

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
May 16, 2018
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-

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

Also in attendance were Health Officer Kevin Sumner and Councilman Stephen Black.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 28, 2018

Following a motion by Ronald Jubin and a second by Harriet Stambaugh the minutes were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you card received from Fran Ellis

**HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR - March/April
attached**

Bruce Ruck asked Kevin about the rabid kittens at the Weldon site. Kevin explained a cat has delivered several litters and one of the kittens may have come in contact with a rabid animal and contracted rabies. The kitten was trapped and tested with positive results for rabies. All other kittens/cats were trapped and are under confinement for four months. Bruce then questioned if the person who came in contact with this kitten had to undergo treatment and Kevin said there were no open wounds detected so there was no treatment needed.

Fran Ellis questioned the latest TIC found (East Asian TIC). Kevin said at this time there seems to be no risk associated with human contact.

Bruce asked Councilman Black if he had spoken to Gary Greves regarding after-action input from the Board of Health. Councilman Black had not at this time.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK (Commission Report)

Kevin Sumner said the Commission discussed tobacco control and banning sales by pharmacies. There is a Bill at the State level being discussed and Greg Reilly has reached out to the Senator. The Commission would like all pharmacies, including those in supermarkets, etc. to be part of this ban. Bruce asked if the electronic cigarettes will be included and Kevin said yes it would be.

Kevin said the Commission is discussing the annual fall meeting – September. They are looking to invite speakers either the New York City Health Department or someone to discuss the Global Health Topic.

Bruce asked about the lead cases. Kevin said they did an extensive report going back to 2016 and there were no cases exceeding 5 or more and 132 tests were at extremely low levels. He said a “worse” case scenario if the readings are lowered to 3 would be 11 cases. Bruce asked if the Borough would assist if a family had to be moved out of their residence in order to abate the lead issue. Kevin said they could but it is the homeowners responsibility not the Borough.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Bruce asked Councilman Black to have the Mayor and Council to keep the Board of Health in mind when they are considering amending Ordinances for the Committee.

Ron Jubin thanked Kevin for the information one of his students had prepared on pool safety – since he is a new pool owner it was very helpful.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No one from the public was in attendance

ADJOURNMENT-

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069.

Respectfully submitted,



MaryAnn Hance

Secretary