

BOUND BROOK BOARD OF HEALTH  
**MEETING**  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014  
**MINUTES**

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The meeting was called to order by President Lisa 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 2, 2014.”

**ROLL CALL:**

The following members were present: Judy Bailey, Mary Fuentes, Helen Goodrich, Barbara Lobman, Angela Robinson, Lisa Slater, Mary Straub, and Alberto Torregraza

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:**

J. Bailey moved for acceptance of the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting. Motion seconded by M. Straub. All in favor.

**COMMISSION:**

- A. K. Sumner informed members that the annual influenza clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2014 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm at Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church in Warren. The clinic is scheduled to immediately follow the church’s senior meeting in hopes of increasing attendance.
- B. K. Sumner reported that the Commission’s fall rabies clinics are scheduled for the first Saturday’s in November and December. Bound Brook’s clinic will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 am to noon at the rear of Borough Hall.
- C. It was noted that member M. Milanova has moved out of town and therefore an open position on the Board exists. It was suggested that this be filled after a formal resignation has been received and the position could be filled at the beginning of 2015. A. Robinson also agreed that she will remain as a representative of the Commission so no replacement is necessary.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Members reviewed the activities reports for June, July and August 2014.

Members discussed requirements for keeping chickens and other non-domestic animals in Bound Brook. N. Lanner stated that one must have at least an acre and be able to keep all animals and animal enclosures away from structures. Properties on West Main Street are about the only ones that meet the requirements and one person in that area who would not identify themselves is investigating the possibility of keeping chickens. One member spoke about a report of roaches outside in NYC. K. Sumner advised that roaches typically like warm, damp, dark places and so if that is occurring it is probably a serious infestation. N. Lanner added that bed bug complaints are more common now in Bound Brook than roach complaints. Members asked about the DYFS complaint on Talmage Avenue. N. Lanner responded that there was no health department involvement as it was property maintenance, not a health concern. N. Lanner advised members that Girasole was issued a Conditional rating due to not washing their hands. The pet store is no longer in business. N. Lanner also advised that the solid waste issues in the area of Talmage Avenue are being addressed by the new code enforcer who seems to be very cooperative and taking action on many items.

## **ADDENDUM:**

N. Lanner reported that the President of Costa Rica is scheduled to come to Bound Brook to visit. Nancy is working with police and the Clerk's office to assure inspection of food vendors at the event.

K. Sumner discussed the enterovirus D68 that is currently impacting the Midwest. He explained that it is one of many enteroviruses but is new and there is no treatment or vaccine for it. The virus appears to be impacting youth, especially those with pre-existing conditions such as asthma.

Members discussed the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. They expressed concerns about its appearance in the United States. K. Sumner explained that while a case may show up here it is very unlikely to spread in the U.S. like West Africa because of the public health and healthcare infrastructure that is in place. For example, there are screening facilities run by U. S. Customs for communicable diseases and our communicable disease surveillance systems are very robust.

Members discussed the recommendations for adult immunizations, particularly for travel related disease prevention. K. Sumner explained that CDC makes recommendations for vaccines depending upon destination and various providers in the area can provide the vaccines.

Members also discussed the advantages of electronic personal health records. Keeping track of personal health records and transferring information between care providers would be much easier and more accurate if this system were more available.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, B. Lobman moved to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Seconded by M. Fuentes. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin G. Sumner", is written over a light blue dotted grid background.

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Kevin G. Sumner  
Health Officer