

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
BOARD OF HEALTH**

MINUTES

April 8, 2015

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

1. PROCEDURAL

a. Call to Order –

b. Flag Salute

c. Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending a copy of the Notice of Meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the Atlantic City Press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Office.

Roll Call -	Joan Tredy _____	X
	Dana Covitz _____	X
	Richard Arkenberg _____	X
	Nick Bonamassa _____	X
	Ed Covitz _____	X
	Shawn Denning Alt. #1 _____	Absent
	Cecilia West Alt. #2 _____	X

2. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

a. Approve Reorganization Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2015.

Motion to approve Reorganization Meeting minutes of January 14, 2015 was moved by Ed Covitz, seconded by Richard Arkenberg.

All in favor: Aye, Opposed: None.

b. Approve Regular Business Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2015.

Motion to approve Regular Business Meeting minutes of January 14, 2015 was moved by Ed Covitz, seconded by Richard Arkenberg.

All in favor: Aye, Opposed: None.

c. Activity Report Review– January, February, March 2015

Chairman Tredy discussed the number of dogs currently licensed is 100 less than total dogs licensed last year. The number of cats currently licensed is almost the same as total cats licensed last year.

A discussion took place regarding who notifies the Board of Health to quarantine the animals.

Secretary Giardino discussed if the victim goes to the doctor, the doctor notifies the Board of Health. If the Police are called, the Police notify the Board of Health.

A discussion took place regarding 95% of cat bites get infected, and only 5% of dog bites get infected.

Celia West inquired how the public is notified of animal licensing requirements.

Secretary Giardino discussed renewal notices are sent to all registered animal owners in January each year, a notice is sent out to the Township resident email list in January, and a notice is put on the TV Channel.

d. Correspondence – 1st Quarter 2015

No comments on correspondence.

3. Old Business

Rabies Clinic – 201 Dogs and 85 cats were vaccinated at the Rabies Clinic on February 14, 2015.

Chairman Tredy discussed the clinic was a success. It was very cold that day. The clinic was scheduled from 9:30am–11am. All animals were vaccinated by 10:45am.

Suggestions for next year are to require short leashes for dogs and make sure owners bring prior rabies certificates so animals are given a three-year shot instead of a one-year shot.

Several students from the National Honor Society were very helpful assisting members and volunteers, filling out paperwork and helping with crowd control.

There was an incident with an animal owner jumping ahead in line and one dog had a seizure. A woman became hysterical and had to be isolated from the dog having the seizure.

The veterinarian stated to Chairman Tredy the clinic ran efficiently. Everyone helped to complete a three-hour job in only two hours. The veterinarian recommended appointing one person to clean up after animals that soil the floor. The next day, a professional cleaning company cleaned the Community Center. Chairman Tredy suggested having a Public Works employee work at the Rabies Clinic cleaning up soiled messes. Chairman Tredy thanked everyone who participated in the Rabies Clinic.

4. NEW BUSINESS.

Animal Licensing – Currently 732 Dogs and 165 Cats are licensed. On March 24, 2015, 290 “Notice to Summons” were sent out.

Chairman Tredy inquired how many animals were licensed after the “Notice to Summons” letters were mailed.

Secretary Giardino discussed 52 animals were licensed after receiving the notice.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public present, no public comment.

6. BOARD COMMENTS.

Celia West inquired when the Flu Clinic will be held in Waretown.

Secretary Giardino discussed the Ocean County Health Department will send us a letter in July requesting use of the Community Center. The Flu Clinic is usually scheduled in late October or early November.

Chairman Tredy thanked everyone who shows up for the Board of Health meetings and events. It is greatly appreciated.

NEXT MEETING IS October 14, 2015 (Update: October 7, 2015) .

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was moved by Celia West, seconded by Nick Bonamassa.
All in favor: Aye, Opposed: None

Michele Giardino, Secretary
Township of Ocean Board of Health