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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING, June 20, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Health was held on the above date. Dr. Hugh Evans read the Board's compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

The following members were present: Dr. Daniel Feit, Dr. Hugh Evans, Howard Bader, Dr. Michael Basista, Sam Yanovich, Health Officer, and Martha Rogalski, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Absent: Dr. Herbert Lazarus, Dr. Galit Sacajiu, Maria Xylas

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bader and seconded by Dr. Feit to approve the minutes of March 21, 2013. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

It was noted that Dr. Sacajiu will be moving out of Tenafly. Board members wished her well.

OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion regarding the three (3) disclaimers which had been forwarded by the Borough Attorney, incorporating recommendations by Drs. Lazarus and Feit regarding the Tenafly Mayors Wellness Campaign website. The board decided to add disclaimer #1 (shown below) on the website landing page of the Tenafly Mayors Wellness Campaign. Mrs. Nicolosi will handle this posting.

"The Tenafly Board of Health recognizes and supports the mission of the New Jersey Mayors' Wellness Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to promote healthy longevity through a healthy lifestyle. The intent of the information distributed via this website and the events linked to the campaign is to stimulate discussion and to provide a forum that acknowledges that a healthy lifestyle involves individual choices.

That being said, the content of this website is provided for general informational purposes only and is not intended as, nor should it be considered as a substitute for, professional medical advice. Individuals should always seek the advice of a professional healthcare provider when considering any changes to his or her diet or exercise regimen. The information on this website should not be used for diagnosing or treating any medical or health condition.

This website will at times provide links to internet sites maintained by third parties over which the Borough of Tenafly and/or the Tenafly Board of Health have no control. This website does not endorse the content, operators, products, or services

of such sites. Neither the Borough of Tenaflly nor the Tenaflly Board of Health shall be liable, directly or indirectly, for any damage, loss or injury caused or alleged to be caused by or in connection with use of or reliance on any such content, product, or services available on or through such third party sites.

This website offers complimentary information as an interactive community service at no charge to users of the Internet, with the express condition that the use of this website implies your acceptance of all terms and conditions stated above, including all disclaimers of liability. “

Mrs. Nicolosi reminded board members to complete his/her 2013 Financial Disclosure Statements online if not done already. She will forward her previous email to board members with directions on how to handle filing electronically.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Nicolosi reported that she spearheaded a Walk at Work Day on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, for Borough Hall employees. Of the approximately fifty (50) employees located in the Borough Hall building, forty-one (41) participated that day, walking at lunchtimes throughout the Borough. This was a county wide event and many municipalities and schools participated in the program. The Borough's Walk at Work Day was done in conjunction with the Tenaflly Mayors Wellness Campaign urging people to become more active.

Ms. Julie Villafuerte forwarded a memo to Mr. Yanovich about the Senior Center's upcoming purchase of a defibrillator. She is asking one of our doctors to sign the Medical Authorization for this purchase. Dr. Basista was pleased to sign off on this vital piece of equipment. Mrs. Nicolosi noted that there were four (4) defibrillators at various Borough locations. Dr. Feit noted that the Little League had purchased one also. The price quote that Ms. Villafuerte is very competitive. There were questions about whether the Board of Education had defibrillators on school sites. Mrs. Nicolosi will inquire of the Business Administrator at the Board of Education and report back to the board her findings.

There was some discussion regarding the 2014 Board of Health Meeting Schedule. Mrs. Nicolosi is unable to attend the March 20, 2014, meeting, as her daughter will be getting married and she will be on vacation that week preparing for this event. Board members would like to reschedule the March 20th meeting. Also, tonight is the Tenaflly High School graduation and we had one board member unavailable for the meeting due to a child's graduation. Board members would like to reschedule the June 19th meeting to avoid any conflict with next year's high school graduation. Mrs. Nicolosi will look at the calendar and report back to board members possible dates for these two months.

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REPORTS

Health Officer Sam Yanovich reviewed his report with the board, giving a brief update on tobacco control funding and the influenza vaccine. There was much discussion regarding this topic. In preparation for the Super Bowl in February 2014 at MetLife Stadium, the New Jersey Department of Health is sponsoring a food safety/food defense awareness meeting for local health officials on August 15. This is in anticipation of large scale Super Bowl related events that are typically held outside the confines of the host stadium. The meeting is intended for those health departments within a 20 mile radius of the stadium. Only two (2) representatives from Mid-Bergen will be permitted to attend the meeting.

Ms. Rogalski briefly reviewed her reports for March, April and May. She noted that she has begun her mobile vendor inspections and pool inspections as well. She has been doing spot checks throughout Tenaflly to ensure all restaurant and store owners are properly disposing of garbage and keeping it in enclosed containers. With increased levels of rat activity, she is urging businesses to be sure to take measures to decrease this activity. Hudson Exterminating has been baiting any areas on public property where there have been sightings. The borough has a contract with the firm for this service.

Mrs. Nicolosi noted that Judy Pesce, our registrar, has completed her educational requirements and passed her certification test. She is now a certified registrar. Mrs. Pesce provides for vital statistics and registrar services, i.e., processing & issuing certified death certificates, completing marriage applications and licenses, issuing certified copies of marriage licenses, etc., to the Borough on Tuesdays and Thursday as part of a shared services agreement with the Borough of Little Ferry. The cost for this agreement is \$15,00.00; however, Tenaflly is saving a great deal of money by having a part-time registrar, not having to pay a full time staff person with health benefits. It was noted that the animal licensing is handled through the Borough Clerk's office and business licenses are handling through the Building Department. Mrs. Nicolosi handles most other Health Department duties in the Administration Office.

Mrs. Nicolosi reminded all board members to attend this year's Fireworks Celebration on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at approximately 9:00 p.m. at the high school. There will be a Dixieland band performing prior to the fireworks. The Recreation Family Fun Day is scheduled for Thursday, July 4th, at Roosevelt Common. The rain date for both events is Saturday, July 6, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Bader and seconded by Dr. Basista to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 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