

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 February 8, 2006 at 6:15 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

Lisa Jasinski, Board Member

Patricia Barker, Board Member.

Gloria Shorter, Vice President, absent

Also present was Councilwoman Dunigan, Council Liaison, Ellen Powley, FoBAS President, Trevor J. Weigle, Director, Michele Nemeth, Sr. Clerk Typist and Mario Pizarro, St. Elizabeth student.

Minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by L. Jasinski and second by J. McLaughlin.

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

The Director reported 186 renewed establishment licenses were paid and 152 received second notices. The businesses have two (2) weeks to pay the license fee with a \$25 late fee. If the payment is not received within two (2) weeks a court summons will be issued.

January licenses were accepted on a motion by P. Barker and second by L. Jasinski.

January communications were discussed/reviewed by the Board.

The Director presented his monthly report for January highlighting the following:

- The Director reported he attended the Essex County Mental Health Professional Advisory Committee meeting. Dr. Scarpelli, Essex County Mental Health Administrator asked the Director and Karen Lore to become members of the Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The Essex County Governmental Public Health Partnership Health Officer's asked the Director and Dr. Scarpelli to host a workshop to discuss mental health in Essex County.
- The Director informed the Board a twenty-seven (27) day old infant died of respiratory failure. A seven year old student died of natural causes and a 100 year old died from heart failure.
- The Director reminded the Board of the on-going grant with Mountainside Hospital for Latino diabetes/hypertension screenings. Fifty-five (55) patients were seen of which a majority were Bloomfield residents.
- The Director reported that he and Erica Woods, former Health Educator for Essex Regional Health Commission discussed starting an Essex County Health Education Association to promote health education in Essex County. The Association will be having its first meeting soon.
- The Department's Health Educator gave a lecture to seniors at Job Haines and the Department was asked to provide more lectures on other health related issues that involve seniors.
- The Director informed the Board that Anthony Nesto, Director of Recreation has been receiving geese complaints at Vassar Field. His staff will assess the situation and if necessary we will trade out Brookside Park and provide those services to Vassar Field.

- The Director reported the Forums Institute of Public Policy will now be working with the Health Department in an effort to receive grant(s) to further the goals and objectives of the needs assessment. The Institute applied for one (1) grant for \$260,000 to form task forces to deal with each of the four (4) priority issues and seek funding from other sources. He will keep the Board informed.
- The Director reported he attended a Tabletop Exercise meeting of the LEPC on January 25, 2006 regarding an Avian Flu Pandemic. Jay Cultre, Essex County OEM Coordinator was present and the Essex Regional Health Commission presented the scenario. One area of discussion was that most residents need to be better prepared for any type of emergency.
- The Director stated that the Department is considering holding three (3) Community Meetings, one in each Ward to give a presentation on pandemic flu, what we know, and how residents can prepare for such a public health emergency.
- The Director informed the Board the Budget Hearings were held on Saturday, February 4, 2006 with the Mayor and Town Council with most questions concerning staffing requests and requirements.
- The Director reported that a Health Fair is being planned with a potential date of Saturday, May 6, 2006 on the Town Green.

The Director's January report was accepted on a motion by P. Barker and second by L. Jasinski.

The Director informed the Board the Financial Reports cannot be printed and the program needs to be adjusted by the consultant. The Board will give the consultant one (1) week to fix the program otherwise three (3) bids will be collected for the following year.

Councilwoman Dunigan, Council Liaison reported on the Budget Hearings that were held on Saturday, February 4, 2006. The Mayor and Town Council will give their recommendations to the Director of Finance.

The Director's January's Financial report was accepted on a motion by L. Jasinski and second by P. Parker.

The Director asked the James McLaughlin, Board President for signature of the 2006 DOA Grant for senior services and the 2006 Glen Ridge Interlocal contract for animal control services.

The resolution for resignation was accepted by the Board for Marci Mann, Social Work Specialist.

The Director asked that the agenda item "Feral Cat Management" be deferred to the next meeting. The Director is waiting for other municipalities to send their ordinances and would like to reach out to those municipalities to ask them their experience with the programs and ordinances. He will have a proposed ordinance for the next Board of Health meeting.

A motion was made by L. Jasinski and seconded by P. Barker to adjourn to closed session at 6:46 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the full meeting was made by P. Barker and seconded by L. Jasinski. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor J. Weigle, Director
Secretary to the Board