



BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG - BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2023 AT 5:00PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm

President's Statement

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq., notice of time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the official newspapers.

Roll Call

Present: Bruce Ruck, Francesca Escalera, Diane Logan, Meghana Anadarangam, Robert Riedinger, Louise Lindenmeier and Kimberly Brown

Absent: Charlene Virgilio and Deepika Garg

Also present: Health Officer Kevin Sumner of Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission.

Consent Agenda

Diane Logan moved and Kimberly Brown seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting. All were in favor with the following exceptions.

Absent: Charlene Virgilio and Deepika Garg

Health Inspector Report

December 2022 and January 2023 Reports (attached hereto) – Bruce Ruck questioned the format and contents of the Inspectors reports and requested a Watchung-specific report format. Kevin Sumner will get back to the Board on possibility of revising the report format. Discussion was held regarding certain complaints and incidents.

Health Commission Report

January 2023 – Kevin Sumner gave summary of the Commissions Re-organization meeting and stated that the same officers from last year have been re-elected. Further, he shared details of the Commissions budget, health benefits for the Commission's staff and updated the Board on COVID cases within the area.

Animal Control Solutions Monthly Reports

- January 2023 and February 2023 (copies attached) – Discussion was held regarding incidents reported.

Old Business

- Mayors Wellness Campaign – Members were to bring ideas for the MWC.
The following were suggested:

- CPR Training Program for the Borough Residents.
- Watchung Walks - changing the day/time and incentives (Partnering with Pourtuga Café, Bring your Dog-Vaccine Clinic at Walk meeting site, etc.)
- A poll/survey to see what time slot would work the best for residents
- Health Fair
- Table at the Borough's Annual Picnic
- Yoga in the Park
- Community Garden – Wagner Farms: Grow your own vegetables plot.
- Bird watching walks – Reservation tour guided hikes
- Mayor's Walk (monthly) Council's Walk

Bruce Ruck asked Kimberly Brown, Diane Logan and Francesca Escaleira to meet and spearhead the survey for the walks and other activities for the Mayors Wellness Campaign.

New Business

- Kevin Sumner questioned the Board member availability in regards to changing the meeting start time if it met Board member schedules better. Discussion was held and the Board determined that the next meeting of May 17th will be kept at 7pm until further notice.
- Kevin Sumner requested the Borough to host a Commission meeting either on June 5th or October 2nd.
- Kevin Sumner read into the record – Resolution No. 2023-06 authorizing the provision of State-mandated public health services to the Borough of Watchung (copy attached).

Legislation adopted by Borough Council -The Board had no questions regarding resolutions below:

- Resolution R10 adopted by Council on December 22, 2022, authorizing execution of two-year contract with Animal Control Solutions.
- Resolution R3 adopted by Council on January 19, 2023, approving participation in Radon Outreach efforts by NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection.
- Resolution R6 adopted by Council on February 2, 2023, designating the Borough of Watchung to be Stigma Free.

Public Portion

No public in attendance.

Adjournment

Bruce Ruck moved and Francesca Escaleira seconded, a motion to adjourn at 6:11pm. All in favor with the following exceptions:

Absent: Charlene Virgilio and Deepika Garg.

The next scheduled Board of Health meeting will be held on **May 17, 2023 at 7:00pm** in-person at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,
Dámaris Quiñones-Gray
 Secretary, Board of Health

Accepted: 5/17/23