

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF HEALTH MARCH 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the March 2010 Board of Health Meeting held at South Bound Brook Borough Hall, 12 Main Street, South Bound Brook 08880.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM with a reading the Open Public Meetings Law Statement by Board of Health President Sue Warrelmann.

Roll Call:

Sue Warrelmann, President	(Present)
Joyce Smith, Vice President	(Present)
Brenda King	(Present)
Helen O'Brien	(Absent)
Gert Epple	(Present)
Lillian Barber	(Present)
Arleen Lih, Secretary	(Present)

Attending:

**Health Officer: Kevin Sumner
Representing the Council Liaison: Mayor Warrelmann**

Mrs. Warrelmann opened the meeting to the public.

No public present.

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Approval of the Minutes:

- **Motion** by Mrs. Barber to approve the January 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mrs. King, all in favor, all ayes.

Commission Report:

- H1N1 Update – Final Clinic was held on February 22nd. Only 48 people were signed up for that Clinic. There were some walkins for a total of 77 people. Reported cases have gone down. We will take the month of March off. We will see what happens in April. Last year April was the month it all started. The number of people vaccinated was not what was hoped for. Commission will still encourage people to get vaccinated.
- 2010 Boards of Health Regular Scheduled Meeting Summary - This is a schedule of all of the Commission Members meeting dates and times.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion about the possibility of members leaving the Commission. It is rumored that Bound Brook is looking into leaving the Commission and joining the County Health Department. As far as Health Officer Sumner knows nothing has happened. Now, the Mayor and Council of Middlesex has asked the Middlesex Board of Health to evaluate the services and budget for Middlesex and then comparison shop. Mayor has told Mr. Sumner that he wants to do this in order to show the value of what they have and to show that the services the Commission provides will likely be significantly higher than what someone else can provide. These issues concern the Commission and the members of the Commission. That is why last Monday at the Commission Meeting there was a Draft Resolution (copies provided) presented for discussion. The Resolution reads that a notice to leave the Commission has to be given so that it falls on the fiscal year (January 1st for the Commission) and the municipality has to give no less than two years notice. The State Law says that a member of the Commission has to give six months notice to the providing agency of their intent to pull out of that agency. Some members of the Commission feel that the time span is too short for the Commission and the other towns to adequately respond. They also feel that the time period should not fall in the middle of the budget year. It should fall at the end of the year. At this time the Middlesex member of the Commission said that if the Resolution was adopted they (Middlesex) would give notice to leave the Commission.

The Bound Brook Board is in favor of the extending the time period from six months to one year. They think that is the appropriate time. Bound Brook also thinks that this is not the time to do this because of the potential to push towns out rather than keep them in.

After further discussion a **Motion** was made by Ms. Epple to table the Draft Resolution because it is ill-timed and if pushed for a vote the South Bound Brook Health Department cannot support it in this format, seconded by Mrs. Smith, discussion. Mrs. Barber wants to make sure that if a municipality wants to leave the Commission it must give 1 yr. (fiscal year) notification. If this proposal moves forward Mrs. Warrelmann said that would be our position. All in favor, all ayes.

Health Officer Sumner also was asked by three towns to cut the Budget more. He did make some new cuts which would possibly also cut some services. The new information was sent to the member towns.

New Business:

- Activities Reports for January and February were distributed and reviewed. There were no comments or questions.

Adjournment:

- **Motion** by Mrs. King to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Barber, all in favor, all ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arleen Lih, Board Secretary

CALENDAR NOTE: The next South Bound Brook Board of Health Meeting is May 6th.