

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
BOARD OF HEALTH**

MINUTES

October 11, 2023

9:00 am

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	Absent
	Nick Bonamassa	X
	Dana Covitz	X
	Mary Neafie	X
	Aaron Shapiro	X
	John Panebianco Alt. #1	X
	Valerie Tate Alt. #2	Absent

2. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

a. Approve Regular Business Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023

Motion to approve meeting minutes was moved by Aaron Shapiro, seconded by Nick Bonamassa.
All in Favor: Aye. None opposed.

b. Activity Report Review – April-September 2023

No comments from the Board regarding the Activity Reports.

c. Correspondence – 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2023

No comments from the Board regarding Correspondence.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- **Animal Licensing**

Secretary Giardino discussed currently 620 dogs and 108 cats are licensed.

Nick Bonamassa inquired if the license numbers are going down. Secretary Giardino discussed, yes. The dog and cat license numbers of Lacey and Barnegat Townships are listed in the minutes of the last meeting, per the Board's request. Lacey and Barnegat Townships have gone down as well.

Dana Covitz discussed the population of Lacey and Barnegat is more dense than Waretown.

Secretary Giardino discussed it is hard for Townships to enforce the dog and cat licensing. There is not enough manpower to canvass townships for unlicensed dogs and cats.

4. NEW BUSINESS.

- **Flu Clinic – 2023 – Ocean County Health Dept.**

The Ocean County Flu Clinic schedule was sent to all Board members, distributed via the Township email and available to residents at the Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

John Panebianco inquired if the Ocean County Flu Clinic will have the new COVID Vaccine.

Secretary Giardino discussed COVID vaccines are available at the Ocean County Health Department in Toms River. You need to make an appointment.

John Panebianco discussed the Greenbriar community is offering drive-through COVID vaccines at the clubhouse for Greenbriar residents.

Nick Bonamassa discussed CVS and other drugstores offer flu shots.

- **Township Committee Decision - Waive Animal Licensing Fees for the Month of January, Annually**

Secretary Giardino discussed, at the last meeting, Nick Bonamassa requested the Board of Health send a letter to the Township Committee requesting dog and cat license fees be waived during the month of January, as an incentive for residents to license their animals. The letter was sent to the Township Committee on April 26, 2023. On May 26, 2023, per the Township Administrator, the Township Committee opposed waiving the dog and cat licensing fees for the month of January every year.

Secretary Giardino discussed Animal Control costs are paid by dog and cat licensing fees.

Deputy Mayor Lydia Dodd discussed what the Township takes in from dog and cat licensing does not even cover animal control costs.

Secretary Giardino discussed the annual free rabies clinic is an incentive. You can license your dog right after the animal receives its vaccination at the same location.

- **Rabies Clinic – Sat., February 10, 2024**

Secretary Giardino discussed Dr. Wurst has confirmed the Rabies Clinic date. The clinic can be discussed at the Regular Business Meeting in January.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Deputy Mayor Lydia Dodd discussed there have been complaints of unlicensed dogs at the dog park and suggested the Township send a townwide email listing the dog park's rules, dog park etiquette, the benefits of licensing your animal, etc. The Township cannot have someone there checking for dog licenses.

6. BOARD COMMENTS.

No comments from the Board.

NEXT MEETING IS January 10, 2024.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by John Panebianco, seconded by Dana Covitz.
All in Favor: Aye. None opposed.



Michele Giardino, Secretary
Township of Ocean Board of Health