

BOUND BROOK BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Slater 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 Revised Meeting Notice being forwarded to the Courier News and posted in the Municipal Building on May 30, 2014.”

ROLL CALL:

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

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

No public was present. Public portion of meeting closed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

A. Robinson moved for acceptance of the minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting. Motion seconded by A. Torregroza. All in favor.

COMMISSION:

- A. K. Sumner informed members that 2 food handler courses were held in April with a total of 69 attendees representing 56 food establishments, 26 of which were from Bound Brook. The evening session was held with a Spanish translator.
- B. K. Sumner reported that the Commission’s voluntary residential pool assessment program is being advertised and ready to be initiated. The program is intended to educate homeowners with pools to provide a safe and healthy pool experience. There was recently another two year old death in south Jersey as a result of the child accessing the pool. Members are encouraged to spread the word about the program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Members reviewed the activities reports for April and May 2014.

Members discussed electronic cigarettes and the potential hazards associated with these unregulated products, particularly to minors. K. Sumner noted that New Jersey was the first state in the country to pass regulations prohibiting their use indoors.

Members asked about the treatment changes to the public water system. K. Sumner explained that with the change of seasons and the source of the public water (surface vs. ground water) the materials used to treat the water also changes. In all cases the treatment is designed to make the water safe, but may change some of the aesthetics such as taste and aroma.

Members asked about the reported malaria case. N. Lanner reported that the case appeared to be travel related. This led to a discussion of emerging infections and the potential for new diseases, particularly related to travel. L. Slater noted the recent cases of Chikungunya in the Southeast and K. Sumner noted the two cases of Middle East Respiratory syndrome (MERS-CoV) that were imported from the Middle East.

ADDENDUM:

L. Slater asked members about their Financial Disclosure Statement status and if they had received a request in prior years. Members were reminded that this is required and those who are representatives to the Commission must complete two.

Members asked if the merger between Somerset Medical Center and Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center will have any impact locally. K. Sumner advised he is not aware of any impact, but that the merger just occurred so we will have to see what transpires. The local issue of emergency medical services such as paramedics and basic life support that are provided by the hospital may be something to watch, but is unlikely to change.

A. Robinson asked about the status of a code enforcer. N. Lanner reported that to her knowledge no one has been hired to provide code enforcement so for now others such as the fire inspector are filling in and the police department is doing a lot of surveys and forwarding complaints to relevant departments. The Health Department has received some from the police.

Members asked about the status of the red light camera issue with the Commission. K. Sumner reported that most of the local Boards felt the same; it is a concern, but should be addressed by another entity than the Board of Health. As such Sumner has suggested an approach by the Commission wherein they send a letter to each of the municipal governing bodies making them aware of the issue and the concerns of the Commission as opposed to a formal resolution against the use of Red Light Camera. Since the most recent state DOT report was just released this will be considered at a future meeting of the Commission in order to give members time to review the latest documents.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, H. Goodrich moved to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Seconded by M. Straub. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin G. Sumner", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kevin G. Sumner
Health Officer