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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING, September 18, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Health was held on the above date. Mr. Howard Bader, 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: Howard Bader, Dr. Daniel Feit, Dr. Michael Basista, Maria Xylas, Berton Greenberg, Dr. Etta Frankel, Sam Yanovich, Health Officer, Martha Rogalski, Registered Environmental Health Specialist and Ruby Pujols, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Also present: Councilman Jon Warms and Board of Health Secretary Valerie Nicolosi

It was noted that Dr. Hugh Evans has resigned from the Board of Health. Martha Rogalski has taken a full time position with the Borough of Ramsey and will no longer be Tenafly's Registered Environmental Health Specialist. Ruby Pujols was introduced as Tenafly's new Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 13, 2014, and June 12, 2014. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made to approve the 2015 Meeting Schedule for the Board of Health. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough's Annual Flu Clinic will be held on Friday, October 10, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in the McCandless Room. Mrs. Nicolosi noted that notices were posted throughout the Borough; flyers were distributed to the Senior Center and Library. Flyers are available at the Reception Desk, Information Center in the Lobby and in the Office of the Administrator at Borough Hall. A notice was posted on the website and the event information will appear on the electronic message board located on Tenafly/Riveredge Roads. HARP will handle getting the press release in the newspapers.

REPORTS

Ms. Rogalski was thanked for her service to the Borough. She reviewed her reports for June, July and August. She had done inspections on numerous food establishments and recreational bathing facilities and handled complaints regarding garbage, raccoons, bats, rats, the feeding of stray cats and dog bites.

Ms. Pujols was welcomed to the Borough and reviewed her report for the two weeks she has been in Tenafly. She conducted many food establishment inspections as well as inspections at

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the schools and childcare centers in the Borough and handled complaints about raccoons and garbage.

Health Officer Sam Yanovich reviewed his report for September. He noted that Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission is one of only two health departments in the State that has secured a grant from the New Jersey Association of County & City Health Officials to cover the cost of the application fee required by the Public Health Accreditation Board. The national accreditation programs sets standards against which the nation's more than 3,000 public health departments can continuously work to improve the quality of services and performance. There are currently 22 health departments nationwide that have been accredited. Once accredited, the status is for a period of five years.

Mid Bergen is expected to receive a portion of our flu vaccine supply the week of September 15th. As noted previously, the Borough's Annual Flu Clinic will be held on October 10, 2014. High dose flu vaccine will be available to only those Tenafly residents with Medicare Part B. He reviewed the fees being charged this year with the board members.

Mr. Yanovich explained that from mid-August to September 11, 2014, a total of 82 people in six states were confirmed to have a respiratory illness caused by Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68). Hospitals in Missouri and Illinois had higher numbers than usual of children with severe respiratory illness caused by EV-D68. The CDC is in communication with state health departments from at least 17 states that are investigating clusters of severe respiratory illness. Enteroviruses are common, especially in the summer and fall. So far, there have been no deaths attributed to EV-D68.

To date there have been no reports of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) that have developed in the United States. The risk of transmission of the virus to and within the U.S. is very low. Mr. Yanovich indicated that many colleges and universities within New Jersey are concerned as to how the current outbreak in West Africa will impact those school communities. The New Jersey Department of Health has developed EVD exposure risk assessment tools for students, faculty and staff who have been in affected West African countries in the past 21 days, the incubation period for EVD.

There was a discussion on whether people coming into the U.S. are being screened for Ebola. Mr. Yanovich will research this topic and respond back to the board with his findings.

Mrs. Xylas reported that she attended the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) Open House/Media Day on August 12, 2014. She went in response to an email invitation forwarded by Mayor Rustin to all board members. The survey was being conducted in Bergen County by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's National Center for Health

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Statistics and teaches us about the health and diet of the people in the United States. She commented that it was a very informative day. As there was much interest in this topic, Mrs. Nicolosi will forward website information regarding the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to board members.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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