

**Reorganization Meeting of the Franklin Lakes Board of Health
January 4, 2016 – 7:00 PM**

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

Mrs. Voellmicke read the Sunshine Law Statement.

Roll Call:

Present: Michael Goldberg
June Linz
Susan Tillsley
Olivia Voellmicke
Joan Murray, Alternate #1
Marjorie Vanacore, REHS Inspector
Ann Swist, Council Liaison
Nancy Yarish, Secretary/Registrar

Absent: Rajan Melwani
Joseph Kelly, Council Liaison

Also present Mayor Frank Bivona

Nomination and Election of Officers:

Nominations were opened for the Office of President. On a motion by June Linz, seconded by Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke was appointed President of the Board of Health.

Roll Call Vote: All Yeas – Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

Nominations were opened for the Office of Vice President. On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by Susan Tillsley, Rajan Melwani was appointed Vice President of the Board of Health.

Roll Call Vote: All Yeas – Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

2016 Appointments:

Nominations were opened for the Office of Secretary to the Board of Health. On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by Joan Murray, Nancy Yarish was reappointed Secretary to the Board of Health.

Roll Call Vote: All Yeas – Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

Nominations were opened for the Office of Registrar of Vital Statistics. On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by June Linz, Nancy Yarish was reappointed Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Roll Call Vote: All Yeas – Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

Nominations were opened for the Office of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by June Linz, Sally Bleeker was reappointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Roll Call Vote: All Yeas - Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

Nominations were opened for the Office of Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by June Linz, Meena Sivakumar was reappointed Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Roll Call Vote: All Yeas - Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

Approval of the Board of Health Meeting Dates for the 2016 Calendar Year:

On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by Susan Tillsley, the 2016 regular meetings of the Board of Health will be held on the first Monday evening of alternate months - January, March, May, July, September and November commencing at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building. In the event that one of these Monday evenings should fall on a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following Monday evening.

Roll Call Vote: All Yeas - Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

Approval of the Official Newspapers:

On a motion by June Linz, seconded by Susan Tillsley and unanimously carried, The Record, Herald News, Ridgewood News and Star Ledger were approved as the official newspapers for the Board of Health.

Roll Call Vote: All Yeas - Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

Minutes:

Approval of the November 4, 2015 meeting minutes has been postponed until March 7, 2016 meeting due to the fact that Rajan Melwani was absent from the January 4, 2016 Board of Health Meeting.

Reports:

On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by June Linz, the Sanitarian's inspection reports for the months of October and November 2015 were approved.

Vouchers:

On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by Michael Goldberg, and unanimously carried, the following vouchers for November and December 2015 were approved: Tyco Animal Control in the amount of \$1,075; The Valley Hospital Flu Vaccine for the members of the Ambulance Corps in the amount of \$217.

New Business:

The Board members reviewed the 2016 agreement for nursing services from **Valley Hospital Department of Community Health**. On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by June Linz the 2016 contract from Valley Hospital was approved.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

The Board members reviewed the 2016 contract from **Bergen County Department of Health Services for Health Officer** coverage, REHS services and the blood borne pathogen compliance program. On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by, June Linz the 2016 contract from Bergen County Department of Health Services was approved.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

The Board members reviewed the 2016 contract from **Tyco Animal Control Services** for animal control services. On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by June Linz, the 2016 contract from Tyco Animal Control Services was approved.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

The Board members reviewed the 2016 contract agreement from the **Borough of Waldwick** for the Well-Baby Clinic. On a motion by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by June Linz, the 2016 contract from the Borough of Waldwick was approved.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Michael Goldberg, June Linz, Susan Tillsley, Olivia Voellmicke

Old Business:

Communication of Drug Abuse Awareness and Stigma Free initiatives was opened for discussion by Olivia Voellmicke. The last meeting of the Stigma Free Committee was in September and Mrs. Voellmicke asked the Committee Chair, Ann Swist, if a follow-up meeting was planned. Mrs. Swist advised that she will be meeting with the Co-Chair, Craig Goldman, to speak with the Franklin Lakes Board of Education and arrange for speakers to discuss mental health issues with the students. Information presented to the students may help in preventing self-medicating and drug abuse.

Olivia Voellmicke added that she would like to raise awareness of the drug problem. Ann Swist asked Mayor Bivona to explain who is spearheading the Drug Awareness and Stigma Free programs. Mayor Bivona responded that he has a draft (copies distributed) of the Municipal Alliance of Franklin Lakes Drug Abuse Initiative. The objective is to conduct a coordinated effort with regards to drug abuse and mental health. The Board of Health responsibilities would be designated to the leadership area of programming and education reporting to the Municipal Alliance.

The Mayor reported that there are two high school programs planned in 2016 under the Municipal Alliance targeting children and parents of the Franklin Lakes, Oakland and Wyckoff communities entitled: 1. *Hidden in Plain Sight* (March 2016); and 2. *Chris Herren* who is a drug abuse awareness speaker (October 2016). Bergen County Health Department has assisted in coordinating these programs. There are two events that need to be done at Franklin Avenue Middle School. June Linz advised the Board that Valley Hospital donated money for a program schedule in May 2016 at FAMS. Early education beginning at the middle school was recommended.

Further discussion ensued and it was requested by Mayor Bivona that the Board of Health find ways to get involved. The programs will be under the umbrella of the Municipal Alliance but more participation is needed to get programs done.

Susan Tillsley recommended that the program should include the Franklin Lakes seniors and adults who are at risk of not taking their medication as prescribed and possibly overdosing. Also, there is the risk of children having access to drugs in the home.

Joan Murray suggested that a meeting with the PTA presidents with this information and recommend a program be held at the elementary schools through the PTA should have a budget for funding these types of programs.

Michael Goldberg recommended that we have the Recreation Department get involved and have each coach required to speak to their teams regarding drugs. Secondly, he said that the doctors in town should assist in this initiative by recommending the Franklin Lakes' physicians commit to supporting the effort. He also recommended that a program for high school seniors who will be planning to go away to college would be a good audience for this important message.

A commitment was made by the Board of Health to hold more meetings to decide on the specifics plan of action and will pass the information along to the Municipal Alliance.

Open the Time for Public Comment:

Motion to open the time for public comment was made by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by June Linz. On voice vote, all in favor.

No comment from the public.

Motion to close the time for public comment was made by Olivia Voellmicke, seconded by Susan Tillsley. On voice vote, all in favor.

Adjournment:

On a motion by, Olivia Voellmicke seconded by June Linz, and unanimously carried; the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Yarish
Secretary/Registrar, Board of Health