

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL O ORDER:**

Richard Watson, President, called the monthly meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Morris to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday February 6, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert E. Nace, Mayor  
Richard Watson, Deputy Mayor  
Ronald M. Goldberg, Committeeman  
Jeff Grayzel, Township Committeeman  
H. Scott Rosenbush, Township Committeeman  
Nelson Morales, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

**ABSENT:**

Dr. Nancy Padover, DVM, 1<sup>st</sup>. Alternate  
Dr. Ira Monka

**ALSO PRESENT:**

John Mills, III, Esq., Board Attorney  
Mr. Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator  
Mr. Kevin P. Breen, Health Administrator  
Mrs. Nancy A. Shay, Board Secretary  
Ms. Elizabeth Velotti, Sr. REHS  
Mrs. Barbara Gardner, Public Health Nurse  
Ms. Karen Swetz, Deputy Registrar

**ADEQUATE NOTICE – “O.P.M.A.” – RECORD INSERT**

“Adequate Notice” of this meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Morris was and defined by the Open Public Meeting Act as follows:

Written Notice was given to the official newspaper, Daily Record, alternate official newspaper, Morris News Bee and to the additional newspaper, Star Ledger by mail on February 1, 2008 which were at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building of the Township of Morris on February 1, 2008, by the Secretary of this Board, and a copy of the notice was likewise filed in the Township Clerk’s Office and in this Secretary’s office on February 1, 2008 and copies of this notice were mailed by certified mail to all persons who have requested individual notices pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-19 all of which were given at least 48 hours prior to the date of this meeting, and I hereby hand to the Secretary of this Board for the purpose of incorporating into the minutes of this meeting a copy of the note which was given as above set forth for appropriate retention in the municipal files.

**MINUTES CONSIDERATION:**

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, by the vote indicated the minutes of the January 16, 2008, meeting was approved, and was placed in the office of the Health Department in the Township of Morris.

Roll Call:

Mayor Nace	- Yes	Mr. Goldberg	- Yes
Mr. Rosenbush	- Yes	Mr. Morales	- Yes
Mr. Watson	- Yes	Dr. Padover	- Absent
Dr. Monka	- Absent	Mr. Grayzel	- Yes

**MONTHLY REPORT CONSIDERATION:**

On a motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following internal monthly reports except for the Treasurer's report, were approved as circulated and ordered placed on file in the office of the Board of Health to be retained in accordance with the specific detail of the most recent record retention schedule promulgated by the Bureau of Archives. Mr. Watson asked that the treasurer's report be tabled due to an error in the amounts reported.

- A. Registrar of Vital Statistics and Animal License Official
- B. Retail Food Establishment Report
- C. Complaints
- D. Public Health Nursing Report
- E. St. Hubert's Giralda

**RESOLUTION:**

None

**ORDINANCE:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Nace asked if the signs had been placed in the Trent Court neighborhood. Kevin stated the signs had been ordered and were waiting for delivery. Mayor Nace asked if the health department would distribute the same pamphlets to the Convent Mews area since complaints have been made regarding these tenants walking their dogs and not picking up. Mayor Nace stated he knows the mews is located in Morristown, but they are walking the dogs around the Woodland Avenue School area. Kevin said he would distribute the pamphlets and post the signs in the area when they are delivered.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Goldberg requested clarification on the following issues: 1.PDD – Potentially Dangerous Dog, was a dog in Morris Township that was declared dangerous by both the township court and the county court. This dog must be confined in an approved enclosure at the owner's home, and wear a distinguishing tag. Mr. Goldberg asked if the owner was complying and keeping the dog in the enclosure. Kevin stated the dog is still confined at St. Hubert's and will not go home until all requirements by the owner are approved. 2. NOV – Notice of Violation 3. Food Complaints – the address appeared to be residential and not commercial. Liz explained the address reflected the home owners who telephoned regarding complaints after eating in food establishments. One complaint was referred to Morristown Health Department since the product was purchased in a food store in Morristown.

Mr. Grayzel requested information regarding the fox that was tested for rabies. The fox was killed by the resident's dog, and the fox was negative for rabies. Mr. Grayzel also wanted to know how pools are tested, after seeing the whirlpool at the Madison Hotel failed test. Kevin explained the facilities must hire an accredited laboratory to test the pools once a week. The reports are sent to the Health Department weekly, showing the results. If the pool fails, it must be treated and retested. If the pool has two failures in a row, the pool must be closed, emptied, and cleaned.

Mr. Watson requested an explanation regarding the Public Health Services Mutual Aid Agreement. Kevin stated we had this agreement for years, and last year when Hanover Township Health Department took on Florham Park, a new agreement was done. This year, Florham Park is no longer part of the group, a new agreement needed to be completed. Both Mayor Nace and Mr. Watson were concerned regarding the wording used and after a discussion it was moved and seconded to table the approval until Mr. Mills and Kevin could clarify the wording regarding responsibilities.

**COMMENTS – HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

Kevin Breen, Health Administrator – Mr. Breen referred comments to Barbara.

Barbara Gardner, Public Health Nurse – Mrs. Gardner reported on the Norovirus at Morris View Nursing Home. She stated the last case was reported on January 27<sup>th</sup> with a total 130 cases consisting of employees and residents. Reports are being faxed daily to Kevin and the state health department regarding the status of patients. Barbara had nothing more at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INQUIRY:**

None

**COMMENTS/BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mayor Nace – No Comment

Mr. Watson - No Comment

Mr. Goldberg – No Comment

Mr. Grayzel – Also thanked Barbara and Kevin on the issue at Morris View.

H. Scott Rosenbush - Thanked the Health Department for being on top of the outbreak at Morris View.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business for the consideration of the Board of Health at this time, on a motion, duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, this meeting was adjourned at 7:56` p.m., next to convene at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Morris Township.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Shay, Secretary  
Board of Health