

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**October 7, 2019**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The meeting of the Cranbury Township Board of Health was held in Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey on October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Dr. Laura Zurfluh, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Jean Golisano acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 20, 2018 of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Roop Grewal, Wesley Markham, Gene McDermott, and Laura Zurfluh were present. Sid Roychowdhury was excused.

**NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Michael Ferrante, Board Liaison  
Natalie Bujalski, REHS, Health Officer  
William Bauder, Cranbury resident

**MINUTES**

The September 9, 2019 Minutes were reviewed. Upon a motion by Dr. Zurfluh, seconded by Mr. Markham, with all members present in agreement, the motion to adopt the September 9, 2019 minutes was passed.

**HEALTH REPORTS**

Ms. Bujalski reviewed with the Board the September 2019 Middlesex County Board of Health Reports. She reported the Cranbury School was rated Conditionally Satisfactory due to the dishwasher not functioning properly and the temperature of food sitting outside of refrigeration, which had to be discarded. She stated she will reinspect in two weeks. Ms. Bujalski reported summonses were issued for 91 South Main Street for high grass complaints, with court scheduled for the end of the month.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the August 2019 Environmental Reports without comments.

## OLD BUSINESS

Licensing – Ms. Golisano reported as of October 7, there were 432 dogs and 67 cats licensed in the Township.

Rabies Clinic – Ms. Golisano reported 45 animals were vaccinated at the September 21<sup>st</sup> rabies clinic, as follows:

31 dogs (8 Cranbury; 23 out-of-town)  
14 cats (3 Cranbury; 11 out-of-town)

Flu Clinic – Middlesex County will hold a flu clinic at the Cranbury Methodist Church on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 to 11 a.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Zurfluh reported there is a “Walk to School” event planned for Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> with students meeting at the Fire House at 8:00 a.m. and walking to school. The event is sponsored by the Environmental Commission and Board of Health, and Mr. Ferrante stated the Township and EC will receive sustainability points for the event.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. William Bauder, Petty Road, addressed with the members the continuing issue of mosquito infestation in the storm drains on Petty Road. He thanked Dr. Zurfluh for the Board of Health e-mail of support to the Township Committee to address the problem. He stated he received a response from the Mayor, which he did not find acceptable. Mr. Bauder supplied a publication from ANJEC, which breaks down the responsibilities and powers of the Board of Health.

Mr. McDermott provided information on Mosquito Dunks, a tablet used to kill mosquitoes which is non-toxic to all other wildlife, pets, fish and humans. Mr. Bauder stated, from an environmental standpoint, the tablets are inappropriate for an on-going practice. He stated wells are within 50 feet of where the tablets would be placed. Mr. Bauder reported the DEP stated the tablets are an unacceptable practice that should be stopped.

*Mr. McDermott left the meeting at 7:12 for a fire call.*

Mr. Bauder stated the Board of Health has the ability to address this issue, and stated an inexpensive solution would be to fill the drains with gravel. He stated the drains contain fine sediment particles which water cannot infiltrate. Mr. Bauder stated the mosquitoes carry diseases, including the EEE virus, and being close to an equestrian center, the virus could be transmitted from the horses to people. He stated it is foolish for the Township not to address the issue.

Mr. Bauder reported an e-mail was received at 3:46 p.m. this afternoon in which the DEP reversed its original position that the Township could wait to address the issue. It states the Township is in violation of the MS4 permit and must repair the drainage wells so they function. It further stated the problem must be eliminated and the Township cannot wait until the new Toll Brothers development is built. Mr. Bauder request a follow-up letter from the Board of Heath to the

Township Committee to reinforce the BOH position of a health concern based on this new information from the DEP. Mr. Bauder recommended the inexpensive solution of using gravel as a temporary measure until the road is repaired. He stated the gravel work can be done in-house by Public Works.

Mr. Ferrante stated the gravel option has not yet been on the table for the Committee to consider. He stated the Committee wants to figure out the right solution and he will follow up with the Township Administrator concerning the Township's obligation with the MS 4 Permit. Mr. Ferrante stated it is important to understand the range of possibilities. Mr. Bauder stated the Township is in violation of MS 4 Permit. He further stated he has been dealing with this for over four years, and the Mayor and Township Administrator refuse to address the health issues.

Dr. Zurfluh stated the Board of Health has already written a letter to the Township Committee addressing the health issues. Mr. Bauder stated the Township has received a mandate from the DEP that the drainage wells must be maintained and repaired. Mr. Markham stated further information must be obtained on the Township's compliance with the MS4 Permit.

Mr. Bauder also reported the on-going odor problem coming from Santa Fe Way. He stated you can smell the odor being emitted from the stack of the food plant and reported the occurrences have been more frequent in the last nine months.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Zurfluh and seconded by Mr. Markham. All present were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Board of Health, and that this document, consisting of three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 7, 2019. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 5th day of November, 2019.

Jean Golisano  
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Board of Health Secretary