

**WATCHUNG  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
March 28, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER-**

Prior to the start of the meeting President Robert Riedinger thanked the members for modifying their schedules for him to change the date of our meeting.

**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-**

Riedinger ( P )    Stambaugh ( P )    Ellis ( A )    Pogosky ( A )  
Ruck ( P )    Jubin ( P )    Savulich ( P )    Lindenmeier ( A )    Franklin ( A )

Also present were Stephen Black (arrived at 7:05) Council Liaison; and Kevin Sumner, Middle-Brook Health Officer

**Public in attendance:**

Resident, Guennadi Kharkovski of 1178 Johnston Drive was in attendance – questioned what if anything would be done at this meeting regarding the sewer ordinance. He was told there would be further discussions tonight on exclusions/exemptions. He decided not to stay for the discussion.

Rutgers Student- Sashagay Wynter, who is studying Public Health Administration.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 15, 2012 MEETING**

Bruce Ruck made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15<sup>th</sup> with a second by Harriet Stambaugh – all members in attendance approved.

**Report of Vital Statistics for February:**

**Births - Male – 0      Female – 1**  
**Deaths- Male – 2      Female – 3**  
**Marriages – 1**  
**Domestic Partnerships – 0**  
**Civil Unions -0**

**HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR: February - (Kevin Sumner)**

Bruce questioned the report about Paisanos dish machine – Kevin said it was a minor issue and was taken care of. He also questioned what, if anything, the Board could do regarding Bed Bugs. Kevin said it is the responsibility of the Dept. of Consumer Affairs. Bed bugs are not a health hazard. We as a Board cannot take any enforcement actions. Bed bugs are everywhere and the only way to get rid of them is by heat or removal of the item(s).

**REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK**

The Commissions' Reorganization meeting was held in February. Officers are as follows:

President – Dr. Jon Fourre; Vice Pres. – Greg Riley, Esq.; Treasurer – Ms. Jean Mazet

Middle-Brook has two fourth year Med Students doing internships with them.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

Further discussion on exclusions/exemptions for Borough Ordinance regarding sewer connections.

Kevin explained that there are two separate ordinances – the Borough Ordinance #18; and the Board of Health Ordinance – Chapter 157.

**Possible exemptions:** a) required to pump; b) blasting required in order to connect and c) Right of way; waterway, etc.

**Possible deferrals:** a) if septic replaced within 12 months of sewer acceptance – connection could have a one year deferral and b) Financial hardship – guidelines need to be established with direction from the Borough Attorney.

It was also stated that if the home is sold they must hook up to the sewer system prior to sale.

Other items discussed for inclusion in the ordinance were the time frame to hook up – all agreed with the 180 day time frame. The homeowner could apply for an extension if needed.

Bob asked Steve Black what the town would lose if someone does not connect to the sewer system. Steve responded it would only lose the \$3000 in connection fees.

At this point President Riedinger asked members if they wanted to accept the exemptions and deferrals and all were in agreement.

Ronald Jubin moved the ordinance be given its first reading. So ordered. Ronald Jubin moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading with a second by Peter Savulich and unanimously carried on roll call. Riedinger, Stambaugh, Ruck, Jubin, Savulich (aye). Health Officer Kevin Sumner will send the information to Mr. Cruz, the Borough Attorney, for review and comment prior to our next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Bruce discussed drug drop boxes: There is an organization called American Medicine Chest Challenge. The National Headquarters is located in Millburn. He spoke to them and was told there is no cost once the program is running. The only cost to us would be for the Drop Box. Most Police Dept. across the country are getting old mail boxes and painting them. Not sure of cost for the box. This could then be a permanent place to drop off unused/out of code drugs, etc. The collected drugs would then be emptied during one of the two days a year. If the box fills up prior to these times the drugs could be dropped off at the County Sheriffs Dept. for them to properly dispose of or the local Police Dept. can keep the drugs in their evidence lock up until then. He thought it would be a good idea for Watchung to do this and possibly have Kevin approach all the towns in the Commission to see if they could do this also. Bruce said prescription drug use by teens in the State is rampant and there have been many teen suicides by prescription drug overdose. Teens take drugs from medicine cabinets at home, and even if babysitting. They then take them to "farming" parties where they are just dumped in a bowl and everyone grabs pills and just take them.

Bob Riedinger said he would, upon notice, be willing to take some unused drugs at his store if we did have a collection. His store is a collection site for Edison. He received from residents, The Health Dept and the Board of Ed. He has even had non-customers bring in bags of pills both in bottle and just dumped in a bag. The health information on the bottles is protected/destroyed and then the pills are destroyed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:  
BOROUGH:**

3/12/12 - Letter to Laws and Ordinance regarding Bed Bug Incident.

2/16/12- Letter from Brennan Environmental Inc.– Initial Receptor Evaluation-Westor Gas III, Inc.

3/01/12- Letter from CDM – Interim Receptor Evaluation – Former Lockheed Site.

There was discussion on the letter from CDM regarding the former Lockheed Site. It is an ongoing issue. Steve Black suggested we look further into this and possibly have someone from DEP come to one of our meetings to fully explain the situation. He also suggested contacting Mr. Harry Allen who did work for the DEP for some insight into this issue.

Bruce said we should see any reports from the DEP regarding this situation and also any reports of people getting sick and if they are, what type of remediation is being done.

Bob asked Kevin to research for the most recent information on this. Kevin will get in touch with the DEP and also have Robyn look into Middlebrooks records. Sometimes Middlebrook does not get all the information that the DEP gets.

**VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT-**

Registrars Association of NJ-Spring Meeting for credits - \$70.00  
( for M. Hance and L. Monetti)

Peter Savulich made a motion to approve payment of the vouchers, with a second by Harriet Stambaugh and upon roll call all members in attendance approved payment.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Guennadi Kharkovski was in attendance at the beginning of the meeting but left shortly after the meeting began and there was no public discussion.

Sashagay Wynter did not ask any questions.

Being no further business a motion to adjourn was moved by Peter Savulich and Seconded by Bruce Ruck. All in favor.

The next scheduled meeting will be held June 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall,  
15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Hance  
Secretary, Board of Health