

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
BOARD OF HEALTH**

MINUTES

October 8, 2014

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

1. PROCEDURAL

a. Call to Order –

b. Flag Salute

c. Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending a copy of the Notice of Meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the Atlantic City Press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Office.

Roll Call -	Joan Tredy _____	X
	Dana Covitz _____	Absent
	Richard Arkenberg _____	X
	Nick Bonamassa _____	X
	Ed Covitz _____	X
	Shawn Denning Alt. #1 _____	Absent
	Cecilia West Alt. #2 _____	X

2. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

a. Approve Regular Business Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2014.

Motion to approve minutes of May 1, 2014 was moved by Ed Covitz, seconded by Celia West. All in favor: Aye

b. Activity Report Review– April through September 2014

Ed Covitz inquired if the Waretown Lake was closed this summer and why.

Chairman Tredy discussed the Waretown Lake was closed for a few days due to a high bacteria count after a rainfall.

c. Correspondence – 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2014

Chairman Tredy discussed if the Board of Health receives any information on the respiratory virus that is attacking children, please forward a copy.

Chairman Tredy discussed that one Ebola victim has died.

Chairman Tredy welcomed Celia West as an Alternate Member of the Board of Health and explained the duties of the Board of Health. There are two events every year, the Rabies Clinic and the Flu Clinic.

Celia West discussed she has been a nurse for 45 years and a practitioner for the last 25 years.

3. Old Business

Animal Licensing – Currently there are 854 Dogs and 182 cats licensed.

Chairman Tredy discussed the number of licensed animals in the Township is at its lowest. The low count is probably due to Superstorm Sandy victims moving out of their homes and the poor economy.

Nick Bonamassa discussed lowering the licensing fees.

Richard Arkenberg inquired if the Township is still conducting the annual pet census.

Chairman Tredy discussed the pet census has not been conducted in a few years.

Richard Arkenberg inquired about the procedure for reporting deceased animals.

Secretary Giardino discussed a verbal request to remove deceased animals from the system is acceptable. There is a box to check on the renewal form as well.

Celia West inquired if licensing is enforced only when a neighbor complains or a dog bites someone.

Secretary Giardino discussed those are two reasons why. Also, Code Enforcement and Animal Control will request non-license letters or summons to be sent to animal owners.

4. NEW BUSINESS.

Flu Clinic – October 16, 2014, 10a-12p, at the Community Center.

Chairman Tredy discussed attendance at the annual Flu Clinic is not what it used to be. About 100 people are expected to attend. The clinic is from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Members and volunteers should arrive at 9:00 am. The Department of Public Works will set up the tables and chairs at the Community Center. A discussion took place regarding notifying residents of the high-dose shot.

The annual luncheon will be immediately following the clinic at the Community Center. Secretary Giardino will order the wraps, potato salad, and soft drinks for the luncheon and Jean Broadbent, Recreation Coordinator, will order coffee and donuts for the morning.

Ed Covitz inquired how many pneumonia shots are usually administered.

Chairman Tredy discussed 5 pneumonia shots were administered last year.

Membership – Reappointment, Attendance

Citizen Leadership Forms will be sent to members whose term expires 12/31/14 so they can be recommended for reappointment to the Township Committee.

Chairman Tredy discussed the Board of Health meeting attendance for the last few years. There is concern with members not attending meetings. It makes it difficult to obtain a quorum. The Board of Health needs members that can commit. Members should not accept the appointments if they cannot commit.

Ed Covitz discussed some members, who are absent frequently, do volunteer at the rabies and flu clinics. That should be recognized. Mr. Covitz discussed changing the meeting time to accommodate members. Morning is best.

Motion to move all future meeting times to 9:00 am was moved by Nick Bonamassa, seconded by Celia West. All in favor: Aye.

Reorganization Meeting – Members to determine date for 2015 Reorganization meeting.

Reorganization meeting will be scheduled for January 14, 2015 at 9:00 am.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public present.

6. BOARD COMMENTS.

No comments from the Board.

NEXT MEETING IS January 14, 2015, 9:00 am.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Michele Giardino, Secretary
Township of Ocean Board of Health