

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
November 30, 2016
7:00 PM**

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-

Riedinger (P) Stambaugh (P) Ellis (P) Ruck (P) Jubin (A) Savulich (A) Escaleira (P) Gunther (P)
Logan (P)

Also present were Health Officer Kevin Sumner and Council Liaison Steve Black.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2016

Following a motion by Frances Ellis and a second by Robert Riedinger the minutes were approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Council – Re-Organization meeting date change

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - October- (Kevin Sumner)

Bruce Ruck mentioned again that the monthly reports don't have any follow up information on items reported. Kevin said the Commission has all detailed reports on incidents. He also said he is trying to change these reports and this will be one of the quality improvements being worked on for 2017 but must convince the other members of the Commission to also agree to the change. Harriet Stambaugh suggested using our Board as a "pilot" for this.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK (Commission Report)

Kevin Sumner said the Commission met on Monday, November 28th. Most of the discussion was on the budget which was passed at the meeting.

Bruce Ruck asked if there have been many incidents of the Zika virus and Kevin said there have only been 4 or 5 reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bruce Ruck asked if there is any new information requiring business establishments to install smoke detectors. Councilman Black said Gary Greves is looking into the Fire Sub-Code laws and possibly incorporating this into those codes. However, he will include this as part of his routine inspections and asking the establishments to install them.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Budget discussion and approval

Kevin Sumner explained the Middlebrook Health Commission budget. He said the salary increase is only 1% however, due to a part time employee becoming full time with all benefits and other expenses which the commission has no control over the increase is 5 1/2 % to the Borough. There was an increase in the Pension Payment to the State and health benefits have also increased. Bruce Ruck commented that a 1% increase for employees is not much of an incentive to keep "good" employees.

Frances Ellis moved to approve the 2017 budget with a second by Robert Riedinger and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Riedinger, Stambaugh, Ellis, Ruck, Escaleira, Gunther, Logan, "aye."

Bruce Ruck reminded members to think of any ideas for our agenda they would like to discuss in 2017. Frances Ellis mentioned possibly discussing alcohol at the high school. Bruce Ruck said he would be willing to speak to groups.

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

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| St. Hubert's Animal Welfare - | 4 th Quarter | \$ 4,377.00 |
| Middle Brook Health Commission - | 4 th Quarter | \$23,858.50 |

Harriet Stambaugh made a motion to approve the vouchers for payment with a second by Frances Ellis and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Riedinger, Stambaugh, Ellis, Ruck, Escaleira, Gunther, Logan, "aye."

PUBLIC PORTION

No public was in attendance

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Next scheduled meeting – January 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,



MaryAnn Hance
Secretary

**BOARD OF HEALTH - BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT LEAD RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR
LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS**

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe environment, free from the harmful effects of lead, and to that end, the Watchung Board of Health fully supports the intent of the proposed changes to N.J.A.C. 8:51 and

WHEREAS, childhood lead poisoning is considered the most preventable environmental disease among young children, yet approximately half a million children throughout the country have elevated blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS, the sources of lead exposure to children are mainly from lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust found in deteriorating buildings built before 1978, and from contaminated drinking water, lead in soil and take home exposure from a workplace; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to N.J.A.C. 8:51 are expected to identify an additional four thousand children annually in New Jersey with elevated blood lead levels of 5 micrograms per deciliter or higher; and

WHEREAS, this will mandate the Local Health Department to provide nursing case management and environmental intervention to these additional lead affected children identified as a result of the changes in N.J.A.C. 8:51; and

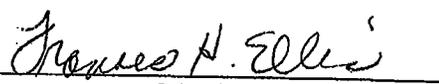
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Health to date, has not earmarked direct funding for the proposed mandated services under 8:51 for local health departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Watchung Board of Health that direct funding to support the services of lead evaluation, lead nursing case management and environmental intervention is requested to be provided by the state of New Jersey to local health departments to ensure the health and wellbeing of our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the State Legislators representing the municipalities of the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health, and the Governing Bodies of the Borough of Watchung.



President



Member

Date: January 18, 2017

C: Governor Christie, State Legislators,
Speaker of the NJ General Assembly,
President of the NJ State Senate,
Commissioner of the NJ Department of Health
M&C - Watchung Borough