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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING, September 12, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Health was held on the above date. Mrs. Maria Xylas, Vice 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: Maria Xylas, Howard Bader, Berton Greenberg, Dr. Etta Frankel and Martha Rogalski, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Absent: Dr. Daniel Feit, Dr. Hugh Evans, Dr. Michael Basista
Sam Yanovich, Health Officer

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

OATHS OF OFFICE

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

Mr. Berton Greenberg
Dr. Etta Frankel

Member of the Board of Health
Member of the Board of Health

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Nominations for President:

A motion was made by Mrs. Xylas and seconded by Dr. Frankel to nominate Mr. Howard Bader as President of the Tenafly Board of Health for the remainder of 2013. The nominations were closed. A voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Mr. Bader is the President of the 2013 Tenafly Board of Health.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Nicolosi reviewed the previously forwarded defibrillator inventory with the board members. The Board of Health was pleased that Tenafly has so many of these vital units on hand for its residents. Mrs. Nicolosi noted that there will be an article in the upcoming issue of the Borough newsletter about this matter. There was much discussion on the maintenance for the units. She will follow up with an email to all departments which presently have defibrillators and will report back to the members.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rustin was present at the meeting this evening. He thanked all board members for their dedicated service to this vital Borough board. He spoke at length about the Tenafly Mayors Wellness Program and the website pages. He would like to see the Board of Health's disclaimer renamed "An Tenafly Important Message from the Tenafly Board of Health".

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Mrs. Xylas commented that perhaps there could be a link to the board's message. Board members were in agreement that Mayor Rustin should contact Borough Attorney William McClure about the proposed changes to be made to the present Disclaimer on the webpage. Mrs. Nicolosi will report back to the board once the matter is settled.

The Tenaflly Board of Health, along with the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission and the Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) of HackensackUMC is offering seasonal flu vaccine for the entire family on Friday, September 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Tenaflly Municipal Center, McCandless Room. Makeup dates will be scheduled after the initial clinic. Dr. Frankel inquired about whether there could be a makeup date on a Saturday or perhaps an evening. Mrs. Nicolosi will contact HARP officials to inquire about this request. There were questions about what type of vaccine is being used and what happens to leftover vaccine. Mr. Yanovich will be contacted about this.

Dr. Frankel noted that there is a blood shortage and inquired as to whether the Board of Health had any plans for a drive in the future. There are no plans at present; however, Mrs. Nicolosi will contact HARP officials and the Tenaflly Volunteer Ambulance Corps to see if either group will be hosting an event in the future.

Mrs. Nicolosi noted that she has taken a new position at Borough Hall and as such is unavailable to attend the November 21, 2013 meeting. The board voted to move the meeting to the 2nd Thursday, November 14, 2013. Mrs. Nicolosi will handle posting/publication of this change of meeting day. There was some discussion regarding next year's meeting schedule. Several dates will be changed due to conflicts and will be reflected in the 2014 Board of Health Meeting Schedule, which will be adopted at the November meeting.

REPORTS

Ms. Rogalski briefly reviewed her reports for June, July and August. She made many inspections over the course of these months and also dealt with many complaints regarding mosquitos and stagnant water, rats, mold, garbage and dog bites. She is currently writing summons for unregistered dogs and cats. There are approximately 200 dogs and 40 unregistered cats in the borough.

Health Officer Sam Yanovich was not present at this evening's meeting; however, his September 2013 report had been distributed via email to all board members. Topics in his report included Influenza vaccinations, West Nile Virus and a tobacco activity study.

Mrs. Nicolosi advised that the board that Tenaflly's 1st Annual Community Night will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in front of the Police & Fire Stations. Rain date is Thursday, September 19th.

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A motion was made by Mr. Bader and seconded by Mr. Greenberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 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