

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
BOARD OF HEALTH**

MINUTES

9:00 am

January 9, 2019

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 -	Cecilia West	X
	Nick Bonamassa	X
	Dana Covitz	X
	Mary Neafie	X
	Kelsey Denning	Excused Absence
	Joel Polter Alt. #1	X
	Aaron Shapiro Alt. #2	Excused Absence

2. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- a. **Approve Regular Business Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2018.**

Motion to approve was moved by Nick Bonamassa, seconded by Joel Polter.

All in favor: Aye. None opposed.

Joel Polter discussed the elementary schools giving dental screenings to the children. This could be the only possible way a child can get their teeth looked at. It is noninvasive. A simple form would go home with every child, stating whether or not the child needed dental work.

UPDATE: The Ocean County Health Department gave a presentation on dental health to the 1st Graders at the Waretown Elementary School on February 21, 2019. The Ocean County Dental Program includes the coordination of access of uninsured and underinsured adults and children to dental health appointments, and the presentation of programs to parents, children, and other groups to raise awareness of the vital importance of dental health to the development and health of all children.

Celia West discussed the uninsured population has to be referred to Rutgers and Rowan University.

Nick Bonamassa inquired if Joel Polter is asking the school to get a dentist to check inside the childrens' mouths at the school, then tell the child's guardian they need treatment.

Mr. Polter discussed yes. The only obligation would be to tell the child's guardian they should seek dental treatment or not.

Celia West discussed the biggest issue is there is no place in Ocean County to send the children. Dental health is so outside the scope of the local Board of Health. I appreciate Mr. Polter's concern. Dental health speaks to the issue of the health of this community. Unfortunately, there is nothing the Board of Health can do about it.

Dana Covitz discussed there would have to be a practitioner to provide the care. The practitioners do not want to provide the care on Medicaid dollars. That is across the board in any specialty, particularly dental, optical and psychiatric services.

Nick Bonamassa discussed the Board of Health does not have any power on this issue. The Board of Health could send a letter to the Township Committee asking them to reach out to the Ocean County Health Department, emphasizing the need for student dental screenings in the elementary schools and free dental care for children. Celia West requested Michele type a letter to the Township Committee.

c. Activity Report Review– October, November, December 2018

Nick Bonamassa discussed the number of dog licenses increased by 30 licenses from 2017 and 2018.

d. Correspondence – 4th Quarter 2018

No correspondence received.

3. OLD BUSINESS

• Flu Clinic – November 2, 2018, 10am-12pm

Celia West discussed twenty-seven flu shots and zero pneumonia shots were administered at the flu clinic. Three years ago fifty or more shots were administered. Flu vaccinations are so available now. The Township supplies the location, the County supplies the nurses and vaccine. It is a service provided to the community.

Dana Covitz inquired if the Ocean County Health Department administers flu shots in the evening. Secretary Giardino discussed yes, in other Townships.

4. NEW BUSINESS.

- **Animal Licensing –**

Currently there are 150 dogs and 18 cats licensed. The \$10.00 late fee is applied March 1st.

- **Rabies Clinic – Saturday, February 9, 2019, 9:30am-11am**

Celia West requested volunteers for crowd control and passing out “Town Hall Open Today” flyers for residents who wish to license their animal after the clinic on Saturday. Town Hall is open until 12pm on the day of the clinic. Celia West discussed she cannot attend the flu clinic. Nick Bonamassa, Dana Covitz and her daughter and Mary Neafie will volunteer at the Rabies Clinic. There will be high school students from the Southern Regional Interact Program.

Secretary Giardino discussed volunteers should arrive at 9:00am. Cats are 9:30am-10:00am and dogs are 10:00am-11:00am. Public Works will set the room up and provide paper towels, garbage bags and Windex for pet clean up.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Committeewoman Dodd discussed the Board of Health members’ hearts are in the right place. The Board of Health is just limited in what they are allowed to do. Committeewoman Dodd suggested the survey ask if presentations on various health issues would interest the residents and would they prefer morning or evening meetings.

Celia West discussed if there is an interest for presentations, there is an epidemic of diabetes in the world. I am a certified diabetic educator. Mr. Polter suggested a presentation on dialysis. Nick Bonamassa discussed health presentations could be given at Township meetings, to bring more people to the Township Committee meetings.

6. BOARD COMMENTS.

No comments from the Board.

NEXT MEETING IS April 10, 2019.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was moved by Nick Bonamassa, seconded by Joel Polter
All in favor: Ayes. None opposed.

Michele Giardino, Secretary
Township of Ocean Board of Health