

BLOOMFIELD, NJ

February 8, 2007

This 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 was called to order on February 8, 2007 at 6:35 pm 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
Patricia Barker, Member
Joel Elkins, Member
Councilman Bernard Hamilton, Council Liaison

Absent was Member Mary K. Stark.

Also present: Ellen Powley, FoBAS, President; Pat Fascinna, FoBAS, Vice-President; Maggie Callahan, FoBAS Volunteer; Councilwomen Janice Maly; Cynthia Urban, Member of the Public; Elise Pena, Member of the Public; Carol Madden; FoBAS Volunteer; Trevor J. Weigle, Director; and Priscilla Fabregas, Clerk Typist.

Minutes of the December 27, 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by G. Shorter and second by J. Elkins.

Minutes of the January 17, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion by G. Shorter and second by J. Elkins.

President McLaughlin asked if any member of the public wished to be heard on a matter of public health. The following members of the public spoke:

Cynthia Urban of 57 Franklin Street, Bloomfield NJ, stated that there were several issues that she addressed at a town meeting in December, concerning the animal shelter. She knows that the FoBAS volunteer coordinator lives out of the county. She finds it impossible to see how she can coordinate any volunteers living out of the area.

Pat Fascinna, Vice- President of FoBAS of 92 Beaver Ave. Manchester NJ, stated she is distressed by the behavior of certain politicians in regard to the animal shelter.

Maggie Callahan of Franklin Ave. Nutley NJ, FoBAS volunteer stated she is offended by insinuations that the animals in her care are being neglected or mistreated.

Bloomfield Councilwomen Janice Maly made the following points: she recognizes that the animal shelter has been an issue for some time, many present and previous volunteers and others have contacted her about their displeasure on how the shelter was being run, she is concerned about not receiving information from the Animal Shelter which was

requested by her through Louise Palagano, Township Administrative/Clerk. The Councilwomen requested copies of the Animal Shelter Volunteer sign in sheet. Later she received a letter from the FoBAS Attorney denying her request and suggesting that her request was a “witch hunt” and that she was not entitled to that information. The Councilwomen stated she is entitled to that information because the Shelter is a Public township owned facility. She has requested the information again through the Bloomfield Board of Health. She stated that if she does not receive the information within a reasonable time she will have no alternative then to pursue legal remedies.

Elise Pena of 36 Fontane Ave. Bloomfield NJ, stated that she and her friend reapplied to be volunteers at the animal shelter and claim that the shelter denied their request. She stated she did not think it was fair for them to be denied as they are Bloomfield residents.

Ellen Powley, FoBAS President, answered some the questions and responses that were made by members of the public.

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

January communications were discussed/reviewed by the Board.

The Director’s report was accepted on a motion by G. Shorter and seconded by J. Elkins.

The January Financial Report was accepted on a motion by P. Barker and second by G. Shorter.

Council Liaison, Councilman Hamilton stated that he feels there is too much attention focused on the animal shelter and more attention has to be focused on public health.

Amendments to By-Laws were deferred until the next meeting so that additional revisions can be made.

The 2007 Meeting schedule was accepted on a motion by J. Elkins and second by P. Barker.

The Board discussed the Animal Shelter Inspection Results/Issues.

The following resolution was read:

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INTERNET WEBSITE FOR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY LOCAL UNIT
PAY-TO-PLAY LAW**

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield (“Board”), is subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 et seq., the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play” law (“Law”); and

WHEREAS, as part of the “fair and open process” contained in the Law, the related contract to be awarded under the “fair and open process” shall be “publicly advertised in newspapers or on the Internet website maintained by the public entity” (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield maintains its internet Website at www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to designate the Township’s Website as the official notification source for all contracts to be awarded as part of the “fair and open process” pursuant to the Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield, as follows:

1. The Board hereby designates the Township of Bloomfield’s Internet Website at www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com as the official notification source for contracts to be awarded as part of the “fair and open process” contained in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play” law; and
2. The Board is not precluded from utilizing its official legal newspapers for notification when it so desires.

The resolution was passed and signed on a motion by P. Barker and second by J. Elkins.

The Director informed the Board that changes have been made to the State Sanitary Code (Chapter XXIV). He supplied the Board with some of these.

The Board discussed and reviewed Sheltering Options Reports/Recommendations.

The Board discussed Amendments to Pet Licensing. Changes will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Use of Board/Township Attorney was discussed as requested by J. Elkins. The Board agreed to let the Chief Sanitarian contact the Board/Township Attorney when questions arise but only after receiving permission from the Director in regards to the Board Attorney.

A motion was made by P. Barker and second by G. Shorter to adjourn to closed session at 8:58 pm.

A motion was made by J. Elkins and second by G. Shorter to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor J. Weigle, Director
Secretary to the Board