

WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH  
September 20, 2017

This is the Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Health held on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017, in the Municipal Building, and called to order by Vice President Stuart Rich at 7:30 p.m.

VICE PRESIDENT RICH 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 THE SUBURBAN TRENDS AND A NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

Christopher Chapman, Health Officer and Bernie McDavitt PHN.

**MINUTES**

On a motion from Member Griffin and seconded by Member Van Rossen and on Roll Call, the Minutes of April 20, 2017 were accepted.

**FINANCIAL**

On a motion by Member Stiansen and seconded by Member Van Rossen and On Roll Call, Financial Reports for April, May, June, July, and August 2017 were accepted.

Member Rich asked if there were any questions.

Member Griffin said we have a total of \$28,000, nice, too bad we can't use some of the money for our needs. Member Bertelloni asked what needs have we.

Member Griffin said Bernie's help per diem. Member Bertelloni said that's never going to happen. Bernie agreed.

## NURSE'S REPORT

Bernie went into detail regarding the programs she had. Lifeline screening program approximately 50 people at Wanaque Reserve utilized this program a little less than last year, a SMAC clinic in April, a diabetic and podiatric screening in March which we picked up on four new elevated blood sugars and referred them for evaluation to their physicians. Member Bertelloni asked if those clinics were just for the Wanaque Reserve residents and how many nonresidents go to it. Bernie said not many. She said maybe one tenth are out of the reserve. Member Bertelloni asked is it because of the locations. Bernie said she didn't think so. She said she thinks there's more proactive information that's being given out and the residents are right there and it's convenient for them. Member Stiansen said she often wondered if other people in the community feel like they're not included. Bernie said she has it advertised. Member Stiansen said she knows that but if she was of that age and wasn't part of the Wanaque Reserve I would feel a little hesitant going into a different community. Member Bertelloni said she would too. Bernie said you should see how many come to the flu clinic though. Member Bertelloni said yes residents of the Wanaque Reserve though. Bernie said also Wanaque residents in addition to the Wanaque Reserve. A lot of people come in. Member Stiansen asked where did you have it prior to the Reserve. Bernie answered she had it at the First Aid Building. Member Stiansen asked why shouldn't you alternate where you have the clinics. Bernie said because it's problematic at the First Aid Building from the aspect that it has to be cleaned first, the tables have to be set up in such a way different from the health fair and clinic then they are for the regular use of the building. I have older volunteers that help. Member Stianson asked what is downstairs in this building. Bernie answered all storage. Member Griffin said and Bernie you don't get much help. Bernie said she gets very little help. I have maybe three helpers to help me set up. Where at Wanaque Reserve in the ballroom the maintenance guys are wonderful. They get all the tables set up, they clean up afterwards, they put a wall up so we have divisions and separations. Member Stiansen said I understand it's probably good having it there but I just feel like the rest of the community is missing out because realistically I wouldn't want to go into what feels like private environment. Bernie answered they all give their names, they call, they reserve. They call us and leave their name so they can get into the gate. If anybody has a problem with that, I already had five phone calls saying to me I'm not going to make that because I'm going away or I'm going to Florida, or one has a memorial service to attend and I

make special arrangements for them. Member Stiansen said she feels like it should be more available to the rest of the community that's just my personal opinion. Bernie said it is available, they could go to my website, Member Stiansen replied elderly people aren't looking at websites, I'm sorry their just not. Bernie replied it's on the marquee in front of the building. People know me and they call me and ask me when the clinic is and they're excited to come to the building. Bernie said it's really very nice. Member Stiansen said I'm sure it's really nice but I'm looking at the rest of the community. I just feel like we're missing a wedge of the community. Member Van Rossen said she actually agrees. Bernie said do you? Member Van Rossen said actually where she lives she's very friendly with a lot of the older people that live there because she's lived there pretty much her all life and they ask me things when I walk. They know I'm on the Board of Health so they ask me things such as the flu clinic. They tell me they don't want to go to the Wanaque Reserve. They know it's available but they don't want to go to the Wanaque Reserve. Bernie asked where would they go. Member Van Rossen said to their own doctor. Member Griffin said why don't you ask them if they had their choice where would they choose to go and that's a good way to find out their feelings. Member Bertelloni said can't we do it at a gym. Bernie said she couldn't set it up the same way with the providers. It's not just a flu clinic were you go get your flu shot and leave, I have health care providers that are coming from all over. Bernie went on to mention all the providers that are coming and the health education that goes on at the same time. Member Stiansen said what she's trying to point out is that the people that live in that community are a little more well off so their health care needs are probably a little better met than the rest of the community so I'm looking at the people who don't have the ability to go to their own doctor or can get blood work easily. It's easier for them to go to someplace in town that's available to them and I think we're missing an opportunity to serve the rest of the community. That's my opinion. Bernie said at one time she was having clinics at two places. Member Stiansen said she didn't think that was necessary but I think it needs to be more available then just the Wanaque Reserve. Bernie said it's really a lot to set up in more than one place and it's a lot primarily because of the set up and the clean up afterwards. The discussion about this went on with Bernie and the Members giving their different ideas where they might be able to hold the clinic etc. Bernie then went on to outline the programs she already did and the programs to come.

### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Bertelloni seconded by Member Stiansen, and on Roll Call, meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Smerklo, Secretary