

**WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2023– 7:00 P.M.
UNION VILLAGE CONFERENCE ROOM
46 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD, 2ND FLOOR**

Call to Order: The regular public meeting of the Warren Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Malcolm Plager, Chairman/President.

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

The Opening Statement: Adequate notice of this meeting was given on January 01, 2023 by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board, sending a copy to the Township Clerk and the Star Ledger, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. We plan to adjourn no later than 10:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Mr. Plager – present
Mr. Riley – present
Mr. Morlino – present
Ms. Lontai – present
Dr. Sarraf- present

Mr. Rosenman – present
Dr. Mandal - absent
Ms. Valerio (Alternate #1) – present
Dr. Singh (Alternate #2) – present

Privilege of the Floor: None at this time.

Old Business:

Resolution 2023-05
Variance from Ordinance BH 4-5
24 Highmount Avenue
Block 211, Lot 3
Applicant: Angelo Paoella, Jr.

Motion made by Mr. Riley to change title of Resolution 2023-05- Variance from Ordinance BH 4-5 to read Resolution 2023-05- Application for Deferment from Ordinance BH 4-5, furthermore, Mr. Riley motioned to approve Resolution as amended. Motion seconded by Ms. Lontai.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Mr. Plager, Mr. Riley, Ms. Lontai, Ms. Valerio, Dr. Singh and Dr. Sarraf

Opposed: None

Abstain: Mr. Rosenman and Mr. Morlino.

New Business: None.

Approval of Minutes: March 08, 2023

Motion was made by Mr. Riley to approve March 08, 2023 minutes with corrections. Motion seconded by Ms. Lontai.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Correspondence: None.

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission Report:

Mr. Riley stated Commission met on April 03, minutes from February meeting were approved, Mr. Sumner gave an update on Covid- essentially things have been quieter, and CDC is ending emergency as of May; Discussion regarding masks being required in medical facilities. Mr. Riley further stated the Commission received a follow up letter to the 2021 audit with comment requesting bank statements show images of cancelled checks. The Commission meeting dates were amended to add locations. Mr. Sumner briefed the commission on a grant from the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials to educate strike teams for infection control, essentially in nursing homes and other facilities- commission employees will be providing training under this grant. State monthly reports for vector diseases were distributed to members for review. There was a discussion on regulation of massage therapy facilities and fact that there has been a lot of court activity. Discussion of a fungus- candida auris-press reports on cases increasing and resistance to medications; Mr. Sumner gave an update on upcoming rabies clinic in Warren. Mr. Riley renewed discussion regarding money owed the Commission by the Township of Bound Brook for contracted services provided in 2019; Possibility of pursuing litigation was discussed.

Reports of Employees/Health Officer Report:

Mr. Sumner informed the Board that the Covid 19 public health emergency was ending May 11, 2023; It will not translate into much change at local level, primary impacts will most likely be related to insurance particularly around treatment, testing and vaccinations. The one change that will be seen fairly quick as a result of the emergency ending will be the CDC will no longer be posting community transmission rates which is the tool Health Officers use to determine whether or not health care and long-term care facilities will have to wear masks and do certain testing for covid; Without those transmission rates data, the guidance is going to be going away. Covid numbers are low, not gone. Outbreaks are still occurring at some facilities. Ms. Lontai commented on rise of positive Strep infection cases occurring in the Middle School. Rabies clinic was offered in Warren on May 6, and attendance was light- 12 dogs , 8 cats. Ms. Martins went over Animal Control Solutions monthly report.

Treasurer’s Reports: March and April 2023

March 2023 - Health Receipts	
Receipts for Registrar	\$ 370.00
Health	\$ 255.00
Application Fees	\$ -
Septic and well	\$ 865.00
Total Health	\$ 1,490.00

March 2023 Animal Control Receipts	
Dog	\$ 794.00
Cats	\$ 50.00
Total Animal	\$ 844.00
Total Receipts - March 2023	\$ 2,334.00

March 2023 - Health Disbursements	
1st Quarter Middle Brook Commission Contract	\$ 39,155.75
Business card: Patty Martins & Donna Ostman	\$ 180.00
Registrar Paper (Reg-42A) Vital Stat Blue Paper	\$ 43.00
Total Health Disbursement	\$ 39,378.75

March 2023 - Animal Control Disbursements	
2023 State Dog License Fee -March	\$ 50.40
2023 ACO Contract-March	\$ 2,357.00
Dangerous dog tag (red) #001-499 -17 Rasp Trail	\$ 6.95
Refund 2023 Dog license # 740 issued 1/31/2023; (dog was euthanized 2/2/2023)	\$ 18.00
Total Animal Control Disbursements	\$ 2,432.35
Total Disbursements - March 2023	\$ 1,811.10

April 2023 - Health Receipts	
Receipts for Registrar	\$ 300.00
Health	\$ 995.00
Application Fees	
Septic and well	\$ 390.00
Total Health	\$ 1,685.00

April 2023- Animal Control Receipts	
Dog	\$ 1,431.00
Cats	\$ 10.00
Total Animal	\$ 1,441.00
Total Receipts - April 2023	\$ 3,126.00

April 2023 - Health Disbursements	
Total Health Disbursement	\$ -

April 2023 - Animal Control Disbursements	
State Dog License Fee- April 2023	\$ 30.00
ACO Contract- April 2023	\$ 2,357.00
Total Animal	\$ 2,387.00
Total Disbursements - April 2023	\$ 2,387.00

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Dr. Sarraf to approve March and April 2023 Financial Report as read.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Discussion:

Ms. Lontai informed the Board that May is mental health awareness month, and she would like to suggest more information regarding Mental Health Awareness be placed on our website to make it easier for the community to access mental health resources when needed. Mr. Sumner will work on updating both the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission and Warren Township websites. Ms. Lontai questioned whether the Board would benefit from appropriating funds awarded to the Township from grant money received under the opioid fund settlement and using the money to offer education programming that will aid kids with trauma and kids who are more likely to turn to alcohol and drug dependency; One suggestion is to develop one week camp for socially disadvantaged kids; However, transportation and staffing can become hurdles. Topic to be further explored off line. Ms. Lontai asked Mr. Sumner what the length of time is between food inspections at the schools, specifically, when recommendations are given by food inspector upon a site visit; Mr. Sumner answered that no follow up site inspection is needed when inspector gives recommendations, however, if violations are issued, re-inspections are conducted.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Mr. Riley, seconded by Dr. Sarraf to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

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