

**Regular Meeting of the Franklin Lakes Board of Health
May 4, 2015 – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Lakes Board of Health was called to order by Mrs. Olivia Voellmicke at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

Mrs. Voellmicke read the Sunshine Law Statement.

Roll Call:

Present: Olivia Voellmicke, Vice President
Stephan Billstein
Rajan Melwani
Marjorie Vanacore, REHS Inspector
Nancy Yarish, Secretary/Registrar

Absent: Marilyn Fuhr, President
June Linz
Justin Musella, Alternate #1
Ann Swist, Council Liaison
Joseph Kelly, Council Liaison

Minutes:

Approval of the March 2, 2015 minutes has been postponed until the July 6, 2015 meeting due to the fact that Mrs. Voellmicke and Dr. Billstein were absent from the March 2, 2015 Board of Health Meeting.

Presentation:

Greg Hart, Franklin Lakes Borough Administrator, postponed his presentation of an overview of the statutory and ordinance duties and responsibilities of the Board of Health until the July 6, 2015 meeting.

Reports:

On a motion by Mr. Melwani, seconded by Mrs. Voellmicke, and unanimously carried, the Sanitarian's inspection reports for the months of February 2015 and March 2015 were approved. On voice vote, all in favor.

Mrs. Vanacore reported that there is nothing extraordinary to report only routine inspections which are all complete. She along with another inspector completed the retail food establishment and routine septic inspections. Mrs. Vanacore reported that Mrs. Yarish completed the 2015 Mobile Food Vendors and Public Recreation Bathing Facilities licensing.

Vouchers:

On a motion by Dr. Billstein, seconded by Mrs. Voellmicke, and unanimously carried, the following vouchers were approved: New Jersey Registrars Association (NJRA) Seminar 4/9/2015 for Yarish/Bleeker/Sivakumar \$105.00; Travel Expense to attend NJRA Seminar 4/9/2015 \$55.61; Bergen/Passaic County Registrars Meeting for Yarish/Sivakumar \$50.00; Safety Paper for Vital Statistics \$73.50

Old Business:

Mrs. Yarish reported to the Board that the Borough Council is planning to amend a smoking ordinance to eliminate the need for placing “No Smoking” signs at the 35-foot perimeter of municipal buildings. The placement is not required by New Jersey state statute and there is presently no need for the signage.

The Mayors’ Wellness Living Healthy Challenge is underway and Mr. Melwani reported that 110 ten people have enrolled. Mr. Melwani attended the initial meeting of the ten-week program coordinated by Dina Robinson. The program is a personal commitment to healthier living with access to local health clubs and nutritionists. Wednesday evening classes are held with healthy lifestyle themes. Mr. Melwani reported that those who enrolled were of various age groups with an equal balance of males and females in attendance. This is a support group that will have a positive outcome of overall health. Mrs. Robinson will submit a report of the overall results after the program concludes.

New Business:

Mrs. Yarish reported that the Mayor and Council by resolution has designated Franklin Lakes a Stigma Free Zone. This is a county-wide initiative to raise awareness and increase public knowledge of the disease of mental illness and knowledge of local resources available to Bergen County residents. Stigma-Free Zones will encourage residents to break down barriers and be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed. The Borough will be posting information on the website beginning in May which is Mental Health month. The Bergen County Freeholders are having a public meeting on May 6th that Mrs. Yarish will attend. The first meeting of the Franklin Lakes steering committee will be in July including Dr. Joseph Barbuto, NYC psychiatrist and his wife Susan Barbuto who is a social worker. Dr. Billstein recommended that we contact residents Dr. and Mrs. Brian Trava, Susan Tillsley and the Christian Health Care; along with young people who have mental illness or recovering alcoholics/addicts to participate in the stigma free committee. The Mayor would like a volunteer from the Board of Health to attend the meeting and support the initiative. Mrs. Yarish will advise the Board of the upcoming meeting date and time at the next Board of Health meeting.

Open the Time for Public Comment:

Motion to open the time for public comment was made by Mrs.Voellmicke, seconded by Dr. Billstein. On voice vote, all in favor.

No comment from the public.

Motion to close the time for public comment was made by Mrs. Voellmicke, seconded by Mr. Melwani. On voice vote, all in favor.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mrs.Voellmicke, seconded by Mr. Melwani, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Yarish
Secretary/Registrar, Board of Health