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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY  
BOARD MEETING, January 20, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Health was held on the above date. Dr. Galit Sacajiu 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. Galit Sacajiu, Dr. Hugh Evans, Dr. Daniel Feit, Dr. Herbert Lazarus, William Kuhns, Maria Xylas, Sam Yanovich, Health Officer, and Linda Fleurimond, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Absent: Howard Bader

Also present: Board of Health Secretary Valerie Nicolosi and Council Liaison Jon Warmes

OATHS OF OFFICE

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

Dr. Galit Sacajiu	Member of the Board of Health
Dr. Hugh Evans	Member of the Board of Health
Mr. Jon Warmes	Council Representative to the Board of Health

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011

**Nominations for President:**

Motion were made to nominate Dr. Sacajiu and subsequently Dr. Feit to the position of President of the Tenafly Board of Health. Both members respectfully declined the nomination. A motion was made by Dr. Sacajiu and seconded by Dr. Evans 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 2011 Tenafly Board of Health.

**Nominations for Vice President:**

A motion was made by Dr. Evans and seconded by Dr. Sacajiu to nominate Dr. Daniel Feit as Vice President of the Tenafly Board of Health. The nominations were closed. A voice vote carried unanimously. Dr. Feit is the Vice President of the 2011 Tenafly Board of Health.

A motion was made by Dr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Kuhns to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2010. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

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Dr. Feit inquired about the new 7-Eleven in town. Mrs. Nicolosi, who is also Secretary to the Planning Board, explained that an application had been approved by the Planning Board for a convenience/food store under the name of County Tiger. After approval was granted, all documentation such as developer's agreements, etc., came into the Borough with the name 7-Eleven. Health Officer Sam Yanovich explained that all appropriate inspections will be made at the site prior to opening.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Yanovich updated the board on the Sanitary Code of 1968. He and Ms. Fleurimond had reviewed the document and reported that almost all of it is obsolete and is superseded by State codes or local Borough ordinances. He reported that there is no borough ordinance governing heating issues at one-family homes. State code can only be enforced at two-family residences. It was suggested that the borough prepare a borough ordinance for that update. Ordinances will be gathered from neighboring towns for the board to review at the next meeting. Board members would still like to have Mrs. Nicolosi scan this document to all board members for review. Board members expressed concerns that this sanitary code should be rescinded. This code will be forwarded to the Borough Attorney for his input on the matter. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion regarding the renewal of the HARP contract and the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission contract. A motion was made by Dr. Feit and seconded by Dr. Evans to approve the HARP (Hackensack Awareness Regional Program) contract at a cost to the borough of \$16,830.00 for the 2011 calendar year. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

A motion was made by Dr. Feit and seconded by Dr. Sacajiu to approve the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission contract at a cost to the borough of \$39,557.00 for the 2011 calendar year. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

Mrs. Nicolosi will forward both contracts to Borough Clerk Lissette Aportela-Hernandez for approval by the Mayor & Council.

The board was asked to review a letter submitted to the council from Holy Name Medical Center seeking a letter endorsing the PACE program. The request was reviewed and discussed at length by the board members. The board is not supportive of the PACE program. It was suggested that Mr. Yanovich contact HARP to see about holding a program for the Borough's elderly informing them of all county programs/services available. Mrs. Nicolosi will inform the Borough Clerk of the board's decision.

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Mrs. Nicolosi informed the board that the bill was received for dues for membership of all board members with the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association. Dues in the amount of \$95.00 will be paid. Mrs. Nicolosi will contact the association to obtain Orientation Manuals for all board members. All members wish to receive the NJLBHA newsletters via email.

## REPORTS

Ms. Fleurimond reviewed her reports covering the months of November and December 2010. There was much discussion regarding a reported dog bite that has been in the court and is still pending. Mr. Yanovich will keep the board apprised of this case. He noted that he had received a letter from the owner's attorney requesting a 3 member panel to review the case. He advised the board that this is not relevant any more and will reach out to the county as well as this attorney. Mr. Yanovich noted that the dog is still in the custody of the county. The dog owner is responsible for all costs. Ms. Fleurimond reported that Sushi Ten was issued three (3) summonses and went to court. Sushi Ten was found guilty of all charges and was ordered by pay \$800 in fines plus court fees.

Health Officer Sam Yanovich reviewed his report with the board. NJDHSS will be fully enforcing the seasonal vaccine mandate for children 6-59 months of age in childcare and preschool programs to receive the season flu vaccine by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Influenza illness is on the increase in the State. Demand for the flu vaccine remains low.

The Department of Homeland Security uncovered a credible terror plot to poison food at salad bars and buffets by using Ricin or Cyanide. The NJDHSS requested that local health departments either call or visit retail food establishments that have self-service salad bars or a buffet in order to emphasize the need to practice food security measures. A self-inspection checklist was given to those applicable establishments.

Mr. Yanovich noted that Mid-Bergen now has its own health educator and will be more directly involved in health promotion programs. They hope to initiate a food manager's certification program and reinstitute a tobacco control program aimed at targeting tobacco retailers that sell to minors. This initiative will necessitate an inter-local agreement between municipalities and Mid-Bergen since an arrangement for costs recovery would be needed. The Tenaflly Board of Health will work with Mid-Bergen on this initiative.

A motion was made by Dr. Feit and seconded by Dr. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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