

MEETING OF THE BYRAM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
May 25, 2021, 2021 – Time 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order by Chair Roxanne Sabatini at 7:31 p.m.

OPENING STATEMENT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. This meeting has been electronically sent to the newspapers and uploaded to Byram's website not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file with the Municipal Board of Health Secretary.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present :

Roxanne Sabatini, Michael Busniak, Anneliese DeMagistris, Cris Franco, Lauren Shannon,
Andrew McElroy.

Excused Absence: Scott Olson

Sussex County Board of Health Representative:

Candice Morgan

Council Liaison:

Cris Franco

Public: none in attendance

APPROVAL OF March 23, 2021 MINUTES

Andrew McElroy made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting, seconded by Chris Franco. All were in favor.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORTS

Board of Health fees collected for March and April were reviewed. Board of Health fees collected for the month of March were \$890.00, April \$1,490.00, Septic Management fees; March \$125.00, April \$90.00. Dog license fees collected for March \$1,083.00, April \$7,113.00.

6 Mautaug Trail due to high ledgerrock being present on the site, the septic is being placed where the old septic is. The issue that presents is that the old septic system encroaches on the Town Right of Way. The plan was presented to Joe Farinella at the Sussex County Department of Health for review. Mr. Farinella stated that he could not approve putting the septic components in the Right of Way without the Townships approval. The current well house and garage already encroach onto the Right of Way. Joe Sabatini has reached out to the Township Attorney Mr. Collins. The Township might have to grant a limited easement for the improvements and changes. To start the process \$2,000.00 escrow should be established, along with a letter supporting the request. Upon discussion, there was an inquiry if the property subdivided and occupied. This will be revised at our next meeting.

Rabies Clinic on 4/17/21, turnout was less than expected from the number of phone calls the Township received, perhaps due to the weather. 142 dogs and 21 cats were vaccinated. Number of cats vaccinated was down from prior years. Attendees expressed positive feedback, stating they were pleased that Byram was holding the event and that it was well run and organized. Roxanne thanked the Board members who assist with the clinic. Gearing to social distancing, Dr. Carlos inoculating the animas in the DPW garage worked well. Animal Control Solutions did not provide a pet handler as we had expected, noted for next year.

SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF HEALTH REPORT Representative Candice Morgan

The County is closing the Sussex County Fair Grounds site on Friday, possibly due to upcoming events. Free Pop-Up Clinics will be available at various locations. Walk-ins, no appointments required.

Governor lifted restrictions; bathing facilities will be opening with a passing water sample. Private Lakes are self-governed, rescue equipment, water testing. Cranberry Lake is a State Lake. A section of Lake Hopatcong is a State Lake, and the remainder is a County Lake.

Camp requirements have changed, children under 12 years old do not need to be COVID vaccinated to attend.

There was a discussion concerning the algae bloom at Lake Hopatcong. Referred to as HAB, Hazardous Algae Bloom. A County representative goes out to investigate and the State gets notified. Highland Lakes in Vernon monitored areas where the water travels and water samples were taken to determine the risk.

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN POLICY ADVISORY COM.-PAC

Representative Roxanne Sabatini

There was no meeting-no discussion.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL- S.W.A.C - Representative Mike Busniak

Met in April, continued discussion of the Resident Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Franco opened the discussion of returning to Public Meetings rather than the current virtual meetings. Several of the Board members felt in person meetings have no benefit. The virtual meetings have been effective, there is no reason to hold in person meetings. Chris stated it is important to have public participation to maintain interest. Several Board members stated they were uncomfortable having meetings in the small conference room. Returning to public meetings will be discussed at the Council meeting and will be revisited.

Chris Franco informed the Board at the May 4th Council meeting there was the First Reading of the Cannabis Ordinance and asked the members their opinion. The new Cannabis legislation was discussed and will be revisited.

OPEN TO PUBLIC- none in attendance

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Mike Busniak, seconded by Roxanne Sabatini. All in favor. Adjournment at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Victoria Proskey

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Board of Health Secretary