

MINUTES

PRESENT: J. Burke
M. DeSapio
T. Kratzer
S. Stryker
J. Golden

ABSENT: R. Phillips

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM by D. Laudenschick.

NOTIFICATION

In order to ensure full public participation at this meeting, all members of this Board, and members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Notification of the time, date and place of this meeting has been published in the Hunterdon County Democrat, Courier News and Express Times and has been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

NEW AND PENDING MATTERS

Nomination of Chairperson

M. DeSapio was nominated as Chairman for 2011 by S. Stryker, seconded by T. Kratzer. It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by S. Stryker and carried to close the nominations. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**, except M. DeSapio, who abstained.

Nomination of Vice Chairperson

T. Kratzer was nominated as Vice-Chairman for 2011 by J. Burke, seconded by S. Stryker. It was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by J. Burke and carried to close the nominations. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**, except T. Kratzer who abstained.

Appointment of Attorney

It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by M. DeSapio and carried to appoint Judith Kopen of Gebhardt and Keifer as attorney for the Board of Health for 2011. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Approval of Meeting Dates

It was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by S. Stryker and carried to approve the following meeting dates:

February 16, 2011	August 17, 2011
March 16, 2011	September 27, 2011*
April 20, 2011	October 19, 2011
May 24, 2011*	November 16, 2011
June 15, 2011	December 21, 2011
July 20, 2011	

All members present **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**

It was moved b J. Burke, seconded by S. Stryker and carried to start the meetings in 2011 at 7:30 PM. All members present **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Designation of Newspaper

It was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by S. Stryker and carried to designate the Hunterdon County Democrat as the official newspaper of the Kingwood Township Board of Health for 2011 with the Courier News as an alternate. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Wellwater Subcommittee Presentation

J. MacConnell provided a handout to the Board members responding to the questions raised last year on the current ordinance. He commented, if the Board is considering adopting anything in regard to animals, the dog canvasser can also do a head count on the animals present on a property. He stated barns are being overly used. He suggested limiting it to 80 gallons per day of water usage for animals on a property containing 4 bedrooms. After the Board has reviewed the responses of the subcommittee, the subcommittee will have the responses available to the public.

2011 Budget Request

It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by M. DeSapio and carried to request \$5,100.00 for the Board of Health, Other Expense for 2011. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by S. Stryker and carried to approve the minutes of October 20, 2010. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**, except J. Burke, J. Golden and T. Kratzer.

CORRESPONDENCE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

P. Lubitz welcomed the members for 2011 and thanked them for serving on the Board. He stated he has definitely learned more serving on this committee than on any other committee. He is pleased to see that the well committee is still active and trying to be responsive to the concerns of the citizens. He hopes someday it

will be put to bed. He stated the Board should be as inclusive as they can be for farm animals. At the core of Kingwood are farming and horses and cows. The Township wants to make every effort they can to promote the continued rural and agricultural nature of the Township. Serving on the Board is a thankless job. There are some people who are aware of what you are doing. He wishes them the best.

A. Belle stated the Township contains 557 four bedroom houses. The Board is basically telling the people they have to get rid of the animals. The Board has to be very careful how they do it as these are not random animals. They are pets which children have grown up with in their lives.

J. Burke stated he doesn't think anyone is suggesting you are not allowed to have animals.

A. Belle stated the ordinance has an 800 gpd limit. The Township will have an animal census. The Board is not leaving any room and continuing forward. The Board is randomly applying 800 gpd for a four bedroom house. He inquired how many homes have eight people living in the home. The Board should start with each person. A four bedroom home could have two parents and two children. There are four people living in the house consuming 400 gpd which leaves room for the animals. If you randomly account for eight people, you are going over the limit. The whole point of coming to Kingwood is to live in the current atmosphere.

S. McNicol stated there is nothing that has been decided on the animals. It was brought to our attention due to the fact that it might be an issue in the ordinance. We have not discussed the issue. It is a point of discussion.

J. Burke stated, in his opinion, the problems might arise if someone has 10 acres and turns it into an alpaca farm and has 50 alpacas. It is an issue the Board needs to review. He doesn't think it is the intention of the Township to have someone look at how many animals you have on your property.

J. Klymec stated an assumption is being made that there is one well per dwelling. On a lot of the farms, there are multiple wells which may or may not be drawing from the same source. There are a lot of abandoned wells. The Township does not have any idea of how many wells are in the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by S. Stryker and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. All members voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Laudenbach, Secretary