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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY  
BOARD MEETING, January 17, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Health was held on the above date. Dr. Herbert Lazarus, President, read the Board's compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Dr. Herbert Lazarus, Dr. Daniel Feit, Maria Xylas, Dr. Michael Basista and Sam Yanovich, Health Officer

Absent: Dr. Galit Sacijui, Dr. Hugh Evans, Howard Bader,  
Martha Rogalski, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Also present: Council Liaison Jon Warms, Board of Health Secretary Valerie Nicolosi

A motion was made by Dr. Feit and seconded by Mrs. Xylas to approve the minutes of December 13, 2012. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

The following individuals read the Oath of Office for their respective positions:

Dr. Michael Basista  
Jon Warms

Member of the Board of Health  
Council Representative

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013**

Mr. Yanovich presided over the election of officers.

**Nominations for President:**

A motion was made by Dr. Feit and seconded by Mrs. Xylas to nominate Dr. Herbert Lazarus as President of the Tenafly Board of Health. The nominations were closed. A voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Dr. Lazarus is the President of the 2013 Tenafly Board of Health.

**Nominations for Vice President:**

A motion was made by Dr. Lazarus and seconded by Dr. Feit to nominate Mrs. Maria Xylas as Vice President of the Tenafly Board of Health. The nominations were closed. A voice vote carried unanimously. Mrs. Maria Xylas is the Vice President of the 2013 Tenafly Board of Health.

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#### OLD BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion regarding the renewal of the HARP contract and the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission contract. It was noted that the County of Bergen had submitted a proposal to provide the same services to the Borough covered by these two contracts. An extensive comparison was made by Borough Administrator Thompson-Chin and Mrs. Nicolosi. It was found that the Borough is better served with the HARP and Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission Contracts.

A motion was made by Mrs. Xylas and seconded by Dr. Lazarus to approve the HARP (Hackensack Awareness Regional Program) contract at a cost to the Borough of \$17,226.00 for the 2013 calendar year. The cost of these services last year was \$16,830.00. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Xylas and seconded by Dr. Lazarus to approve the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission contract at a cost to the Borough of \$41,448.00 for the 2013 calendar year. The cost of these services last year was \$40,348.00. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Xylas and seconded by Dr. Feit to approve the contract for Hudson Exterminating Company for rat control services for \$155.00 per month or \$1860.00 per year. This is the same contract amount as last year. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

It was noted that the Borough will be contracting with the County of Bergen for Animal Control Services. The contract amount is \$18,110.00. The cost of these services last year was \$23,470.56.

Pet licensing will be handled by the Office of the Borough Clerk. Business licenses are still handled by the Building Department. All other contracts, purchase orders, etc., are handled by Mrs. Nicolosi in the Administration office. Letters were mailed to local veterinarians for continuance in the rabies program for the Borough.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Peter Rustin was present to discuss the Tenaflly Mayors Wellness Campaign. He explained how the campaign came into being and apologized for not having the Board of Health included in all discussions prior to the launch of the campaign/website. Board members expressed their concerns and wish to have a disclaimer on the website indicating that while the Board of Health recognizes and supports the mission of the New Jersey Mayors Wellness Campaign and the Tenaflly Mayors Wellness Campaign, individuals should seek the advice of a professional healthcare provider when considering any changes to diet or exercise regimen. In

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addition, none of the information on the website has been endorsed by the Tenaflly Board of Health. Dr. Lazarus will draft a disclaimer and email to all board members. Mayor Rustin and Mrs. Nicolosi will have Borough Attorney William McClure review the disclaimer and have it added to the Tenaflly Mayors Wellness Campaign website.

There was some discussion regarding changing the date of the September 19, 2013, meeting. This meeting date falls on a Jewish holiday. Board members wish to change the meeting date to September 12, 2013. Mrs. Nicolosi will handle posting/publication of this meeting date change.

#### REPORTS

The board briefly reviewed Ms. Rogalski's report of December 2012 and had several questions which will require some follow-up. Mr. Yanovich will handle this.

Health Officer Sam Yanovich reviewed his report with the board, giving a brief update on seasonal influenza. Another flu clinic has been scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2013. Information regarding this additional date for vaccines was posted on the website and message board. In addition, flyers were given to the Senior Center and the Library and were made available in the Office of the Borough Administrator, Health Office, Reception Desk and Borough Hall Lobby Information Center. Also, an email with a flyer attachment was sent to all Borough Hall employees.

A motion was made by Mrs. Xylas and seconded by Dr. Feit to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie B. Nicolosi  
Board of Health Secretary