

**THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED**

I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times, the Atlantic City Press and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building, stating the time and place of the following meeting as required in P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey (Sunshine Law).

The Middle Township Board of Health met on the above date at 6:00 PM in the Middle Township Meeting Room. Regular meeting night. Members present were Mayor Donohue, Committeemember Lockwood, Committeemember Clark, Sarah Sharpe, Sean McDevitt and Cape May County Representative Jennifer C. Fairman.

1. **VIOLATIONS – NONE**
2. **HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE DISCHARGE NOTIFICATION** — *(The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Site Remediation Program, has received verbal notification of the following incident within the municipality. The following are cases including details of the suspected discharge. Further information concerning this incident may be obtained by contacting: CASE ASSIGNMENT SECTION, Site Remediation (609) 292-2943. Please refer to the “NJDEP Case Number” in all correspondence concerning the incident.)* –
  - a. May 3, 2014. Case No. 14-05-02-1226-13. 119 Central Avenue, Responsible Party: Action Supply, 1413 Old Stagecoach Road. Leak from truck. No Clean Up being done.
3. **RABIES CONTROL - UNLICENSED DOG BITE REPORT** –
  - a. April 17, 2014. Shunpike Road, CMCH, NJ. Copy of report sent to Animal Control and Municipal Clerk for licensing.
  - b. May 8, 2014. Williams Street, Rio Grande, NJ. Copy of report sent to Animal Control and Municipal Clerk for licensing.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE – CAPE MAY COUNTY** –
  - a. Email Received May 1, 2014. 2014 Oral Vaccine Rabies Baiting Program.

This is to advise you that the oral V-RG baiting program is scheduled to commence the week of May 19, 2014, (weather permitting) with the airdrop of vaccine-laden baits in uninhabited areas throughout the mainland communities of Cape May County.

The vaccine-laden baits consist of an orally active, vaccinia-rabies glycoprotein recombinant vaccine (V-RG), enclosed in a paraffin container and inserted into a processed fish meal cylinder about one inch by one inch in size. The bait will have a warning label and include a Cape May County Department of Health telephone number for inquiries and for people to call if contact with the bait occurs. The bait is designed to be attractive for consumption by raccoons but not to humans.

Simultaneously, with the airdrop, ground teams will be distributing baits by hand in raccoon habitats (such as storm drains) and other areas considered inaccessible from the air. A total of 34,560 baits will be distributed. 33,560 baits will be dropped by air and 1,000 will be placed

(distributed) by hand. The airdrop will start with the outside perimeters of the baiting area covering the meadows and swamps east of the Garden State Parkway and then proceed to the interior portions of the mainland communities. Distribution of the baits will be at the rate of approximately one (1) per three (3) acres. It is anticipated that the entire process can be completed, weather permitting, within one (1) week, give or take a few days.

Additionally, signs (posters) have been posted on utility poles in mainland communities, at the rate of one (1) every mile, to alert residents that oral rabies vaccine bait has been distributed in their neighborhoods.

In conclusion, I would again stress that vaccination of raccoons in a given area DOES NOT supplant (replace) the need to continue to utilize traditional rabies control measures, such as domestic animal vaccination and stray animal control. If utilized correctly, however, vaccination of a county, municipal, or regional raccoon population should keep the incidence of rabies low, resulting in fewer encounters between rabid wildlife, people and pets, lower numbers of human post exposure treatments, fewer cases of domestic animal rabies and less need for submission of laboratory specimens for rabies testing.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE – STATE OF NEW JERSEY – NONE**
6. **CORRESPONDENCE – OTHER – NONE**
7. **FOLLOW UP CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (COUNTY OF CAPE MAY): - NONE**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Committeemember Lockwood- Cape May County Department of Health website shows baiting information and pictures. Bait not deadly but could be harmful. Keep dogs and children out of wooded areas where bait is dropped.*

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Kimberly D. Krauss, Township Clerk

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 6:10 PM

1<sup>st</sup>: Committeemember Clark

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mayor Donohue

Roll Call Vote: Committeemember Clark, Committeemember Lockwood, Mayor Donohue