

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH APRIL 15, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Board of Health, as established by public record in *The Independent Press* and posted on the Public Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, was called to order on April 15, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room in the Law Enforcement Building.

ROLL CALL

President, Joel Elkins showed the following members to be present and absent:

Joel Elkins, President	Present
James McLaughlin, Vice President	Present
Jo Ponticello, Member	Present
Stephanie Smith, Member	Absent
Patricia Barker, Council Liaison	Present

Also present: Karen Lore, Acting Director of Health & Human Services, and Ernest Gonzalez, Staff Member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 18, 2010 Open Session Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by J. McLaughlin and seconded by Jo Ponticello. None were opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

LICENSES PENDING APPROVAL

The March 2010 licenses were approved on a motion by James McLaughlin and seconded by Jo Ponticello. None were opposed.

MARCH COMMUNICATIONS

The Director reviewed the March communications.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FEBRUARY REPORT

Director Lore informed the Board that the Environmental Division conducted a ServSafe instructional course for in-town establishments at the Civic Center. This course helped to have the establishments meet the required ordinance which requires them to complete a management course for food safety handling. She also stated that the course was given in multiple languages including Chinese and Spanish.

She informed the Board that the shelter renovations have begun and will provide pictures of the stages of the project when they are available for the Board to view. Director Lore stated that the Department of Public Works was very helpful in clearing the trees in the area of excavation.

Director Lore stated that the Easter Bunny fundraiser collected approximately \$2,000 for medical needs of the animals at the shelter.

A volunteer committee has been constructed to help in future fundraising events.

Volunteer coordinator, funded through the Mountainside Health Foundation, started on the grant funding for seniors. She is in the process of looking into Adopt-A-Grandparent program.

Wachovia Bank has donated \$1,000 to the Animal Shelter and has asked the representative from Wachovia to serve on the Neighbor To Neighbor Network Board. Wachovia is very interested in the program.

Michael Fitzpatrick and Ernest Gonzalez are currently taking the Certified Municipal Registrar course.

The Nursing Division is enrolling in a program through the Lincs organization to help obtain vaccinations for Bloomfield residents. The Board has requested that this information be reported to the Board so that it may in turn report the efforts being undertaken by the Health Department to help Bloomfield residents with be best cost effective manner in which to obtain services.

Director Lore indicated that 8-10 children relocated from Haiti have also received various services through the Human Services and Nursing Divisions and have received a varied array of services and foresee more in the future.

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the March 2010 Financial Reports. The Board, on a motion by James McLaughlin, seconded by Jo Ponticello, unanimously voted to approve the report.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT

Councilwoman Barker informed the Board that the Township budget deficit is \$4 million and, in hopes of avoiding potential layoffs, the may look into various options including having employees give back \$2 million dollars.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

CLOSED SESSION

The following resolution to move to Closed Session at 7:18 pm. was passed on a motion by Jo Ponticello, seconded by James McLaughlin. All present voted in the affirmative.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, this meeting of the Board of Health will reconvene immediately following the closed session,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

	(1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of subsection a. of this section.
	(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
	(3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
X	(4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
	(5) Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
	(6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.
X	(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b. (4) herein in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
	(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.
	(9) Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

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The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Closed Session minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting were passed on a motion by Jo Ponticello, seconded by James McLaughlin. All present voted in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

The April 15, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. on a motion by Jo Ponticello and seconded by James McLaughlin. All present voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lore, Acting Director of health and Human Services
Secretary to the Board