

WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH
April 18 2018

This is the Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Health held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 in the Municipal Building, and called to order by President Frank Riccardelli at 7:35 p.m.

President Riccardelli read the following Sunshine Law: THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH. ADEQUATE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN AND IT HAS BEEN DULY ADVERTISED BY THE PLACEMENT OF A NOTICE IN BOTH THE SUBURBAN TRENDS AND THE HERALD NEWS AND A NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE.

ROLL CALL

Member Riccardelli, Member Griffin, Member Van Rossen, Member Stiansen and Member Rick answered Roll Call. Member Vuksanic and Member Bertelloni were absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Christopher Chapman, Health Officer, Bernie McDavitt, PHN and Eric Willse, Council Liaison.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Member Riccardelli asked for nominations for president. Member Stiansen nominated Frank Riccardelli, seconded by Member Griffin. No other nominations heard. Nominations closed. On Roll call to nominate Frank Riccardelli, all present voted yes. Frank Riccardelli abstained. Frank Riccardelli was elected President.

Member Riccardelli asked for nominations for Vice President. Member Riccardelli nominated Member Rich seconded by Member Stiansen. No other nominations heard. Nominations closed. On Roll Call to nominate Stuart Rich, all present voted yes; Stuart Rich abstained. Member Rich was elected Vice President.

MINUTES

On a motion from Member Stiansen seconded by Member Van Rossen and on Roll Call, the Minutes of Sept. 19, 2018 were accepted.

FINANCIAL & MONTHLY REPORTS

Member Riccardelli asked if there were any questions or observation regarding the reports.

On a motion by Member Van Rossen seconded by Member Rich and on roll call financial reports and monthly reports for September, October, November, December 2017 and January, February and March 2018 were accepted.

Member Griffin said she really does have to say the town did a wonderful job cleaning up the tree branches. She said she has to hand it to them they really stepped up to the plate because we had a lot of debris. She really had to commend the guys and she just wanted to say that.

Member Riccadelli said the pot holes seem to be taken care of. The one thing I noticed is the Christmas banners are still up. Member Stiansen said she noticed that also. Eric Willse said the concept was to take down the Christmas banners and put up the Anniversary banners but that changed because the work force had to be redirected. Did the banners become more important than cleaning up after the storm? No. Hopefully they will be up before the anniversary dinner.

Member Griffin also commented on the reports of homes and people being held accountable to clean up their property. This is what we need. Member Riccadelli said I don't know how many complaint calls we get but I suspect they're tiny. Christopher Chapman said yes we get very few complaints. Complaints like people not cleaning up after feeding the birds and leaving a mess.

NURSE'S REPORT

Bernie said the SMAC testing is coming up next Saturday, April 28, 2018, the same day as the One Hundredth Year Anniversary Dinner. Bernie said you each have a flyer and asked to post it somewhere to remind people of the SMAC and you also have a list of health care providers that will be there. Bernie showed a magazine that she does a quarterly article for and a report of 2017 services provided. Bernie said she will not go into detail but she is waiting right now for the State to get their thing together in terms of getting the reenrollment to the VFC. There seems to be a little bit of a stalemate in terms of the training. They are offering the training in South Jersey and I require having a backup coordinator for the vaccine and I do not have one and this has been the problem for a couple of years. It is looking optimistic that I will be able to get a per diem nurse through the borough. That person will then be the backup coordinator so it's looking a little promising, I'm hopeful but in order for her to be the backup she has to take three training program. The State doesn't offer it on line as an online education. Just two are offered on line and you have to go in for the third and it's not offered local. Member Stiansen asked if a fee was involved and Bernie said no fee at all. At first they were offering it only on Wednesdays, well what happens if you work on Wednesdays. The person who's per diem wouldn't just be per diem here. Is she going to take a day off work just to do this, no. It should be settled I hope in the next two months and that everything comes together and I could order vaccine again.

We are seeing a lot more kids coming in for the child health care clinics. They are basically transfer in students, transferred from the south and also undocumented. It is important to immunize them. Immunizing them protects not only them but it protects us. The doctor speaks Spanish so that's helpful. I had my son there with his language line that's on the cell phone and that worked out well. All in all I'm much more optimistic then I'll been in years and I must say our new administrator is wonderful. The whole atmosphere has changed it's so much easier to work and accomplish things.

Member Griffin asked Bernie does the town contribute any money towards all of the programs she runs. Bernie said Wanaque Feed the Hungry is a separate entity. It is in fact run by the town's people by donors. It is not funded by the town at all. Wanaque Community Outreach Club also does a lot in terms of health services, outreach and social service needs, that's all a separate entity nothing that the town puts into. Its money that Wanaque Reserve COC puts out and money that

comes from The Wanaque Feed the Hungry which is a separate corporation that has been run for 24 years now.

In terms of individual services there's no cost for anything except the SMAC. The SMAC patients pay \$25.00. Member Griffin asked if that's subsidized in anyway. Bernie said no. Member Griffin asked where does the other part of the cost come. The cost comes from supplies which Bernie said she doesn't order very frequently. She said she orders maybe once or twice a year as needed. I ordered some things yesterday that I needed for over a year and it came to \$120.00. In terms of the vaccine if the patients are on Medicare it's picked up by Medicare we bill Medicare and they pay us, it's a wash. The only thing is I have not been ordering shingles vaccine for two reasons. One reason is it is so expensive and there is not any predictability as to how many to order and it is available in pharmacies. Second reason is there is a new shingles vaccine that is much better but requires two doses and again its cost prohibited because what are you going to do order ten doses and then use three. It's not picked up by Medicare at all, it's out of pocket for seniors and sometimes if seniors go to Walgreens it's free. So it doesn't make sense for me to be charging you this money for me to give you the shot and I can't give it to you anyway if you get it at the pharmacy and bring it to me because it will be dead. It needs to be minus 20 degrees F and once its 15 minutes out of that environment it's no longer active. You know we gave out 85 doses of shingles vaccine and not one person came back and said they had a problem. The second vaccine is better that's why you need two doses. The price comes out to be maybe a little more for the new vaccine. So that's pretty much it. I thank you all very much for all your support your always there to help.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Chris spoke regarding Donna's tally report of retail food establishment inspections and that Donna brought the subject up whether or not it was necessary to license certain establishments that are none food prep like the ambulance corp, they are clean and they don't necessarily have to be licensed or inspected by the health department because they don't prepare food on the premises. She included The New Jersey Sanitary Code, Chapter 24 which regulates Retail Food Establishments, defines a Retail Food Establishment "as an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends or otherwise provides food for human consumption" with a list of establishments in Wanaque that do not prepare, store or serve food. Chris said like we're doing inspections on Kressaty's why would they need it. They just have packaged goods. Brenden King Studio is being charged a food license fee and all they have there are little packaged snacks. Member Riccardelli said he agrees if they aren't actually preparing food we

shouldn't be charging. Board went over the list of establishments Donna had prepared. Member Riccardelli asked if anybody could think of any other establishments. Member Riccardelli said just to emphasize it we can pass a motion exempting the list of organization from paying a food license fee. Member Rich seconded the motion. Motions carried by a unanimous voice vote by all members.

Member Riccardelli asked if anybody else had something they want to bring up.

Member Griffin said how about cars that have been left on a property for a while that are not being used. Council Liaison Eric Willse said as long as they are registered and plated they can have them on the property. Member Griffin said ok good then you answered my question. If there are no plates on it then no you can't unless your one of the two used car lots. So Member Griffin said so as long as it has a plate on it then it's okay. Eric Willse said yes.

Member Rich asked when inspections are done for a restaurant or whatever are the bathrooms included in that. Chris answered bathrooms are not included in that. That's part of the sanitary code maintenance of the bathrooms like keeping clean tissues etc. Member Rich remarked about the restroom in the Stop and Shop being disgusting. He had to use it on different occasions and disgusting every time. He said if the employees used it he would be a little heaved by it. Chris said we'll need to take a look at it.

Member Riccardelli asked if there was anything else. No one responded.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Riccardelli seconded by Member Rich and on Roll Call, meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Smerklo, Secretary