

BOUND BROOK BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President A. Torregroza 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 Meeting Notice being forwarded to the Courier News and posted in the Municipal Building on February 13, 2017.”

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Rich Eschle, Helen Goodrich, Barbara Lobman, Angela Robinson, Lisa Slater, and Alberto Torregroza.

The following were also present: Council Liaison Gomez, N. Lanner, REHS, and Kevin G. Sumner, Health Officer.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No public was present. Public portion of meeting closed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

A. Robinson moved for acceptance of the minutes of the January 23, 2017 special meeting, February 16, 2017 special meeting, and February 28, 2017 special meeting. Motion seconded by L. Slater. All in favor.

COMMISSION:

- A. K. Sumner reported on the Commission annual meeting wherein Dr. Bruce Ruck gave a presentation on the poison control center and opiates after K. Sumner provided the Commission’s annual report to those present.
- B. K. Sumner advised the members that the next Commission Meeting will be held on October 2, 2017. K. Sumner reported that a positive rabies case was recently identified in a Commission town. This should serve as a good reminder as to the need to keep rabies vaccinations current. Two unvaccinated dogs were exposed in this incident.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Culture of Health – K. Sumner advised the Board that the grant activities are moving forward with regular meetings of the leadership team. The leadership team in collaboration with the Bloustein School at Rutgers University finalized and published a blue print for health in Bound Brook and South Bound Brook. It

- is available on the Healthier Somerset website. The blueprint identified five priority areas that the grant will focus on over the next three years. They are expanded school health services, creation of a resource inventory, low-cost or free programming, especially for children and seniors, transportation and access issues, and addressing health through policy changes. This prompted discussion amongst the members and a question was raised regarding domestic violence particularly as it compares to violence in general. K. Sumner reported that this would be question for the police department and prosecutor's office.
- B. 2017 Agreement – A. Torregroza advised that the 2017 agreement was finalized and Bound Brook is paying the agreed upon amount. Mr. Torregroza advised that he had received a request from Mr. Herrera to meet, but that meeting never occurred. Mr. Gomez expressed that he had no concerns at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Activities Reports for February, March, April, May, June, July, and August – Board members reviewed the monthly reports and discussed the following items:
- a. Members asked about the complaints at Ray's Bistro. N. Lanner reported that she believes it is former employees complaining, as most of the complaints have not been verified. They did have a refrigerator issue, but as of this week it was resolved and no problems were found.
 - b. Members discussed complaints of odors from Straight Edge Paint Stripe Company. K. Sumner explained that air pollution complaints are a NJDEP enforceable issue and must be referred to the County Environmental Health inspectors. They will be notified of the potential for open-air repairs and indoor and outdoor odor complaints to determine if there is a violation and if permits are needed.
 - c. Members discussed the farm market and the waiving of certain licensing fees. Councilman Gomez suggested that waiving the fees for licensure at the farm market would help support this initiative, but that it can wait until the 2018 season. He did not suggest waiving fees for other temporary events and the food vendors that sell such as food trucks. Members asked that this be added to unfinished business for future action.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:

A. Torregroza announced that due to the unfortunate resignation of July Bailey the Board is in need of new members more than ever. If anyone has any suggestions please let him know so they can be passed on to the Mayor for action. In addition, A. Torregroza felt the Board should take formal action to replace J. Bailey as President for the balance of the year. R. Eschle moved to elect A. Torregroza as President, second by B. Lobman. All were in favor. A. Torregroza then moved to elect R. Eschle as Vice President of the Board with second by A. Robinson. All were in favor.

Members agreed to maintain the meeting time as 6:00 pm for the balance of the year, but requested that moving the time to 6:30 or 7:00 pm in 2018 be considered. This

will be added to Unfinished Business. Members also agreed that all meeting materials will be sent by both email and regular mail.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, L. Slater moved to adjourn, seconded by A. Torregroza; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin G. Sumner
Health Officer