

WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH

January 15, 2015

This is the Re-organization and Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Health held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, in the Municipal Building, and called to order by President Frank Riccardelli at 7:30 p.m.

President Riccardelli read the following Sunshine Law: THIS IS THE RE-ORGANIZATION AND 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 HERALD NEWS AND THE SUBURBAN TRENDS AS E-MAILED ON DECEMBER 21, 2014 AND A NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE.

ROLL CALL

Member Riccardelli, Member Van Rossen, Member Vuksanic and Member Rich answered Roll Call. Member Stiansen and Member Bertelloini were absent.

ALSO PRESENT

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

REORANIZATION

Mayor and Council have re-appointed Member Stiansen, Member Vuksanic and Member Van Rossen to a 3 Year Term on the Board of Health effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. Mayor Mahler swore in Member Vuksanic and Member Van Rossen. Member Stiansen was absent.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board Secretary asked for nominations for president. Member VanRossen nominated Frank Riccardelli, seconded by Member Rich. No other nominations heard. Nomination closed. On Roll Call to nominate Frank Riccardelli, all present voted yes; Frank Riccardelli abstained. Frank Riccardelli is elected President.

Board Secretary asked for nominations for Vice President. Member Riccardelli nominated Member VanRossen, seconded by Member Vuksanic. No other nominations heard. Nominations closed. On Roll Call to nominate Linda Van Rossen , all present voted yes; Linda Van Rossen abstained. Linda Van Rossen is elected Vice President.

MINUTES

On a motion from Member Vuksanic , seconded by Member Van Rossen , and on Roll Call, the Minutes of Sept. 16, 2014 were accepted.

FINANCIAL & MONTHLY REPORTS

The Health Department's total revenue for 2015 was \$33,908.06

On a motion by Member Van Rossen seconded by Member Vuksanic and On Roll Call, Financial & Monthly Reports were accepted.

President Riccardelli asked for any comments on Gina's reports. Members commented on the good job she does.

President Riccardelli asked for any comments on the 2015 scheduled meeting dates. No comments.

NURSE'S REPORT

Bernie said the refrigerator and freezer she has now is working perfectly but you don't know what will happen once it's moved to the new building. Member Riccadelli asked how old it is. Bernie said 7 or 8 years. If we do get a new one it should be a vaccine refrigerator and freezer which is going to cost us a bit. Bernie said she actually talked to Tom and said we don't have to go that route at this time because everything is stable and the calibration is going to be done. It's costly to calibrate every year but you have to. It's required by the vaccines for children program and they give us free vaccine. We have to have a certificate. I will be having a visit from them in the beginning of March so I'm trying to get all the ducks in a row and that's one of the big ones. I have to send out for recalibration

Chris asked when is the move going to take place. Bernie said she didn't know maybe we could ask Mr. Willse. Mr. Willse said he and the mayor are pushing for the end of April and Tom Carroll is pushing for the middle of May. The tentative

date is the second week end in May. He said it was on the email going around today.

Mr. Willse wanted to know what the difference is in the refrigerator he has in his kitchen and what is needed in the Health Dept. Bernie said the refrigerator not so much difference but the freezer needs to be lower than zero degrees F. The highest it can go is to a plus 5 and it can go down to minus 58. Those are the requirements. 40 degrees is a good number for the refrigerator but it can go down to 36 and up to 45 degrees. The thing about it is if you get one refrigerator and one freezer there isn't a lot of space in the new building. My first thought is to get a new refrigerator/freezer that is a vaccine refrigerator and freezer with separate spaces so that when one is open the other is not and get it specifically for the vaccine because you're talking about thousands of dollars for the vaccines, if anything it's important to have the security. Member Riccardelli asked if Bernie ever priced the units. Bernie said the one she priced was \$1,800.00. Member Van Rossen said seems like a small price if you have thousands of dollars of vaccines in it. Bernie said she'll look into it more. Member Riccardelli said maybe if you find a price we can go forward and see if Tom will approve it.

Bernie gave all members an envelope. In it was all the reports from 2014 and all the programs held on things throughout the year. Bernie said to take a look at the reports and if anyone had any questions let her know and she'll try to answer them. Also included was information on the social service programs and this year she said there were more people than ever. There was an additional program held for back to school kids. Wanaque Reserve gave vouchers for shoes and back packs for kids who needed them. It was really a great thing.

Bernie said right now we're at a standstill because of health education. I work with the Health educator doing programs. One is the blood borne pathogens for the Fire, Police, and First Aid. I do the immunization and the health educator does the program. Bernie said Chris will tell you about it. Ringwood is at a standstill as far as signing a contract.

Chris said we've been approached by the Health Officer from West Milford who's actually from Bloomfield, Mike Fritzpatrick. He has come to the manager in Ringwood to provide health education services for Ringwood and Wanaque and the price he's thrown out there is a bit less than what the town is paying at this time.

So we're going back & forth because I don't agree with it in some ways. Right now I'm waiting to hear back from Chilton because I explained to them what was going on. I told them we need some better numbers than their giving. They're charging \$39.00 per hour for the health educator's time and he's offering a contract

with \$34.00 per hour. However it does not include overtime in his proposed contract. He's saying that overtime would be roughly \$56.00 per hour. Meaning anything outside of 8:30 – 4:30 would be considered overtime and the first portion of overtime would be based on 3 hours so you would pay \$159.00 for the first time you hit overtime. So if we have someone come to our night clinics, Maryann has come to our adult screenings which are held at night, or outside of normal business hours, that could negate the difference. Right now I'm waiting to hear back from Chilton. This is what's going on. I need some hours. How many hours had she worked outside of normal business hours over the past year and go back to him and say can you meet that. I also put Chilton on notice that there is someone who is under bidding them and they should be serious about coming back to us with an estimate and see if they can meet or do better than his proposed contract. I expect to hear from Chilton in a day or so. Bernie said she would advocate for this particular health educator. She is liked by everyone, we work well together, she goes into the schools, she does really good work. Chris said we are going to have to look at it and address some of the things because I spoke with Fritzpatrick this afternoon and he brought up the fact that they were looking to hire Maryann. She might end up working for him but I would like to make sure that's in stone if it's the case. Right now we just need a little time to settle it out. Bernie asked how many communities Fritzpatrick covers. Chris said a lot. Something like six or seven.

Bernie said she's looking to set up the SMAC clinic for April 18th.

Chris said just to bring us up to date there haven't been any sewerage treatment complaints.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Van Rossen seconded by Member Rich, and on Roll Call, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Smerklo, Secretary