

Village of Oak Park
Board of Health
July 22, 2014
Village Hall – Room 102
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: @ 7:00 PM

Present: Chair, Dr. Mbekeani; Commissioners: Lowrie,
Miller, Campbell, Dr. Pont
Absent: Commissioner Barber
Guest: Lynn Palmgren, resident

2. Approval of agenda: Agenda approved

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 29, 2014 meeting approved

4. Public Comment: The information on Lawn Pesticides, from Peggy McGrath, was distributed

5. New Business:

- Amber Glass, of *Food and Water Watch*, discussed the (Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act) PAMTA and (Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act) PARA, requesting Board of Health recommend a Village Board resolution in support of the legislation. Margaret advised members of 57 phone calls/e-mails to the Village in support of the resolution. Dr. Pont read from the American Academy of Pediatrics regarding antibiotic resistance and the link to antibiotic use in livestock. Kenneth Campbell asked about the connection to Oak Park since there are no farms in the community and whether support exists from rural communities. Kenneth Campbell and Dr. Mbekeani asked to see the City of Chicago resolution to support PARA and PAMTA. Joel Lowrie advised that American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) statements indicate that the organization does not support the bills; copies of AVMA statements were distributed to members. Dr. Pont motioned that the Board of Health recommend to the Village Board a resolution in support of PARA and PAMTA, with language change (from *supports a statewide and national ban...* to *supports statewide and national legislation to ban...*); no second, motion failed. The item was tabled until the August 26 meeting to allow the commissioners to review the Chicago ordinance and other related materials.
- 2015 Board of Health Work plan: Members provided comments and changes made to 2014 Work plan. The draft 2015 Work plan will be finalized at the August meeting.

6. Old Business: None
7. Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Provost-Fyfe, Health Director