

BOUND BROOK BOARD OF HEALTH  
**MEETING**  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013  
**MINUTES**

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The meeting was called to order by Health Officer Kevin Sumner at 6:00 P.M. with the following statement:

“This meeting held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that the requirements of the Law have been met by the Annual Meeting Notice being forwarded to the Courier News and posted in the Municipal Building on January 3, 2013.”

**ROLL CALL:**

The following members were present: Judy Bailey, Mary Fuentes, Helen Goodrich, Mariella Milanova, Angela Robinson, Lisa Slater, Mary Straub, and Alberto Torregroza.

The following were also present: Kevin G. Sumner, Health Officer and Nancy Lanner, REHS.

**REORGANIZATION:**

K. Sumner opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board of Health for 2013. M. Fuentes nominated L. Slater, seconded by M. Straub. There being no further nominations A. Robinson moved to close nominations, seconded by M. Fuentes. All in favor. L. Slater unanimously elected President.

President L. Slater opened the floor for nominations for Vice President and M. Straub nominated A. Torregroza, seconded by L. Slater. There being no further nominations A. Robinson moved to close nominations, seconded by M. Straub. All in favor. A. Torregroza unanimously elected Vice-President.

President Slater made the following appointments:

1. Nancy Lanner was appointed part-time Registered Environmental Health Specialist.
2. George Psak was appointed Board of Health Attorney
3. Kevin Sumner was appointed Health Officer and Secretary to the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission
4. Alberto Torregroza and Mariella Milanova were appointed representatives to the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission; Helen Goodrich was appointed alternate to the Commission.
5. Robyn Key and Donna Ostman were appointed REHSs to cover Bound Brook in the case of an emergency.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

No public was present. Public portion of meeting closed.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

J. Bailey moved for acceptance of the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting. Motion seconded by M. Straub. All in favor.

**COMMISSION:**

K. Sumner advised the members that the Commission Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Green Brook Municipal Building. All are always welcome to attend and the representatives will be notified prior to the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Health Officer K. Sumner reminded members that the Commission had started a strategic planning process that was derailed by Superstorm Sandy and the holidays. He plans on restarting this initiative in March and is asking each reorganized Board to re-appoint a representative to work on this effort. M. Milanova was appointed as the Bound Brook representative.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Members reviewed the activities reports for November and December 2012.

Members asked about Superstorm Sandy impacts. N. Lanner reported that Bound Brook faired pretty well compared to other areas. The biggest problem was power outages and a few food establishments were cooking with generators which represented a fire safety hazard and potential food safety hazard so they were stopped. Most food establishments were well prepared as it was thought flooding would occur. It did not, but food was protected. Food establishments were inspected prior to power being restored to assure proper disposal of food so that upon return of power they could open. K. Sumner reported that sheltering was a problem for the town and for the county as no local shelters were open and residents were told to go to Bernards or Woodbridge depending upon need. This was impractical due to road conditions and availability of travel for some residents. This issue is being addressed for the County.

L. Slater asked about the garbage conditions on Dalay Street. N. Lanner explained she received a complaint, but could not verify a violation. She did speak to the tenant and property owner and there appears to be no problems now. A. Robinson asked about the locations of the following new establishments: Gaby's (Main Street), Billys (Union Avenue), and Paris Café (Main Street). N. Lanner also reported that The Imperial is being reopened by the same owners and they are planning to change the interior, but she has not yet received plans to review.

Finally, N. Lanner reported that the problem with birds in the ShopRite is slowly being resolved. There are two birds left and they are being removed. Shop Rite will be installing sonar devices at the front of the store to discourage the birds from staying in the area. The birds are roosting in the area of the carts and entering the store through the large circular door and the handicapped access door, which remains open longer than the other doors to accommodate those that need it. Since they can not change the doors the hope is the sonar will remove the roosting birds and resolve the issue.

**ADDENDUM:**

Members discussed the current increase in influenza cases. K. Sumner reported that the central and north eastern regions of the state were all currently designated with high levels of influenza. The balance of the state is seeing moderate levels. This is an earlier arrival of influenza than normal and the predominant strain is Type A H3N2 which is the most virulent of the forms. CDC is reporting that the seasonal vaccine is well matched with the predominant strains. Lastly, there is no reported shortage of vaccine, and those unvaccinated are strongly urged to get vaccinated, or anti-virals. This occurrence will be closely monitored and the public is encouraged to practice good hygiene, like hand-washing and staying home if sick.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, M. Fuentes moved to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Seconded by M. Milnova; All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kevin G. Sumner  
Health Officer