

**Township of Bloomfield Board of Health
May 11, 2005 Meeting Minutes**

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 2005, was called to order on May 11, 2005 at 6:52 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
Laura Papciak, Vice President
Lisette Figueroa, Board Member
Patricia Barker, Board Member
Lisa Jasinski, Board Member

Also present was Trevor J. Weigle, Director.

The April 13, 2005 meeting minutes were passed on a motion by L. Figueroa and seconded by L. Jasinski.

President McLaughlin asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to comment. No one came forward.

Pending licenses were approved on a motion by P. Barker and seconded by L. Figueroa.

Communications were discussed; items discussed included:

- The Director reported that crossing guards would be used for the pet licensing census during the school's summer break.
- The Director reported the Environmental Health Coordinator (formally Chief Sanitary Inspector) could be filled as of June 1, 2005.
- The Director informed the Board that on April 15, 2005 he will meet with the Mayor, Town Administrator and Personnel Director to discuss requested personnel actions by the Board that were denied by the Town Council.
- The Director reported that conditions at Bloomfield High School were improving. He received a letter from the State Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection on the matter.

Communications were approved on a motion by P. Barker and seconded by L. Jasinski.

The Director presented his report to the Board; topic discussed included:

- The Director provided the Animal Shelter's Inspection report from the State dated March 10, 2005 and the Township Health Department's Inspection report from the end of January at the request of P. Barker.
- The Director explained death certificates are used for closing of bank accounts, Social Security, creditors, stocks and bonds, etc.
- The Director reported Councilwoman Ritchings, Mountainside Hospital and the Health Department were pleased with the attendance of the diabetes clinic and the possibility of future clinics. This is a collaboration grant funded effort between Mountainside Hospital and the Health Department

A motion to accept the Health Director's report for April was made by P. Barker and seconded by L. Figueroa.

The Director presented the Financial Report to the Board:

- A discussion ensued regarding certain line items and payments not being deducted. The Director will look into the matter with the computer programmer.
- The Director informed that the Dog Regulation account is given a flat amount for salary and overtime unlike other accounts that have salary line items.
- The Director clarified that Health Department provides physicals to private school students. The two school nurses, a portion of the Nursing Supervisor's salary for oversight, school physician's salary and nursing supplies are funded by the Board of Education contract.

A motion to accept the April financial report was made by L. Jasinski and seconded by P. Barker.

The Director reported he received a letter from Federal Goose Control explaining computer problems as the reason the April reports were not submitted. FGC provides the monthly reports as an added service that is not part of the contract.

Ken Graziano from Federal Goose Control addressed concerns of the effectiveness of goose control in the Township.

- There have been no nests found at the Bloomfield Middle School. The largest problem is Clark's pond. There is too much sentiment build up for the dogs to swim. Nests are possibly on the island due to the lack of accessibility to the island. The only effective means is a gradual maintenance program and dredging of the pond.

- A discussion ensued about the legal process to dispose of the geese as a control measure. The Township can apply for a special permit but a major concern is the repercussions from the public. The possibility to isolate them in a certain area is not an option according to Mr. Graziano.
- Plans were discussed to meet at the site on May 12th to show FGC a path to gain access to the pond.
- Various decoy methods were discussed and are not effective according to Mr. DeGrazio. He suggested Flight Control, a chemical applied to grass. It is non-lethal and the most effective chemical method. The grass is sprayed with the chemical which turns the grass a dark purple making it unappealing to the geese.
- The Director discussed with Mr. Nesto, Director of Recreation and agreed to certain fields being sprayed.

The Director provided two CDBG Grant Agreements for signature by President McLaughlin.

A motion to accept the Resolution for employee resignation was made by P. Barker and seconded by L. Papciak.

The Director reported changes made to the By-Laws including a clause that the By-Laws supersede any and all By-Laws that may currently exist and changing a 2/3 vote to a majority vote for amendments to the By-Laws. A motion to accept the adoption of the Resolution for the Board of Health By-Laws was made by P. Barker and seconded by L. Papciak.

A motion was made by P. Barker and seconded by L. Papciak to adjourn to closed session.

A motion was made to re-open at 9:10 p.m. by P. Barker and seconded by L. Figueroa.

President McLaughlin left the meeting during closed session.

The Board decided during closed session to call a Special Meeting for Monday, May 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. to be held at the Mayor's Conference Room in the Law Enforcement Building to discuss staffing and personnel related issues.

A motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. by L. Figueroa and seconded by L. Jasinski.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor J. Weigle, Director
Secretary of the Board