

**CLOSTER BOARD OF HEALTH  
CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY  
MAY 19, 2016**

Mrs. Barbara Guile, President called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROVISIONS OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public meetings Act of the State of New Jersey. Was included in the Notice of Meetings which was sent to the Record ad published, posted on the Municipal Clerk's Bulletin Board and has remained continuously posted as required notice under the Statute. In addition, a copy of the notice is and has been available to the Public and is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Guile, President

Mr. Neusch, Vice President

Mrs. Buonomo

Mrs. Pierro

Mr. Mr. Yanovich, Health Officer

Mrs. Dabrowska, REHS

Mrs. Caputo, Secretary/Registrar/Licensing Official

Not at the meeting:

Dr. Baron

Mrs. Batool (Daughter graduating)

Mr. Pontrelli

Mrs. Brusco

Mrs. Chung, Council Liaison

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Guile asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the January 21, 2016 minutes. There being none, a motion was made by Mr. Neusch, seconded by Mrs. Pierro to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, so moved, motion carried.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Members reviewed the correspondence list. There were not any questions. A copy of the correspondence is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

**5. REPORTS**

**A. Health Officer**

Mr. Yanovich was reviewed and found to be in order. Detailed report on file in the Health Department office. He discussed the following: (1) Lead in school drinking water, (2) Zika Virus which spreads to people most through the bite of

an infected Aedes mosquito, but may also be transmitted sexually from an infected male, and during pregnancy/birth from an exposed pregnant woman, (3) Influenza – As of May 14<sup>th</sup>, influenza activity in the State was “moderate” although “low” in the Northern region. To date there was only one pediatric death due to influenza in the State this season, (4) N.J. Rabies – In the first quarter there were 49 terrestrial animals, and one bat confirmed with rabies in the State. Thirty-six of the 49 were raccoons.

**B. Registered Environmental Health Specialist**

Mrs. Dabrowska’s report was reviewed and found to be in order. Detailed report on file in the Health Department Office. The Members felt that with the new food and cosmetology businesses opening in the new Closter Plaza, additional hours would be needed for the year 2017. This was turned over to the Finance Committee to discuss and make a report at the July meeting.

**C. Registrar/Secretary/Registrar**

Mrs. Caputo’s reports were reviewed and found to be in order. Detailed reports on file in the Board of Health office. Attached is a copy of her report which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committees a through did not have any reports.

**e. Animal Licensing**

It was reported that at our January Rabies Clinic 62 dogs and 5 cats were inoculated.

**7. HEARINGS**

There were no hearings.

**8. OPEN/CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Guile opened the meeting to the public. No one was in attendance, she closed the meeting to the public.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Flu Clinic**

Mrs. Caputo will contact Dr. Baron about having a Flu Clinic in the fall. Mr. Neusch reported that last year it was determined that all Borough Employees had health benefits with the exception of a few. It was decided that any employee/first responders without health benefits could receive a flu shot with the cost covered under our budget line item.

**10. NEW BUSINESS AND ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY COME BEFORE THIS BOARD**

**a. Letter of Abatement**

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Mrs. Caputo reported that, in her opinion, before a summons is issued to any entity coming under our jurisdiction, a letter of abatement should be sent in order to give the owner a chance to correct the violation within a given number of days. If the violation is not corrected then a summons could be issued. After discussion, it was agreed that the aforementioned policy be put into place.

**b. Zika Virus**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**c. Puppy Mills**

Mr. Neusch reported that after the publicity in the newspapers about puppy mills, Emerson passed an ordinance covering same. After discussion, Mrs. Caputo was requested to contact Emerson for a copy of the ordinance.

**11. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before this Board, it was duly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM.

**Elvira Testa Caputo  
Secretary**