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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY  
BOARD MEETING, November 14, 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 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Dr. Hugh Evans, Dr. Michael Basista, Howard Bader, Berton Greenberg, Dr. Etta Frankel, Sam Yanovich and Martha Rogalski, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Absent: Dr. Daniel Feit, Maria Xylas

Also present: Council Liaison Jon Warms, Board of Health Acting Secretary Carol Roux

Mrs. Roux is the Acting Secretary this evening as Mrs. Nicolosi has had a death in her family and is out of state for the funeral.

A motion was made by Dr. Basista and seconded by Mr. Greenberg to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013, meeting. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2014 Meeting Schedule. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

It was noted that Mrs. Nicolosi is working on the 2014 Board of Health budget. There are no increases in the Mid-Bergen Regional Commission, Hackensack University Medical Center (HARP) or Hudson Exterminating contracts.

**REPORTS**

Health Officer Sam Yanovich reviewed his report with the board and reported that Mid Bergen had a passed random audit by the State of New Jersey Health Department. They received a "Certificate of Achievement" and attained a "Satisfactory" performance evaluation. This is a first step towards accreditation.

He reiterated that Mid-Bergen's contract for services with the Borough will remain the same as last year. The County of Bergen is trying to do away with local health departments. He stressed that Mid-Bergen has been working together with Tenafly for approximate 20-25 years and

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continues to provide excellent services. Martha and Sam are available 24 hours a day. The county would not provide the personal interface with Tenaflly's residents.

Mr. Yanovich noted that there are the same issues for our contract with HARP. They provide the flu clinic each year...with last year's counts at 169 residents and 6 employees. There were three (3) dates offered for the vaccines. The HARP nurse also visits residents who are not able to get out to Borough Hall.

He reported that he had received an inquiry regarding coyotes in the Borough. It was suggested that a program be offered by the Board of Health to educate residents about coyotes.

Ms. Rogalski briefly reviewed her reports for September and October. She made many inspections over the course of these months and also dealt with many complaints regarding stagnant water, rats, mold, garbage and unlicensed dogs. She is currently writing summons for approximately 200 unregistered dogs and 40 unregistered cats. She explained the summons process. It was noted that for the street fair and Woofstock that vendors were required to come in for temporary business licenses at least two (2) weeks in advance. Many vendors have come in on the Thursday before the Sunday event. She is going to work more closely with event planners to assure that the 2-week advance rule is followed.

There was a brief discussion about the indoor pools at the JCC. Specifically, the chlorine levels and showering before use are issues. Ms. Rogalski will follow up on the matter.

Ms. Rogalski noted that a family became ill after eating hot dogs at the street fair. She reached out to the food vendor to inform him of the problem. Approximately 250 hot dogs were sold and 3 people reported getting ill. Mr. Yanovich has not received a report back yet from the doctor treating the family. There were no additional phone calls reporting illness after eating hot dogs.

It was noted that an intern from Montclair State University had shadowed Ms. Rogalski for one (1) day in October.

There was a brief discussion regarding defibrillators at Borough Hall and who is responsible for maintenance. Mrs. Roux reported that staff in the Recreation Department maintains these units.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the flu vaccine. Board members would like to see people over the age of 60 be given a high dose vaccine. It was noted that the high dose is more expensive with up-front costs and that most towns do not provide for the high dose vaccine. Board members would like to see seniors given the opportunity to receive the high dose vaccine and asked that Mrs. Nicolosi include this in the 2014 budget. Mrs. Roux will relay this information to her when she returns to the office.

Board members commented on extensive articles regarding serious toxicity from Tamiflu. It was noted that Tamiflu is prescribed in many Urgent Care facilities.

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Board members inquired as to whether the Borough provided a service to seniors regarding medical insurance. Seniors should call his/her respective insurance companies. It was noted that the Senior Center has many informative classes.

A motion was made by Dr. Evans and seconded by Dr. Frankel to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie B. Nicolosi  
Board of Health Secretary