

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
October 1, 2012**

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 1 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, John Jackson, chair of the Board of Health called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Wendy W. Borg 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 November 29, 2011 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

John Jackson, Roop Grewal, Cheryl Coyle, and Sid Roychowdhury. George Smith reported his absence by email.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kevin Van Hise, Attorney
Lee Lloyd, Middlesex County Health Officer
Susan Goetz, Township Committee liaison to the Board of Health
Tom Connolly, resident
Bill and Connie Bauder, residents

MINUTES

The September minutes were approved on a motion by Sid Roychowdhury; seconded by Roop Grewal.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the substance of the September 2012 Health Report and the Environmental report for July and August 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

Cat and Dog Census – Mr. Jackson reported the census would be done in 2013. Presently, 188 dogs are licensed in the township, and 30 cats.

Rabies Clinic results – On September 15, a total of 99 animals were vaccinated. Dogs – 26 Cranbury; 33 out of town. Cats – 22 Cranbury; 18 out of town.

NEW BUSINESS

Pet Survey – Mr. Jackson will collate information from Mr. Van Hise for an online pet census survey for township resident use. He will bring this to the next meeting for the Board's consideration. After created, the survey should be communicated to township residents when it is available on line, including an e-blast; the township newsletter and a notice included in the tax bills.

Rabies Clinics dates 2013 – The board proposed March 30 and September 14, 2013. Secretary will check with Dr. Young on his availability.

Barking Dogs Nuisance – The Bauders, Petty Road residents, appeared to ask that the dog-barking ordinance be changed, because of an apparent problem they say has persisted on this road since 2006. They note that the three-day limit is too long and the nuisance is difficult to prove, as the ordinance is written. Ms. Lloyd noted that noise complaints are difficult to address because you need sound equipment to measure the decibel levels. Mr. Van Hise said when the ordinance was last reviewed, it was determined that the township would have to purchase sound equipment and pay for the man-hours to measure the noise levels. He noted nuisance issues are difficult to prove and prosecute, and advised the residents to contact their own attorney. Mr. Van Hise noted that he represents the Board of Health, not the Township, and the Board of Health's jurisdiction is health issues, not quality of life issues.

Ms. Goetz offered to talk with Bauders and the Township Attorney on this issue.

Dogs Off Leash – Ms. Goetz asked the Board if they would like to be part of a group of residents that would discuss how dogs could be off-leash at some point. She said residents have asked her about a dog park, or opening up an area for a period of time where dogs could be off leash. Ms. Lloyd noted that there will be dogs off leash and on leash at a dog park, and that it is rare that dogs off leash will attack a dog on leash.

APPLICATIONS

None reviewed

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 8:13 p.m. motion by Cheryl Coyle, seconded by Roop Grewal. All were in favor.

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 two (2) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 1, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this ____ day of _____ 2012.

Secretary
Wendy W. Borg