

BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

February 11, 2015

This meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat, and notice posted in the Alexandria Township Municipal Office and the Alexandria Township website (www.alexandria-nj.us) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Swift, Chairman Pfefferle, Mayor Abraham and Attorney Dragan were present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Notice of Violation-Hunterdon Humane Shelter
576 Stamets Road, Milford, NJ 08848
B-14, Lot-8

On January 16, 2015, the Hunterdon County Health Department conducted an annual inspection at the Hunterdon Humane Shelter. Violations were issued to the shelter due to the fact that the shelter must establish and maintain a program of disease control and adequate health care under the supervision and assistance of a veterinary doctor and what modes of euthanasia the technicians are certified for. The shelter had posted in a conspicuous place a form stating that Suzanne Smith, VMD was the Veterinary Supervisor. The Hunterdon County Health Department reached out to Dr. Smith and she stated in writing that she was not the responsible veterinarian on record but does provide veterinary care on an on-call basis only. Dr. Smith was the responsible veterinarian for the SPCA from July 25, 2014 to August 25, 2014 only. The Hunterdon County Health Department is giving the shelter until February 27, 2015 to correct the above violations by providing an executed VPH-20 form along with the veterinarian approval of existing disease control and health care program at the shelter. The shelter also needs to provide a new protocol for euthanasia. The Township Board of Health questioned why Theresa Carlson was allowed to take over the shelter with the pending animal cruelty charges that were brought upon her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- January 6, 2014 Re-Org Meeting
- January 6, 2015 Meeting

Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 Re-Org Meeting and Board of Health Meeting. **Roll Call: Chairman Pfefferle, yes; Comm. Swift, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.**

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dog License renewals have started for 2015 as of January 1st. Letters were mailed out at the end of December. There is a grace period until March 31, 2015 after which a late fee will be charged and summonses will be issued for unlicensed dogs. The fees remain the same as last year. (\$8.00 for spayed/neutered, \$11.00 for non-spayed/non-neutered).
- Alexandria Township held a Free Rabies Clinic on Saturday, January 24, 2015. The Clinic was held from 1-3 PM at the DPW garage located at 255 Hickory Corner Road. Despite the inclement weather, 113 dogs and 20 cats were vaccinated by Dr. Reynolds.
- The New Jersey Department of Health along with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection urges all New Jersey residents to protect their homes from Radon. Currently only 25.4% of New Jersey residences have been tested for radon. Radon is a serious health risk. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer and is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Many New Jersey residents live in moderate to high risk radon areas. Testing for radon is simple and inexpensive. Alexandria Township is providing free radon test kits to its residents. You can obtain one by visiting the municipal offices during office hours. Residents can also obtain do-it-yourself test kits from many hardware stores. Residents who want more information should contact the DEP Radon Program at (800) 648-0394 or visit www.njradon.org.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to adjourn the meeting. **Roll Call: Chairman Pfefferle, yes; Comm. Swift, yes; and Mayor Abraham, yes.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michele Bobrowski
Board Secretary

TIME: _____