

WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH
November 16, 2016

This is the Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Health held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 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 AS E-MAILED ON DECEMBER 20, 2015 AND A NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE.

ROLL CALL

Member Riccardelli, Member Bertelloni, Member Griffin, Member Van Rossen and Member Stiansen answered roll call. Member Vuksanic, Member Rick and Christopher Chapman were absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Bernie McDavitt, PHN.

MINUTES

On a motion from Member Bertelloni seconded by Member Van Rossen and on Roll Call, the Minutes of September 21, 2016 were accepted.

FINANCIAL & MONTHLY REPORTS

Member Riccardelli asked if there were any comments on the financial reports.

On a motion by Member Van Rossen seconded by Member Griffin and on roll call financial reports and monthly reports for September and October were accepted.

Member Riccardelli commented on the monthly reports prepared by Gina. Said they are still great. It is great reading. He didn't know how the other members feel about them, Member Van Rossen said she really likes them a lot. Said he could make a movie about them. Member Van Rossen said she had no idea so much went on in Wanaque. Member Riccardelli said he thinks he wants that job going into peoples' houses and having people yell at him. Member Van Rossen said I'm sure it's not a fun job. Member Riccardelli said he gives Gina a lot of credit. Member Riccardelli said it could get nasty if you're telling people you have to clean up this and that. And she's following up on everything. I have to tell you it wasn't always like this. This is what we're here for. She was a good find by Chris. Bernie said she deserves a vote of confidence from the Board. She doesn't get the appreciation she deserves up there. Member Bertelloni said let's give her a raise let's take a vote. Member Riccardelli said we can make a suggestion to the council. Bernie said she's paid out of Ringwood. Member Riccardelli said we can ask Chris and maybe we can think about offering up a bonus. We should think about that for January.

Member Bertelloni asked if all the monies we collect go into the Board of Health fund. Was told it goes into the current account.

NURSE'S REPORT

Bernie reported about 220 people attended the flu clinic. She ran out of the high dose vaccine. Said we did pneumonia and tetanus and are still doing Prevnar. I had to order Prevnar twice. I can only order 10 doses at a time because it's like \$1,400. Member Bertelloni asked if Medicare covers it. Bernie said Medicare covers it if they have the Part B plan. If they have an HMO no it doesn't cover. Then they have to pay up front. So I tell everybody to check their insurance to see if they will reimburse them. We also had a male cancer screening, two child health conferences one in August one in October, with only a skeleton crew the last couple of times that we did anything. It's hard to get anybody that's not working so you do the best you can. We really need to be able to pay a per diem rate. I made an appointment with Chris and Tom regarding this. Tom said Chris had to be at the meeting. Chris couldn't come so it was canceled. I got really busy so there was no way I could make another appointment with Tom.

Bernie asked if there were any questions. Member Griffin said if we could use the money we collect that would be good but she was told we can't and it's been that way for years. Bernie said she stopped ordering the shingles vaccine because it's very expensive and she doesn't always know if people will get their money back.

It's sad because people say well if you can't give it to me I'm not going to get it then. Member Van Rossen asked if you have to order so many at a time. Bernie said yes you have to order ten doses and then make sure ten people show up. It's the putting out the money in the first place. Member Van Rossen questioned if it's Tom's decision as to where the money is allocated. Member Riccardelli said many times the council will take his recommendations. Ultimately the council decides. Even last year the fund that is always available in case there's some kind of emergency was eliminated because of budgetary restraints.

Member Bertelloni asked if she would be covered under Bernie's' malpractice insurance. Bernie said she always advises to have your own.

Member Riccardelli asked Bernie if she has a per diem nurse in mind. She had but now that person accepted a job. Bernie said she had intern students from William Paterson that come and intern with her and one is very much interested in coming to help. The thing is they have to have their malpractice insurance and they have to pass the Board first. Member Riccardelli said he called Tom Carroll about this early in the year. Member Riccardelli said he will see Dan on Friday.

New Business - Rabies clinic is the 19th. Member Riccardelli will be there. Adopt a family for Christmas with Wanaque Reserve. There are eight families in total. We have Christmas baskets and the toys for tots. The girl scouts have chill chasers, coats and scarfs. In the meantime we're continuing to do the Pevnar immunizations, Hepatitis B and the Blood Borne Pathogens for early 2017 needs a program. What happens is Bernie goes with the vaccine for the police, fire department and first aiders at the first aid building and gives out the vaccine for anybody who needs it. Member Riccardelli asked if the new members are getting the vaccine. Bernie said they do not let her know who's new. They need to tell her who's new otherwise how would she know. Bernie said by law they have to do a yearly program. There was discussion regarding the Hepatitis B vaccine.

Today Bernie said she had Feed the Hungry program at the First Aid Building. The boy scout collection brought in so much, it was amazing. The whole inside of the First Aid Building was loaded. Every table was covered. Some people are still sending in some expired things so Monday we went through and checked all the expiration dates.

Member Riccardelli asked if anyone had anymore comments. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Van Rossen seconded by Member Griffin and on Roll Call, meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted
Terry Smerklo, Secretary