

**REGULAR MEETING
of the
OAKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH**

February 19, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

Conference Room - Municipal Building, Municipal Plaza, Oakland, NJ

REGULAR BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tiffinger called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West

OTHERS PRESENT

Council Liaison Pasquale Pignatelli, Board of Health Attorney Thomas J. Romans and Senior REHS Kristin Caperino

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Tiffinger announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the regulations of the Public Meetings Law, notices of which were sent to The Record, Suburban Trends and any other persons requesting same.

Mr. Tiffinger was welcomed back by everyone present and thanked Mr. LaForgia for running the Board meetings and for everyone's well wishes during his recovery.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Re-organization and January Regular Meeting minutes.

On motion of Ms. West, seconded by Mr. Provenzale, the Re-organization and January Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

Roll Call: All Yeas – Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci and Ms. West. Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi and Mr. Tiffinger abstained.

REVIEW REPORTS

The Board reviewed the following reports:

- BCDHS Public Health Nursing & Activity Report & CDRSS Report – January
- REHS' Monthly Report – January
- Tyco Animal Control Report – January
- Secretary's/Registrar's Report – January

On motion of Mr. LaForgia, seconded by Ms. Ashkenazi, the reports were accepted.

Roll Call: All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board reviewed the following bills:

Services Charged to 2018 Budget:

1/8/2019 - Bergen County Department of Health Services (REHS Septic Services – Nov. & Dec. 2018)	\$14,215.44
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Services Charged to 2019 Budget:

01/31/2019 – Tyco Animal Control (Monthly Animal Control Services – January, per 2019 Contract)	\$ 1,300.00
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01/31/2019 – Tyco Animal Control (Animal Control Emergency Responses, per 2019 Contract – January - 1)	\$ 60.00
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02/01/2019 – New Jersey Registrar’s Assn. (2019 Registrar Dues – Karin Dubowick)	\$ 25.00
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02/01/2019 – Bergen/Passaic Registrar’s Assn. (2019 Registrar Dues – Karin Dubowick)	\$ 25.00
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02/01/2019 – North Jersey Media Group (Advertise 2019 Professional Services Resolution #1-19)	\$ 72.30
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02/19/2019 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq. (Retainer due for attending 2/19/2019 BOH Meeting, per Contract)	\$ 243.75
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On motion of Mr. Provenzale, seconded Ms. West, the Board approved the bills for payment.

Roll Call: All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

DOG BITE FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITIES & PROTOCOLS

It was reported that a dog involved in three biting incidents raised issues about responsibilities between the REHS staff and Tyco Animal Control. Inspector Caperino e-mailed Tyco after the second bite occurred and did so again after the third bite. Tyco claimed they had not been advised of the bite, but it was later determined e-mail had not been checked during a vacation. Tyco also said they are no longer being notified of all the biting incidents that occur in Oakland. Though the former health inspector did this as a matter of practice, the policy in Oakland was changed three years ago. No other towns that contract with the County for REHS Services and Tyco for animal control services ever received this information. Tyco was never notified of the policy change but never raised an issue with it until this bite occurred. There was also a dispute over responsibility for declaring dog potentially dangerous. Adding to this problem is the fact that police reports no longer seem to contain details surrounding how the bites occur which

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makes it more difficult to determine whether a dog is potentially dangerous. Mr. Tiffinger said it is Tyco's responsibility to declare the dog potentially dangerous.

The details of the incident were discussed and the Board agreed that if Ms. Tyler wants to receive all the paperwork for each dog bite, she would become responsible for keeping track of how many bites a dog has been involved in.

A meeting to clarify protocols was requested by Carol Tyler from Tyco Animal Control. Ms. Tyler, Mr. Kunze, Principal REHS Marjorie Vanacore and Senior REHS Kristin Caperino, Mr. Tiffinger, Mr. LaForgia and Ms. Dubowick will attend the meeting scheduled for March 15th at 1:00 PM.

EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA ON THE BRAIN

Mr. Pignatelli reported that he read a newspaper article about a vote coming up early next month on the taxation of marijuana. The bill proposes taxing the total weight of the product rather than taxing the individual.

Mr. Pignatelli said he is looking at holding a program about the effects of marijuana on adolescents at the Senior Center on Thursday, April 11th at about 12:30. The Senior Center Director said the program should not be any longer than 45 minutes to an hour.

The plan is to have Dr. Ryan Straseski talk for 15 minutes about the medical implications of marijuana on adolescents because of its known effects on cognitive ability. Next planned is talk for 15 minutes about the legal aspects, since the sale of marijuana is a violation of federal law. Businesses selling marijuana must only deal in cash and it cannot be put in the bank. Mr. Pignatelli said he will try to get an assemblyperson, either Holly Shepisi or Bob Auth, to talk for 15 minutes about the legal implications with the state. The final 15 minutes will be devoted to questions and answers. Mr. Pignatelli said you need to have a captive audience, so senior citizens will be there but others will be welcome to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business reported.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. LaForgia, seconded by Ms. Ashkenazi, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Roll Call: All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West

APPROVED:

Stephen C. Tiffinger, President

ATTEST: _____
Karin Kennedy Dubowick, Secretary

DATE: _____