

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES**

January 20, 2016

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.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Oaths of office were administered to Harriet Stambaugh, Francesca Escaleira, and Julia Gunther

ROLL CALL-

Robert Riedinger (A); Harriet Stambaugh (P); Fran Ellis (A); Bruce Ruck (P); Ronald Jubin (P); Peter Savulich (P); Francesca Escaleira (P); Julia Gunther (P)

Also present were Stephen Black Council Liaison and Middlebrook Representative-Kevin Sumner

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

Harriet Stambaugh made a motion to nominate Bruce Ruck for the position of Board of Health President, with a second by Ronald Jubin. There being no other nominations the motion carried unanimously on roll call.

NOMINATION TO VICE PRESIDENT

Bruce Ruck made a motion to nominate Ronald Jubin for the position of Board of Health Vice President, with a second by Harriet Stambaugh. There being no other nominations the motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Appointment for Representatives to Middlebrook- 2 members and 1 alternate

Members: Ronald Jubin and Fran Ellis

Alternate: Harriet Stambaugh

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 16, 2015 Meeting

2016 Meeting Schedule – Note change February rescheduled new date is March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Following a motion by Ronald Jubin and a second by Peter Savulich the minutes were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

October 30, 2015 – Letter of resignation –Lynn Franklin

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - October/November/December (Kevin Sumner)

No discussion

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK (Commission Report)

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BUDGET:

The Board of Health budget was discussed with Kevin explaining the increase was minimal, approximately 1.7% over the 2015 budget. There were only a few comments and questions.

Bruce Ruck questioned if the Borough is still considering leaving the Commission and Councilman Black said this was just brought up for discussion when budget talks began to see if there would be any savings by going to the County but it has not gone further than discussing. Councilman Black said he feels we would not get the same type of service from the County and said right now there is no consideration to leave the Middle Brook Commission. Ron Jubin suggested trying to recruit more towns to join the Commission which in turn would reduce the amount the Borough would have to pay. Kevin said the dollars we invest in health are negligible, it is possible they could provide it for less because they don't have to account for their overhead everything comes from the County taxes.

Bruce Ruck questioned who pays for the rabies clinics and Kevin explained that the State supplies the vaccine, the Commission supplies the syringes and the individual municipalities pay a fee to the Vet. He said as long as the State supplies the vaccine it is not restricted to residents and there is no fees charged. Bruce asked why we could not pass on the cost for this to the animal owners and Kevin said the administrative cost to do that would exceed the cost of the service.

Following the discussion, Harriet Stambaugh made a motion to approve the Budget with a second by Bruce Ruck and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Stambaugh, Ruck, Jubin, Savulich, Escaleira, Gunther, "aye".

Kevin then said the budget amount would be entered on the agreement between the Commission and the Borough and will be brought to the next meeting of the Commission. Harriet Stambaugh made a motion to accept the agreement with a second by Bruce Ruck and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Stambaugh, Ruck, Jubin, Savulich, Escaleira, Gunther, "aye".

NEW BUSINESS:

FEE ORDINANCE – Massage Ordinance - Possible changes

Kevin explained that the Laws and Ordinance Committee has requested the Board of Health change the fees and renewal dates on the current Ordinance. All members were in agreement with this and Kevin will prepare the Ordinance for the next Board meeting.

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT-

Middle Brook Health Commission – 4 th Qtr. 2015	-	\$23,462.50
St. Hubert's Giralda, Inc. – 4 th Qtr. 2015	-	\$ 4,377.00
MGL Printing – Dog Tags 2016	-	\$ 189.00

Ronald Jubin made a motion to approve payment of vouchers with a second by Harriet Stambaugh and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Ruck, Stambaugh, Savulich, Jubin, Escaleira, Gunther, "aye".

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public in attendance

ADJOURNMENT-

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 16, 2016 at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Hance
Secretary