

A regular meeting of the Bloomfield Board of Health, as established by public record in the Bloomfield Life and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building in January 2006, was called to order on April 19, 2006 at 6:17 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room in the Law Enforcement Building.

Roll Call by President James McLaughlin showed the following members to be present:

James McLaughlin, President
Gloria Shorter, Vice President
Lisa Jasinski, Board Member
Patricia Barker, Board Member
Councilwoman Dunigan, Council Liaison

Also present were Ellen Powley, FoBAS President, Trevor J. Weigle, Director, Michele Nemeth, Sr. Clerk Typist.

Minutes of the March 8, 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by G. Shorter and second by L. Jasinski.

President McLaughlin asked if any member of the public wished to be heard on a matter of public health. No one came forward.

March licenses were accepted on a motion by G. Shorter and second by P. Barker.

March communications were discussed/reviewed by the Board.

- The Director was asked about the hearings regarding violations by Amina Hairbraiding and Jenny Nails. The Director informed the Board that one establishment had two offenses and the other had three offenses. He explained the Board has authority to close and business. A discussion ensued as to how many violations should occur before the Board permanently closes a facility.
- The Director was asked about the confidential vital records that were found outside the building and the records in the basement hall that are not as secure as they should be. He explained the Town Administrator wrote a memo to the Police Chief requesting more frequent checks of the basement until the records are stored off-site.
- The Director was asked about the status of receiving the vital records program for vital statistics. He explained the program has not been received from the State.

The Director presented his monthly report for March:

- The Director informed the Board that the Health Fair planning is moving forward. He reminded the Board the date for the Health Fair is Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Town Green. The Director reported there are four (4) major sponsors. Brookdale ShopRite – donating free food and drinks with an in-kind value of approximately \$4,000 and Sovereign Bank, Mountainside Hospital and Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield with monetary donations in the amount of \$9,500. He reported approximately 20+ vendors will be participating.
- The Director reported the Health Department will be having a Pandemic Flu “Bird Flu” Preparedness Meeting. The meetings will be held on April 20th at Demarest School, April 25th at Watsessing School and April 27th at Fairview School.

- The Director informed the Board that the Smoking Act was passed. The Smoking Act is law but Health Departments are waiting for the rules that will explain how to enforce the Smoking Act and violations. He did have a question with three (3) and four (4) Family Multi dwellings which might have to post no smoking signs in common area. Private residencies are excluded.
- The Director reported the seating capacity is 250 at the Town Pub and seating capacity is 150 at the Bloomfield Steak & Seafood Restaurant. Town Pub license fee is \$400 and Bloomfield Steak & Seafood is \$300. The seating capacity is established by the Fire Department's capacity estimates.
- The Director explained the State received 125,000 doses of flu vaccine and held a lottery that towns could participate in. The Health Department entered, won and will receive 1,200 doses of which 1,000 doses will be for Bloomfield residents and 200 for the Borough of Caldwell Interlocal contract.
- The Director informed the Board that this year's Annual Report is completed and will be available on-line and a limited number of hard copies will be available. The Director reported the Annual Report for next year will be available in February 2007.
- As requested the Director discussed OPRA charges with the Township Clerk. The Health Department does not have to charge a fee for copies as the Township does. A discussion ensued about making the first three copies free. No decision was made.
- The Director reported the poster contest is underway and the winners will be chosen on Friday. The posters will be displayed at the Health Fair. Later the posters will be displayed at the Library and schools.

The Director's March report was accepted on a motion by G. Shorter and second by P. Barker.

The March Financial report was accepted on a motion by L. Jasinski and G. Shorter.

Councilwoman Dunigan reported the Town Council was happy to see the hiring of more bi-lingual employees. She also stated she was pleased to have a Health Director for a long period of time.

The Board made changes to the draft TNVR ordinance. The Director noted the changes and will forward a copy of the ordinance to the Township Law Department. The ordinance will be ready for first reading at next month's meeting.

A motion was made by G. Shorter and seconded by P. Barker to adjourn to closed session at 7:40 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the full meeting was made by G. Shorter and seconded by P. Barker. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor J. Weigle, Director
Secretary to the Board