

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
December 3, 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 (P); Peter Savulich (P); Middlebrook Kevin Sumner (P)

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 16, 2009 and October 26, 2009

1st Fran Ellis

2nd Mary Mobus

Report of Vital Statistics for : September and October

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Births - Male- 2 Female- 2	Births - Male- 1 Female- 1
Deaths - Male- 0 Female- 1	Deaths - Male- 0 Female- 2
Marriages- 4	Marriages- 5
Domestic Partnerships – 0	Domestic Partnerships – 0
Civil Unions - 0	Civil Unions - 0

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - September/October

Kevin reported on H1N1 Clinics. All are completely booked and ongoing through November/December. There have been approximately 15,000 doses given out in Somerset County Clinics (about 700 from Middle Brooka). The State may open vaccine opportunity to everyone sometime in December. They just want to make sure the at risk population has been vaccinated first. There is no end date for the H1N1 vaccines – they are year round. Seasonal flu vaccine is usually given through Feb/March (vaccine expires in June so it can be give up until then). The seasonal flu usually starts December with highest incidence January – March.

Due to a shortage of the seasonal flu vaccine, mandatory shots for pre-school children has been waived. He also reported that the percentage of children absent from school has gone down and phone calls asking for information about H1N1 clinics have subsided.

There were questions regarding the contaminated soil on Johnston Drive. What is happening with this? Any soil being brought into town must be certified “clean soil”. The resident did not have the proper land disturbance permits and did not have certification that it was “clean soil. At this time the soil in question is covered by a tarp. The DEP has ordered the person who sold the resident the soil to remove the soil.

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Bruce asked if we have any responsibility to the neighbors regarding possible contamination and Bob asked about wells in the neighborhood and the possibility of contaminating these. Bill Nehls responded that at this time everything is in the hands of the DEP. We don't want to do anything that would cause a panic. This is the only information we have at this time. It was suggested that we table this topic for a future meeting.

It was suggested that we put some information regarding soil that is brought into the town in our newsletters.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK – Bill Nehls

Middle-Brook – Budget was passed at the November meeting. The budget decreased for 2010 mainly due to salary decrease when Jean retired. She was replaced with a part-time individual. Bill presented this information at the Council meeting and all were happy with the proposed reduction. Our reduction was a little over \$6,000.00. If Bound Brook were to decide to go with the County our portion of the budget would increase approximately \$10,000.00.

Bill also reported that the Council passed a Resolution supporting our continued participation with the Middle-Brook Commission.

Bob Riedinger signed a letter regarding Shared Services, which will be sent to Michael Kerwin, President and CEO of Somerset County Business Partnership. Kevin asked the secretary to email him a copy of the letter and Resolution so he can send it to Green Brook.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 Budget was discussed and there were no suggested changes. There was a motion to approve by Harriet Stambaugh and seconded by Bruce Ruck.

President Riedinger requested a roll call for approval:

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

Harriet asked if there is consideration for another “drug dropoff” event in the near future. No one was sure but Bill said we would have to check with Police Chief Sean Whelan because it would have to be through the DEA – there has to be an organization that would accept the drugs from the department. Until then it is still ok to “flush” the meds.

Harriet mentioned that Kevin was named “Health Officer of the Year” for the NJ Local Board of Health Association. It was requested that this be put on the outside message board at Borough Hall.

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VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT:

-Middle Brook Health Comm. – 4th Qtr.	\$22,216.50
-Roxdane Kennels – 4th Qtr.(Dec,Jan,Feb)	\$ 2,657.88
-FRA Tex. – Maintenance Contract Animal Licensing	\$ 500.00
-MGL Printing – Dog/Cat Tags and paper with seal -	\$ 444.50

There was a motion to approve: by Fran Ellis and seconded by John Sachariah.

President Riedinger requested a roll call for approval:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: September/October

- Roxdane Kennels – Animal Control
- Municipal Excess Liability Ins. Fund – Re-H1N1 Influenza
- Somerset County Plan. Board-NJDEP-WMP-Guidance on Septic Mgmt.Work Plan Requirements
- NJDEP – Deficiency Notice-633 Valley Road
- Email from Crystal Ridge Apartment Resident regarding unwanted second hand smoke exposure.

The only discussion on the above correspondence was regarding the email from the Crystal Ridge Resident complaining about unwanted second hand smoke exposure. This is a private residence and we as a Board of Health cannot enforce no smoking laws at these locations. The only thing the building superintendent could do is post “No Smoking” signs in certain areas.

MIDDLE BROOK:

Items for discussion – attached list

PUBLIC PORTION: No public attended

ADJOURNMENT- Being no further business there was a motion to adjourn by Bruce Ruck and seconded by Harriet Stambaugh .All in favor.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 20, 2010, 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, behind council chambers, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully submitted

MaryAnn Hance
Secretary Board of Health