

**Township of Bloomfield Board of Health
September 14, 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 September 14, 2005 at 6:45 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
Patricia Barker, Board Member
Lisa Jasinski, Board Member
Gloria Shorter, Board Member

Absent was Lissette Figueroa, Board Member.

Also present was Councilwoman Dunigan, Council Liaison, Trevor J. Weigle, Director AND Ellen Powley, President, FoBAS.

Minutes of the July 13, 2005 meeting were approved on a motion by P. Barker 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.

July/August licenses were accepted on a motion by P. Barker and second by L. Jasinski.

July/August communications were discussed/reviewed by the Board. The Director was asked about and reported the position of Environmental Health Coordinator would not be filled. The position of Health Educator has been filled. The President acknowledged the letter received from the State commending the Bloomfield Health Department in regards to the Salmonella cases. The communications were accepted on a motion by P. Barker and second by L. Jasinski.

The Director presented the July/August monthly Director's Report.

- The Director stated that in July there were no construction related health concerns at the High School.
- The Director stated that the pet licensing census conducted by the crossing guards resulted of issuing 780 warning notices for failure to license pets of which 300 residents received a second notice. 140 residents replied to the second notice and a balance of 160 summonses will be issued. The census was conducted on every street in town.
- The Director stated that the crossing guards also conducted litter and waste inspections during the summer.

- The Director was asked what the difference was between a notice issued and a summons issued. He explained notices are given to remediate the problem within five (5) days and summons if they have not complied within five (5) days.
- The Director stated that the Mayor would like to see a coordinated effort between department's working together in the field on the weekend. He explained the Department was conducting inspections on the weekend but stopped due to lack of staffing. The Director stated he would like to participate in that activity again once fully staffed.
- The Director reported the food poisoning case as Salmonella Group B which in fact was Salmonella Group D.
- The Director gave an update on the Scientific Glass site. He stated there were no complaints. A few swipe samples taken came back negative for lead and asbestos. A sample of the concrete was tested and was negative. The Town also allowed the use of the hydrant for a more effective dust control.
- The Director commented that questions received via e-mail from Board Members would be more time efficient.
- The Director gave an update on the lead poisoning case which was referred to DYFS.
- The Director informed that the 2006 food/hair/other licenses will be prepared in advance and sent out the last week of December.
- The Director clarified the extra 10 ½ hours per week resulting from the Human Services Supervisor's absence will be made up by another employee in the Human Services Division. He stated he was confident that supervision will be adequate.
- The Director explained the Salmonella cases may have to be followed up on for up to a year. He stated two (2) consecutive negative results must come back from the laboratory. The final determination of cause of death was included by the Medical Examiner.
- The Director stated all Environmental, Nursing and Human Services employees were asked to volunteer in Katrina's aftermath. He stated that employees, in the Department could not volunteer for one reason or another.
- The Director received two proposals for Memorial Park in which the Mayor and Council accepted the Hillman Group proposal for a Phase I site assessment. He also stated the Law Enforcement Building mold remediation would begin Monday.
- A discussion ensued about how to incorporate the e-mail questions into the minutes.

Director's July/August reports were accepted on a motion by P. Barker and second by L. Jasinski.

The July/August Financial Reports were approved on a motion by P. Barker and second by G. Shorter.

Councilwoman Dunigan presented the Council Liaison’s report. The Councilwoman complimented the Health Department on their quick response to complaints of construction workers at the High School site tossing their garbage onto the streets.

AN AMENDMENT TO AMEND “CHAPTER 279, ADMINISTRATION: WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that “Chapter 279, Administration” is hereby as follows:

ARTICLE IV, Fees

§279-9. Fees.

A. Vital Statistics.

- (1) Certified copies.
- (d) Domestic Partnership certificate: \$10 per copy.

C. Nursing Division.

- (5) SMAC: \$30.
- (6) SMAC: (employees): \$25.
- (8) Flu shot: equivalent to current Medicare reimbursement rate for same.
- (11) Mantoux: \$10.
- (12) Diabetes Screening: \$5.
- (13) PSA: \$35.

D. Environmental Division.

- (1) Food Handler course: \$20 per student.

E. Returned Check Fee.

There shall be a \$20 fee assessed for any check returned for insufficient funds or any other reason deemed necessary by the financial institution.

Second reading to amend ordinance to “Chapter 279, Administration” were accepted on a motion by P. Barker and second by L. Jasinski. All members in attendance voted “YES”:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “CHAPTER 133, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS” WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that “Chapter 133, Food Establishments” is hereby amended as follows:

§133-3. Expiration of license; renewal fee; late charge.

C. There shall be a late fee charge of \$25.00 where the renewal fee is paid after February 1.

Second reading to amend ordinance to “Chapter 133, Food Establishments” were accepted on a motion by L. Jasinski and second by P. Barker. All members in attendance voted “YES”:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “CHAPTER 173, LICENSED OCCUPATIONS” WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that “Chapter 173, Licensed Occupations” is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 173, LICENSED OCCUPATIONS

§173-2. Fees; expiration and renewal of license; effect on existing establishments.

C. Late fee: twenty-five dollars (\$25.) after February 1.

Second reading to amend ordinance to Chapter 173, Licensed Occupations” were accepted on a motion by G. Shorter and seconded by P. Barker. All members in attendance voted “YES”:

Election of Officer(s) – Vice President will be deferred to October 13, 2005 meeting.

Standing Committee Appointments will be deferred to October 13, 2005 meeting. The Director will provide a description of each committee’s responsibilities.

P. Barker moved and G. Shorter seconded a resolution for Secondhand Smoke; all present voted in favor:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health has officially identified secondhand smoke as a “known human carcinogen”; and,

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals including 69 known carcinogens; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health & Human Services has determined that cigarettes kill more Americans than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, fires, illegal drugs, murders and suicides combined; and,

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke has the most significant impact on children, causing over 700,000 medical visits every year in the US for children 18 years and under; and,

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke can make healthy babies sick; causing pneumonia, ear infections, bronchitis, coughing, wheezing and increased mucus production; and,

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke harms children with asthma, and worsens the condition of between 200,000 and 1 million asthmatic children; and,

WHEREAS, over 2,000 children deaths in the United States from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) are attributed to exposure to secondhand smoke; and,

WHEREAS, exposure to secondhand smoke harms children’s mental development, reducing children’s scores on math, reading and spatial skills tests; and,

WHEREAS, 27.6% of New Jersey high school students smoke and 20,100 new children become new regular daily smokers each year; and,

WHEREAS, New Jersey children purchase or smoke 21 million packs of cigarettes each year; and,

WHEREAS, 134,000 New Jersey children alive today will ultimately die from smoking if trends continue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield that the Board hereby directs the Department of Health & Human Services to conduct appropriate research on New Jersey local and state tobacco use and control, and the current smoking practices at public establishments within Bloomfield and of the residents of Bloomfield Township; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health & Human Services make recommendations for policy that protects the children of this municipality from the health hazards of exposure to secondhand smoke.

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

Meeting was re-opened at 8:50 PM. A motion was made by G. Shorter and seconded by P. Barker to re-open meeting.

A motion was made by P. Barker for a title change resolution from part-time Health Educator to full-time Sanitary Inspector, D. Guarino and second by L. Jasinski; all present voted in favor.

A motion was made by P. Barker for a new hire resolution for Health Educator, M. Hodges and second by G. Shorter; all present voted in favor.

A motion was made by L. Jasinski for a new hire resolution for Environmental Health Trainee, J. Ortiz and second by P. Barker, all present voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by L. Jasinski and seconded by G. Shorter. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor J. Weigle, Director
Secretary to the Board