
**BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS
BOARD OF HEALTH**

Minutes
AGENDA

OF

January 14, 2016

SILENT REFLECTION AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL: 7:38 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON
VICE CHAIRPERSON
MEMBERS

LEONARD GILES - Present
VICKI HANLON - Present
KATHRYN MOLOUGHNEY - Present
PATRICIA SKUBON - Present
BARBARA ROSE - Present

HEALTH INSPECTOR

MIKE KOWAL - Present

SECRETARY

MARY ELLEN KARAMUS - Present

2. THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS WEBSITE AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.
3. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA: Motion made by Vice Chairperson Hanlon; Seconded by Board Member Skubon; All Present, Aye
4. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

December 3, 2015; Motion made by Board Member Moloughney; seconded by Vice Chairperson Hanlon; All Present, Aye

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

- December 4 Email from M. Kowal to Board of Health.
 - Mike Kowal mentioned protocol concerning any school issues, which were included in his email. The order of complaints is Administration; Union and then proceed to the State Health Department.
- December Health Officer Report
 - Chairperson Giles mentioned there was not much in the Health Officer report. He did ask about the flu outbreak drill and Mike Kowal explained that there was a county-wide drill that was done. He is not familiar with the influenza one. In the past there had been an anthrax drill. There was an opportunity to meet all of the people that would be involved, along with a mock intervention, triage, etc. Mike mentioned that it was a good event. Chairperson Giles asked if it was State sponsored and Mike said that it was an event sponsored by Middletown, that the State had some involvement but that it was mostly local involvement.
 - Chairperson Giles brought up the subject of food licensing fees and whether they were all up to date. They are.
 - Chairperson Giles asked about inspections in general. Mike Kowal said it's been business as usual; that his main inspection is Wall Methodist Pre-School, the kitchen facility and day care center itself was inspected. Board Member Moloughney asked about the requirement of preschools being inspected. Mike said they do a walk through but the State has their own inspections as well, and that this area has been visited frequently by the State. Board Member Moloughney asked if Mountz is inspected. Vice Chairperson Hanlon responded that she is not sure about cleanliness inspection; that that would be a BA question.
 - Chairperson Giles asked Mike if there was talk about the new virus in Brazil, the microcephaly. He gave some details about the virus, including that it is mosquito-borne. Mike responded no but that the virus is very dangerous to pregnant women, it can cause birth defects but it appears that if a healthy individual contracts it, such as in the case of West Nile, there are flu-like symptoms which clear up in a week or so. Chairperson Giles added that it seems that these diseases are drifting up from warmer areas, plus through the amount of travel. Mike Kowal added also that it seems that the problem can be that it travels to Mexico, on to Florida and that also happened with West Niles. He added that it really involves mosquito control.
 - Chairperson Giles asked Mike about Long Branch. Mike responded that he has heard nothing but details may still be in the

process of being worked out; Chairperson Giles mentioned that they lost their Health Officer and they need one and they are not sure if they are going with the County or the Commission but they may be trying to work out what they will do but they do have to have one and have not since December 31. Mike Kowal said they can go without an assigned health officer for six months but they do have to report to the State and let them know what they are doing, and that they are attempting to have one. Kate Moloughney asked if they want to go with us. Chairman Giles mentioned that one idea was that since there are 21 towns as of now in the Commission, that if a new town came on it affects cost as far as money coming into the Commission. Mike Kowal did mention that the easiest thing is for them to have our health officer sign off on things but in a larger sense, they have employees, it is a hospital town and other services as well so there are some issues that need to be considered. Chairperson Giles said to be thought out and Mike Kowal agreed and said yes that need to be thought out before a decision is made. Chairperson Giles agreed that it is a lot to be considered.

- Chairperson Giles asked if anyone had anything else; nobody did.
- Spring Lake Heights Activity Report -12/02/2015 through 12/30/2015
- December 2015 MCRHC #1 Correspondence with attachments including Ordinance 15-01

7. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC: None.

8. VOICE CLOSED BY / AT : PM

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

10. NEW BUSINESS:

11. ADJOURNMENT: ON MOTION BY: Vice Chairperson Hanlon; Seconded by Chairperson Giles / AT 7:49 PM; ALL YES

SIGNED: _____

MARY ELLEN KARAMUS
BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY
April 7, 2016