

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

April 3, 2019

Minutes

Present: Michael Moore, Stanley Wisnewski, Marianne Nucci, Sabrina Edmunds, Tana LaPlaca, and Peter Kleban

Also present: Thomas Michalowski, Timothy Zachok and Maryann Lang

Absent: Raymond Holmes, Kathleen Greene and Jo-Anna Finegan

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Board of Health (BOH) Secretary, Maryann Lang, took roll call and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

The order of the agenda was changed to hear the hen license application first.

New Business:

Application to keep hens

The applicant, Janine Mazzuca, 30 Lincoln Avenue, Florham Park was present. The BOH members thanked Ms. Mazzuca for the thoroughness of her application. Ms. Wisnewski asked Ms. Mazzuca if she had spoken to her neighbors about the hens. She responded that she had not as of today, but planned to. Mr. Zachok, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), advised her to be careful with the food for the chickens, as it may attract rodents. Ms. Mazzuca stated that she has lockable lids for the food storage containers. The containers will be stored inside of a shed. Mr. Wisnewski asked Ms. Mazzuca if she had other pets, and she responded that she has one dog. Mr. Moore commented that he visited the applicant's property and was pleased with the size of the property, and the application. Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to approve the hen license, Ms. Edmunds seconded the motion, and all members present voted "aye".

Ms. Mazzuca was advised that Mr. Zachok would visit her property, after the coop is set up and hens present, to do an inspection. At that point, a license certificate will be issued to her. She was advised that this is a yearly license.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Edmunds made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting. Ms. LaPlaca seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Ms. Edmunds asked if the incidents of a Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) meant that the individual was vaccinated and still contracted the disease. Or, they were not vaccinated and contracted the disease. Mr. Zachok stated that the ones reported were for individuals that did not receive a vaccination, and contracted the disease.

Mr. Wisnewski asked Ms. Lang if the number of delinquent pet licenses is similar to previous years. She responded in the affirmative. Two delinquent letters were mailed, and calls were made to everyone on the delinquent report. Tickets will be written on April 15, 2019.

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to approve the reports which included: Vital Statistics monthly report for February and March of 2019; Pequannock Township monthly report for January and February 2019; Pequannock Township year-to-date report, and Pequannock Township retail food inspection report for Florham Park. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

None

Report of the Health Officer:

Mr. Zachok provided the report on behalf of Peter Correale, Health Officer. Mr. Zachok advised the Board that he has taken over Gail Gratzel's responsibilities. Ms. Gratzel was the Assistant Health Officer and retired in February.

Mr. Zachok informed the Board that the recently hired Health Inspector is no longer employed by Pequannock. Interviews are being conducted, and a new inspector should be hired within the next few weeks. He stated that food and pool inspections will be divided between the inspectors. Gina McConeghy, REHS, will still handle Florham Park temporary events, complaints, and BOH meetings.

Ms. Nucci raised her concern regarding the dust that is generated from house demolitions. She stated that she had contacted Ms. Lang to see if she could gain information from the Building and Health Departments regarding this matter. The Building Department advised Ms. Lang that before a building may be demolished, there must be a certification that there is no asbestos. However, there is nothing in the Building Code addressing general dust from a demolition. There is nothing in the Health regulations either. Mr. Zachok confirmed this. Board members discussed wetting down the materials so they are not airborne. Board members would like this issue to be explored, and possibly formally addressed, in an ordinance.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Zachok's report, Mr. Wisnewski addressed the Board. He stated that he has held the role of stepping in for the Board President, in the event of their absence, for many years. He asked if someone else on the Board would consider replacing him. Board members will think about it and respond at a future date.

Unfinished Business:

None

Ratification of Licenses:

The Board ratified licenses issued in February and March of 2019.

Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Moore opened the meeting to the public at 7:20 pm. Seeing none, Mr. Moore closed the meeting to the public at 7:20 pm.

Adjournment:

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. Mr. Kleban seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang
Board of Health Secretary