

BOUND BROOK BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President L. Slater at 6:05 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: Lisa Slater, Judy Bailey, Mary Fuentes, Helen Goodrich, Barbara Lobman, Angela Robinson, Mary Straub, Albert Torregroza, and Mariella Milanova.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

No public was present. Public portion of meeting closed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

M. Fuentes moved for acceptance of the minutes of the February 14, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by H. Goodrich. All were in favor.

COMMISSION:

K. Sumner reported that the Commission will be holding two (2) food handler courses. Both will be held in Green Brook Town Hall, the first on April 23rd and the second on the 25th. The session on the 23rd will be in the evening and will be conducted in English and Spanish. Members discussed the requirement for food handlers to attend and the content of the programs. K. Sumner explained that our sessions do not meet the state requirements, which are additional, but meet the requirements of local ordinances.

The Commission will be holding its one spring rabies clinic on May 4 at the Washington Valley Fire House in Warren from 8:30 to 9:30 am.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Members reviewed the activities reports for February and March 2013.

Members asked about the enforcement of odors emanating from an apartment. N. Lanner reported that they are not usually enforceable as individuals have certain rights in their homes.

It was noted that a coyote has been sighted in Bound Brook. Some expressed surprise it was in the area. Sumner explained that they have no where else to go and in this case the resident was referred to NJDEP Fish & Wildlife for assistance as it was coming close to the house.

The report of bedbugs on Dalay Place was questioned. N. Lanner advised it is a single family home so the tenant is responsible. They were provided information.

N. Lanner reported that Café Imperial has obtained their liquor license from the Borough and will be reopening as a sports bar.

N. Lanner described an insect related issue at Bound Brook Apartments. There were four apartments involved and the problem was with scheduling pest control treatment in all units at the same time. If not treated concurrently then the insects migrate from one unit to another. After many attempts scheduling succeeded and all units were treated.

Members noted a report of a resident complaining about mushrooms growing in their floor. N. Lanner reported that she was never able to verify the presence of mushrooms, but the owner has replaced the floor tiles and hopefully resolved the issue. No further complaints have been received.

K. Sumner reported on the recent outbreak of measles in Somerset County. He noted that the outbreak was initially at Somerset Medical Center but soon spread by a suspect case in a County employee who visited multiple locations, including two County buildings. This resulted in a large case follow up and verification of immunity of many individuals to stop the potential spread of the disease. Sumner reported that he is not aware of any Bound Brook residents being impacted, but he and the other Health Officers have not been kept in the loop. Little to no information has been provided by the County or State Health Department and this is a concern because if any residents outside the County's jurisdiction are impacted then local health officials need to know. This issue will be addressed with the County Health Officer.

N. Lanner responded to a question about the report of rodents at Krauszers. She noted that no evidence of rodents was found upon inspection, but the property is being treated anyway. She stated that the rodents may have been coming from a neighbor property, but could not be found. Treatment is being conducted to prevent a problem.

M. Straub asked about La Deliciosa Bakery. N. Lanner reported that they are open and selling bread only, no pastries. This prompted a discussion of the requirements for storing and displaying bakery goods. N. Lanner reported that they have to be stored covered and some products, not bread, needs to be stored refrigerated. Members reported that Mediterraneo Bakery stores food uncovered and unrefrigerated, including chicken and pizza. N. Lanner will investigate.

Members asked about the new Burger restaurant opening in town. N. Lanner reported that the owner of 25 Burgers is opening another burger establishment, but this restaurant will have a smaller, more limited menu than 25 Burgers.

ADDENDUM:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, M. Milanova moved to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. Seconded by B. Lobman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin G. Sumner
Health Officer