

**Princeton Regional Health Commission  
Minutes  
Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Princeton Regional Health Commission as convened at 7:30 pm at Princeton Borough Hall-East Conference Room.

**Members Present** – Robert Ciotta, JoAnn Hill, Laura Kahn, Charles Rojer, Leon Rosenson, Catherine Hegedus and Bruce Topolosky.

**Members absent:** George DiFerdinando, Lindsey Kayman and Sandra Zordan-Friedman. Bernard Miller

**Liaisons:** Jo Butler arrived at 8.10 p.m.

**Visitor:** Elizabeth Bidwell-Bates

Ms. Bidwell-Bates complimented the Commission on the professional and productive meetings.

**Public Comment:** No Public present.

**Minutes: July 19, 2011**

A motion to approve the July 19, 2011 minutes was made by Dr. Rojer and was seconded by Ms. Hill

**Monthly Reports/ Health Officer's Report (August/September)**

Mr. Henry attended a preparedness/cultural competency program taught by Dr. DiFerdinando. Mr. Henry gave a brief summary of the program.

Mr. Henry explained that work is continuing on the Wildlife management manual and other animal control issues, he informed the commission of the deadly viral disease among the deer population. Dr. Kahn enquired if the disease was transferable to humans. Mr. Henry indicated that all reports indicate this was not the case.

Mr. Rosenson inquired about the use of the meat for human consumption.

Ms. Hill explained the effects of the disease on the animal and the visible signs of disfigurement and behavior of the animal.

Mr. Henry informed the commission that a form has been put on the web for residents to make request for animal traps for their use.

Mr. Henry attended a Grant meeting at the United Way of Greater Mercer County, the Health Department was awarded a grant that is funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation it will be for two (2) years, this is a Community Health Needs Assessment Grant, the will be used for the Community Health Needs Assessment the next meeting will be October.

Mr. Henry asked Ms. Bidwell-Bates if she would inform the Human Services that participants, to be part of sub-committees, would be welcomed.

Ms. Bidwell-Bates enquired as to whom the information be forwarded.

Mr. Henry indicated that Ms. Bidwell-Bates could give him the information.

Mr. Henry reported that Mr. Johnson the animal control officer was called by Lawrence Township to help with the animals that were displaced as a result of the Hurricane Irene.

Mr. Henry indicated that he attended a Health Officers meeting to discuss the Community preparedness such as the Communications aspect of preparedness also the use of the mobile units that are County based.

Mr. Topolosky asked Mr. Henry to whom he would report the health issues discussed for improvement. Mr. Henry indicated he would report first to the Health Commission and then both Emergency Management Coordinators.

Mr. Topolosky asked if they were any health issues that would have adverse effect on life or limb to the members of the public in the County.

Mr. Henry indicated that the issues were the flooding and the loss of electricity

Mr. Rosenson enquired how long the water treatment plant and the sewer treatment plant emergency power last. Mr. Henry indicated that the back up generators power last as long as the fuel last.

Mr. Rosenson requested that someone give a brief presentation on the capacity of the sewers systems the water system and septic systems and where they are located.

Mr. Henry indicated that he had a conversation with Pam Hersh she asked for the Commissions thoughts to the hiring of a director to run the way station for transportation to the new hospital.

Dr. Kahn requested in the Monthly Inspection Reports that the inspectors report “No violation” where no violation is found instead of ‘No major violation” to avoid any misunderstanding.

#### **Update-Wildlife Management.**

Mr. Henry reported that a bat fell on a resident lap from a tree the bat was tested and found to be rabid.

#### **Closed Session:**

Personnel Matters Regarding Commission Employees (Pending)

Close session was deferred.

## **Old Business**

Ordinance Public Hearing/Final Passage 2011-02 Salary Ordinance.

Mr. Topolosky made a motion to approve the ordinance as written this was approved on a voice call vote.

Ayes (7) Nays (0) Abstention (0)

## **New Business / Members Comments**

### **Septic Tank Management Model Ordinance 2011 -3: Discussion/Introduction**

Mr. Henry spoke to Mr. Kiser the Township Engineer and Lee Solow the Township Planner with regard to the State requiring that septic systems be pumped every 3 years and this has to be in effect by January 1, 2012, also a septic tank management inventory also an Ordinance has to be put in place.

Mr. Rosenson inquired if the information was available whether the Borough and the Township were using public water and where the wells are, when the well water is tested other than when the property is being sold also how close the well are to the septic systems on a One (1) acre lot.

Mr. Henry explained that in the Borough it is all public water, and in the Township is a mixture of well and public water. When the home is sold or if there is a malfunction of a system the well will be inspected. As a requirement the well should be 100ft. away from the septic field.

### **2012 Budget**

Mr. Henry gave an over view of the proposed budget for 2012 the Commission will review the budget and will have a Budget and Finance Committee and report back to the Commission.

### **Community Preparedness**

Ms. Butler questioned the preparedness for heat waves like the one earlier this year especially for the elderly in the community, also the way for the residents to be informed about how to get help in this situation.

Mr. Topolosky indicated that this is an ongoing problem still to be resolve.

Mr. Henry indicated that an outreach program through some of the churches to get in contact with those in need.

### **Reports from Committees**

Budget and Finance  
Personnel  
Planning

No report on the above at this time

## **Reports from Other Boards and Commissions**

Environmental Commission  
Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

No report on the above at this time

Mr. Henry reminded the Commission that the flu clinic will be held at the Susan Patterson Center on October 10 and 18, 2011 between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. it is necessary to make an appointment.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourn at 9.00p.m.