Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023

Members Present: Kelly Lamas, Chair; Antonio Tavares, Member; Adrienne DeSantis, Secretary via phone.

Also Present: Paulina Matusik

Meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM by Ms. Lamas and Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

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Monthly Business:

None

Visitations:

None

Actions/Correspondence:

There was a request for chickens at 469 Munsing Street. They currently have 5 chickens and a rooster. They inadvertently ended up with the rooster, but state that there have been no complaints from neighbors. They did not know they needed permission from the board. They would like to have up to 25 chickens. A motion was made by Mr. Tavares to approve the 5 chickens and rooster they currently have and to allow up to 25 chickens, although no more roosters will be allowed. Seconded by Ms. DeSantis. All in favor 3-0.

There was a request for temporary housing at 11 Duke Street. The Board received a letter requesting temporary housing (trailer on property) for 30 days to help out family members who have fallen on hard times. A motion was made by Ms. DeSantis to approve the temporary housing at 11 Duke Street for 30 days. They will need to refile a request if an extension is needed beyond the 30 days. Seconded by Mr. Tavares. All in favor 3-0.

Ms. Matusik informed the Board that the Health Department hours have changed to 8:00-4:30 as the new Administrative Assistant has started and her hours are 8:30-4:30. This will keep the Health Department's hours in line with the rest of Town Hall.

There was continued discussion on the permit requirements for waste tire transportation and hauling. Ms. Matusik informed the Board that there are no current regulations for this type of hauling in the Board of Health, Zoning Department or Building Department. There is a current application in place that is used by various departments and she feels that it should be used for this hauling as well. If the Board chooses to create a regulation, there will need to be an open meeting to do so. Ms. Matusik reports that she will work with Chrissy Florence to create a regulation in the future. A motion was made by Ms. DeSantis to use the current application/permit for hauling of the waste tires. Seconded by Mr. Tavares. All in favor 3-0.

Other Discussion:

Ms. Matusik brought the Intermunicipal Agreement to the meeting as it required Ms. Lamas' signature. Ms. Lamas also informed the other members that there has not been an Advisory Board meeting yet as West Brookfield has yet to appoint someone to the Advisory committee.

Ms. Matusik informed the Board that she applied with the state for a summer intern and that Ludlow was selected as one of the towns to receive an intern. She has provided 2 programs from which the intern can choose, substance abuse or emergency preparedness. There is an orientation on May 24, 2023. The intern will work a total 160 hours from May 30, 2023- August 18, 2023. It can either be in person or online.

There was a discussion about the opioid settlement that Ludlow is receiving. Ms. Matusik and Ms. Lamas will be meeting with the Town Administrator, as well as Tony Goncalves and James Gennette. They will review the funding and establish an action plan/goals, as well as to see what can potentially be offered for free to our community. The funding is to help sustain our current programs, not to fund new ones. Ludlow is due to receive $639,745 through the year 2038. The money also has to be appropriated at Town Meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 6, 2023 at 4:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Tavares to adjourn the meeting at 5:03PM. Seconded by Ms. DeSantis. All in favor 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne DeSantis

Secretary

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