

**BOUND BROOK BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014
MINUTES**

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 2, 2014.”

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Judy Bailey, Helen Goodrich, Barbara Lobman, 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 2014. A. Robinson nominated L. Slater, seconded by A. Torregroza. There being no further nominations A. Robinson moved to close nominations, seconded by B. Lobman. All in favor. L. Slater unanimously elected President.

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

President Slater made the following appointments:

1. Nancy Lanner was appointed 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 Helen Goodrich were appointed representatives to the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission; Angela Robinson 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:

B. Lobman moved for acceptance of the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by A. Robinson. All in favor.

COMMISSION:

K. Sumner advised the members that the Commission Reorganization Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014 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.

Board members were advised that K. Sumner, Health Officer was the recipient of the Frank J. Osborne award for meritorious achievement in public health from the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials in November 2013. Copies of the award announcement were available for review.

K. Sumner informed members that the study conducted on residential remediation following Hurricane Floyd by K. Sumner and a Masters of Public Health candidate was recently published in Remediation Journal. A copy was distributed for review.

K. Sumner reported that two new interns will begin working with the Commission in a couple weeks. One will be developing an adult immunization education program and the second will be creating a flier on public health preparedness for the general public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Members reviewed the activities reports for November and December 2013.

Members asked about the two cases of chicken pox. N. Lanner reported that they were both unvaccinated as a result of religious exemptions. N. Lanner also reported that La Reina, a new food establishment, is located on Main Street.

K. Sumner explained the Child Health Conference to members. He explained that the service is administered by Community Visiting Nurse Association. It serves children up to the age of 18 without health insurance and provides vaccinations and physicals as well as dietary consulting and other services. A physician is present along with nurses and others. It is advertised by Somerset Medical Center as well as through newsletters, our website and other sites.

N. Lanner reported that a tattooing establishment has opened and it is owned and operated by a Bound Brook resident. No issues were found and all equipment is disposable.

Members asked about the reported food-borne illness at El Tumi. N. Lanner reported that she inspected and witnessed the food handling process and she found no problems or violations.

Members expressed surprise at the report of a new septic system in town. N. Lanner explained that there are several properties on the North side of Route 22 still served by septic. This new septic is being designed to serve a new residential property in this area. Soils testing and design will begin soon.

ADDENDUM:

B. Lobman reported that her dog recently captured a squirrel in her back yard. Upon investigation she believes that the squirrel had been killed by a hawk and her dog just picked it up. She has since noted a number of hawks and turkey vultures in the area. Other members agreed that they are seeing more raptors in the area, a sign of a healthy environment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, M. Straub moved to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Seconded by A. Robinson; All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin G. Sumner
Health Officer