

WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
April 06, 2022 – 7:00 pm
Susie B. Boyce Municipal Courtroom

Call to Order: The regular public meeting of the Warren Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Flag Salute-All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The Opening Statement: Adequate notice of this meeting was given on March 22, 2022 by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board, sending a copy to the Township Clerk and Echoes Sentinel as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. We plan to adjourn no later than 10:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Mr. Plager – present	Mr. Rosenman - present
Mr. Morlino – present (via phone)	Dr. Mandal - present
Dr. Sarraf – absent	Ms. Valerio (Alternate #1) – present
Mr. Lazo – present	Dr. Singh (Alternate #2) – present (via phone)
Mr. Riley – present	

Privilege of the Floor: None.

Old Business:

Mr. Sumner gave an update on Covid-19 pandemic. Cases are steady with BA2 variant not yet leading to significant increase in cases; A second booster dose has just been authorized for 65-year-old plus population and 50- to 65-year-olds with underlying conditions. Long term care facilities still struggling a little bit with cases. Schools are holding their own, cases are reported but contact tracing is not being done consistently. Mr. Plager asked if Pfizer pill has been effective in helping treat Covid patients. Dr. Mandal stated that it can be prescribed to patients who are infected with mild to moderate Covid symptoms within the first five days of infection. Mr. Rosenman asked if flu cases are high, and Mr. Sumner confirmed that flu is on the rise especially in South Jersey. Mr. Sumner clarifies that we are still in pandemic mode much to the general populations' belief that Covid is now endemic and also noted that endemic is not a necessarily better state but indicates an expected level of disease in the community.

New Business: None.

Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Rosenman to approve minutes from January 12, 2022 meeting.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Correspondence: None.

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission Representative Report:

Mr. Riley gave a brief report on business discussed during the Monday April 04, 2022 MBRHC meeting which included honoring Dr. Jon Fourre for his long-term service and commitment to the Commission, Mr. Sumner's update on Covid and NACCHO accreditation application process for smaller health departments which Mr. Sumner helped pilot. Mr. Sumner reported 2020 Commission audit was almost complete. Mr. Riley discussed Manville and Branchburg interest in joining the Commission, however, it did not pan out; Branchburg decided to hire full time health officer and Manville did not follow up with the Commission.

Reports of Employees/Health Officer Report:

Mr. Sumner reviewed January and February reports by Donna Ostman, health inspector, Patricia Martins, registrar/secretary and Animal Control Solutions workload.

Treasurer's Reports:

January 2022 - Health Receipts	
Receipts for Registrar	\$378.00
Health	\$8,412.00
Application Fees	\$175.00
Septic and Well	\$1,285.00
Total Health	\$10,250.00

January 2022 - Animal Control Receipts	
Dog	\$7,869.00
Cats	\$390.00
Total Animal	\$8,259.00

Total Receipts - January 2022 **\$18,509.00**

January 2022 - Health Disbursements	
Registrar Paper (REG -42A)	\$85.90
Registrar Binder/Index A-Z (Marriage)	\$105.00
2022 Registrar Membership (Martins)	\$25.00
Staples Misc Office Supplies	\$24.50
BOH Meeting Legal Notice (Reorg/Yearly)	\$76.09
Total Health Disbursement	\$316.49

January 2022 - Animal Control Disbursements	
2022 State Dog License Fee-January	\$ 628.00
ACS INV# 3548- incident service	\$ 555.00
2022 ACO Contract-January	\$ 2,000.00
Total Animal Control Disbursements	\$3,183.00

Total Disbursements - January 2022 **\$3,499.49**

February 2022 - Health Receipts	
Receipts for Registrar	\$ 156.00
Health	\$ 6,275.00
Application Fees	\$ 250.00
Septic and Well	\$ 460.00
Total Health	\$ 7,141.00

February 2022 - Animal Control Receipts	
Dog	\$ 2,086.00
Cats	\$ 110.00
Total Animal	\$ 2,196.00

Total Receipts - February 2022 **\$ 9,337.00**

February 2022 - Health Disbursements	
Total Health Disbursement	\$ -

February 2022 - Animal Control Disbursements	
2022 State Dog License Fee-February	\$ 142.80
2022 ACO Contract-February	\$ 2,000.00
Total Animal Control Disbursements	

Total Disbursements - February 2022 **\$ 2,142.80**

March 2022 - Health Receipts	

Receipts for Registrar	\$ 314.00
Health	\$ 2,450.00
Application Fees	
Septic and Well	\$ 715.00
Total Health	\$ 3,479.00

March 2022 Animal Control Receipts	
Dog	\$ 1,651.00
Cats	\$ 160.00
Total Animal	\$ 1,811.00

Total Receipts – March 2022 \$ 5,290.00

March 2022 – Health Disbursements	
2022 Marriage License Fee- 1 st Quarter	\$ 150.00
1 st Quarter Middle Brook Commission Contract	\$ 38,388.00
Office Supplies-Staples	\$ 51.74
Total Health Disbursement	\$ 38,589.74

March 2022 – Animal Control Disbursements	
2022 ACO Contract-March	\$ 2,000.00
2022 State Dog License Fee -March	\$ 90.00
Invoice # 3605- Kennel/Emerg Vet Care Cat -2/7/22	\$ 589.00
Total Animal Control Disbursements	\$ 2,679.00

Total Disbursements – March 2022 \$ 41,268.74

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Rosenman to approve January, February and March 2022 Financial Report as read.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Discussion:

Mr. Riley asked Mr. Lazo if the Township had decided to assume control of the Sewerage Authority for the purpose of selling the Authority to a private enterprise. He said definitely not, the move is made due to ineffective Board of volunteers that sparsely participate, often time meetings are cancelled for lack of quorum and furthermore to eliminate some redundancy. He said the Township Committee concluded the Authority can be more effectively and efficiently managed as part of Township administration, and that there were no plans to sell the Authority. He stated that the Township would continue to separate the moneys accumulated by the Sewer Authority as a separate line item and account. Mr. Lazo also answered Mr. Morlinos' question regarding Township Committee's decision to terminate the Sewerage Authority and taking over management as a new department of Sewer. Mr. Rosenman asked Mr. Lazo status of hotel and affordable housing ongoing construction projects. Mr. Lazo gave a brief explanation of ongoing project off Route 78 exit 36, King George Road and any future affordable house planned sites. Ms. Martins asked Mr. Lazo about the plan development for Chubb Site, Mr. Lazo stated there is a developer interested in bringing in a storage/distribution center to the area, however, it is still in the discussion phase.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Rosenman to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Martins
Administrative Secretary
Warren Township Board of Health