

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health, Township of Union, New Jersey was called to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building by President Carter. The Secretary/Health Officer called the roll as follows:

<i>Jackie Carter, Pres.</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andre Saraiva</i>	<i>Late</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Yvette Gibbons, Alt 1</i>	<i>Excused</i>
<i>Giuliano Farina, Alt 2</i>	<i>Late</i>

President Carter opened the meeting by stating that this is a regular meeting of the Board of Health. Public notice of this meeting has been given as required by the "Open Public Meeting Law."

Board Member Palencia noted a correction of the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2016, to reflect Board Members Smith, Williams, Gibbons and Farina as present. Amended minutes were approved following a motion by Teresa Palencia and second by Ellyn Smith.

The March reports of the Secretary/Health Officer, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Registered Environmental Health Specialists, Animal Control Officer, and Holy Redeemer Home Care were discussed and unanimously approved based on a motion by Ellyn Smith and second by Vice President Porter. All aye.

Under old business, President Carter requested a motion to have the Secretary/Health Officer read the Ordinance by title A motion was then made by Teresa Palencia and second by Ellyn Smith to have the Secretary/Health Officer read the Ordinance by title and second and final reading. All aye.

The Secretary/Health Officer then read ***An Ordinance Amending Township of Union Codes, Chapter 551, Article 36, Section 2.***

President Carter requested a motion to open the meeting to the public for discussion. A motion was made by Vice President Porter and second by Giuliano Farina to open the meeting to the public for discussion. No comments from the public at the time. A motion was made by Vice President Porter and second by Teresa Palencia to close the meeting to the public. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Giuliano Farina, Alt 2</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Jackie Carter, Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andre Saraiva</i>	<i>Absent</i>

President Carter requested a motion to open the meeting to the Board for discussion. At this time the public intervened and requested the Secretary/Health Officer to elaborate on the passing of said Ordinance. The Secretary/Health Officer explained that the Board was seeking approval for second and final reading on the amendment of an existing Ordinance regards to trapping. The Secretary/Health Officer explained. A motion was made by Teresa Palencia and second by Vice President Porter to open the meeting for discussion.

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Teresa Palencia and second by Ellyn Smith to pass the Amendment to Chapter 551, Article 36, Section 2 on second and final first reading. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Giuliano Farina, Alt 2</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Jackie Carter, Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andre Saraiva</i>	<i>Abstain</i>

In continuance under old business, the Secretary/Health Officer informed the Board that we are still seeking for a P/T Animal Attendant position. The Secretary/Health Officer also informed the Board that a Department Phone Policy is being drafted and deployment of new phones will follow. The Secretary/Health Officer advised the Board of the implementation of an Incident Report Form to be utilized by the ACOs.

The Secretary/Health Officer informed the Board of the Township Committee approval on the purchase of a new ACO van.

The Secretary/Health Officer advised the Board of Medical School Intern proposed projects for our community.

President Carter requested a motion to move into Executive session to discuss legal matters. A motion was made by Andre Saraiva and second by Ellyn Smith to close the meeting to the public and enter into Executive Session. All aye.

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A motion was made by Andre Saraiva and second by Ellyn Smith to close Executive Session and reopen the public meeting. All aye.

In continuance under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer informed the Board that water samples were taken for lead analysis at the schools. Majority of samples were below the acceptance levels for the exception of Kawameeh and Hamilton Schools, which are being addressed.

The Secretary/Health Officer also informed the Board that the Local Health Evaluation Report for CY 2015 was concluded and submitted to the State.

At this time, the Secretary/Health Officer presented Holy Redeemer Home Care nursing contracts for 2016. The Secretary/Health Officer mentioned that no increases for services were reflected. The Secretary/Health Officer requested approval from the Board to move forward with services. A motion was made by Teresa Palencia and second by Ellyn Smith to approve the nursing contracts for CY 2016. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andre Saraiva</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Giuliano Farina, Alt 2</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Jackie Carter, Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>

The Secretary/Health Officer also requested approval of the TB contract with Rutgers Global TB Institute for CY 2016. The contract reflects a reduction of costs based on Union County Freeholders contribution increase of 50%. A motion was made by Vice President Porter and second by Teresa Palencia to approve the TB contract for CY 2016. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andre Saraiva</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Giuliano Farina, Alt 2</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Jackie Carter, Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>

Under correspondence, letter of resignation from Maureen Melody. The Secretary/Health Officer sent a thank you email for her years of service and notification given to the Clerk's Office.

President Carter requested a motion for payment of bills. A motion was then made by Ellyn Smith and second by Andre Saraiva. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andre Saraiva</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Giuliano Farina, Alt 2</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Jackie Carter, Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>

President Carter then proceeded to open the meeting to the public. Delia Collins, 72 Georgia St., Clark, NJ, proceeded to speak about a Senate Bill that was passed regarding the ban of Puppy Mills and was asking for the Boards support. William Strazza, BOH Attorney stated that he would need to see the Legislation, and explained the Boards role and authority. Lenny Twist, 20 S. Midland Ave., Kearny, NJ conducted a TNR

presentation, provided statistics, handouts, and business cards. Maria Samadjopoulos, 101 W. Colfax Ave., Roselle Park, NJ voiced her support on TNR, suggested educating people and establishing a system. Mary Perlstein, 580 Schuyler Way, Union, NJ stressed her interest and compassion on helping the animals in the Township. She states that TNR is effective and safe. Handouts also provided. Dr. Karen Negrin (TLC Vet), 1326 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ talked about the pros and cons with TNR. Dr. Negrin provided her opinion that trapping should be done by experienced residents only for the safety of the animals and themselves. Daniel Beyerent, 1555 Ridgeway St., Union, NJ voiced his concerns about strays in his neighborhood, feeding of strays by neighbor, trapping of strays, and volunteered his services for TNR. Delia Collins, from Clark also wanted to advocate for TNR. Nick Basile, 1886 Vauxhall Rd., Union, NJ questioned the procedure when catching ferals. The Secretary/Health Officer explained our protocols and procedures. Mr. Basile also voiced his opinions about ferals and their environment. He also suggested for Sal to post pictures of animals available for adoption on TV 34.

President Carter on behalf of the Board thanked the public for their presentation, and voicing their concerns and opinions at tonights' meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM on motion by Andre Saraiva and second by Giuliano Farina, all aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marconi A. Gapas
Board Secretary/ Health Officer

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