidance on how/where to dispose of the waste. The police bagged the waste and held at police department until property owner got the temporary permit from the DEP to properly dispose of items.

Questions on contaminated wells: why can't we notify neighbors of possible contamination. Kevin explained that under the private well testing law only the property owner or purchaser may be notified and only they would be able to inform neighbors of any problem. This is a state regulation. It is recommended that the wells be tested annually. It is suggested we put some type of notice in the newsletters that there have been some reported contaminated wells in the Borough and suggest that residents who have wells have them tested annually.

Kevin reported that three food handler courses are coming up. The Middle-Brook spring newsletter is out. He passed copies out to members and asked them to "share" when they are finished reading them.

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REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK – Bill Nehls

Retirement party for Jean was held. It was a very nice affair and well attended. MaryAnn is to move up to Jeans position and they are hoping to hire one part-time person to assist. Previously there were two full time secretaries (Jean did accounting portion with MaryAnn doing most of the clerical portion). There will now be two new job descriptions with different salary tiers. There have been problems concerning the clerical staff salaries being higher than the Health Specialists. The reason for the higher salary is because the clerical staff have been there for many more years than the Health Specialists. The Board is going to have a special budget meeting in May to try and resolve this problem. It is going to difficult considering the economic times.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

We again discussed the reverse email. Sign up instructions are in the newsletters at least once a year. It was suggested that we put a flyer at the library to inform the residents that they can sign up for the email and they would then receive information on events being held in the Borough, (meetings, announcements, agendas, etc). Bob would still like the Mayor to check with the school board to see if there is a way for us to get the email addresses of the parents or at least get the message out to them that we would like them to sign up for our reverse email. Bob is going to call the Mayor to further discuss this.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT:

-Registrars' Association – 2009 Dues	-	\$ 75.00
-Moore Wallace North America- certified safety paper-		\$ 133.16
-Middle Brook Health Comm.- 1 st Qtr.	-	\$23,606.50

Motion to Approve: 1st William Nehls 2nd Fran Ellis

President Riedinger requested a roll call for approval:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: February/March

BOROUGH:

3/25/09 – Letter from American Water Works

MIDDLE BROOK:

Items for discussion – attached list

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PUBLIC PORTION:

President Riedinger acknowledged two members of the public in attendance.

They introduced themselves as students from Rutgers University, Jammie Marwaha and John Montemurro. Both students are taking a Public Health Course. They questioned the Board on many subjects and were answered by members:

- What are some of the specific health matters that the Board handles. Bill Nehls responded that we handle many matters including but not limited to: drinking water (wells and public supplies), tobacco sales to children, food inspections, sharps disposals questions, communicable diseases, leaking septic systems, lead poisoning cases (not many in Watchung), to name a few.
- What is the Board's biggest challenge: Septic systems. The town is trying to convert all residents to public sewer systems. We would like to get the town "Septic Free". We don't know if that is possible but we are trying.
- We also handle licensing for food establishments and also the food handlers courses, animal licenses (dogs/cats), rabies clinics, flu vaccination clinics and any complaints that are submitted to us regarding the health and well being of the residents.
- The Health Specialist of the Commission handles all inspections including food establishments, septic system repairs/closures, well certifications when a property is being sold, etc. Any complaints regarding any of these are also handled by the Health Specialist.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn moved by Fran Ellis, seconded Harriet Stambaugh
All in favor.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, behind council chambers, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully submitted

MaryAnn Hance
Secretary Board of Health