

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
Board of Health Minutes for October 6, 2016

Present at meeting:

Bruce J. Hunchard, Chairman
Philip Brunelli, Member
Donald Raneiri, Member

David McKearney, Health Director
Virginia McNeil, Health Agent
Liz Hoey, Health Inspector – not attending
Mary Ellen Ficco, Administrative Asst.

Guests: Joe Bakleh (Central Pizza)

Mr. Ranieri made a motion to accept the September 13, 2016 monthly Board of Health meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hunchard. Mr. Brunelli abstained as he was not in attendance during the September 13 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board Chairman asked if there was any old business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item on the agenda was a discussion regarding Franklin Central Pizza. The owner, Joe Bakleh attended the meeting at the request of David McKearney, Health Director. The Health Director provided the Board with the following overview of the situation that required the owner to appear before the Board.

Health Agent, Ginny McNeil visited Central Pizza after a complaint with suspected food borne illness. During the visit, she noted multiple critical areas that need addressing and though we can't prove the illness was from the food purchased at Central Pizza, the critical concerns must be addressed. She read the following comments from her report: Use of bare hands while handling food, no hairnet, hand sink full of dishes, chicken held at 69°, packaged deserts without ingredient listing, basic need for cleanup. The following day the Health Agent visited again and found improvements.

The Health Director explained that he has had several issues with small pizza shops. The owners have to be made to understand that the permit is a right, not a privilege.

The Health director also voiced his concern about the cleanliness of the employees and the problems that can occur if any employee is not wearing gloves when appropriate or has dirty hands while handling food.

The owner offered his apologies, stating the day of inspection was unusually busy; then he stated there will be "perfect conditions" if anyone visits the establishment in the future. Mr. Bakleh stated that all of his employees had to sign a health agreement in order to be employed.

The Board chairman explained to the owner that it is rare that the Health Director asks a restaurant owner to attend a Board meeting; the conditions must have been very bad to warrant his appearance before the Board. He reiterated that the Health Dept. wants compliance with the health codes.

The owner agreed with the statement.

The Health Director reminded the owner that inspection reports are public record. It is imperative those inspection reports indicate the restaurant in good standing with the

Health Dept. He also stated that someone from the Health Dept. will be visiting the restaurant occasionally, unannounced.
Mr. Bakleh was dismissed.

Next, the Health Director opened a discussion of irrigation well permitting. He suggested a moratorium on those wells during the times Level 3 and 4 water bans are in effect. After discussion between the Health Director and Board members, the Board members felt it was not necessary to impose a moratorium.

The Chairman asked if there was any other new business.
There was no further new business.

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

The Health Director provided details to the Board regarding activities of the Health Department for the month of September. He then reminded the board of an upcoming Flu shot clinic scheduled for October 20.

The Board Chairman asked if there was additional new business.

Mr. Brunelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Raneiri seconded the motion.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Transcribed by Mary Ellen Ficco, Admin. Asst. for the Franklin Health Department.