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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING, June 16, 2011

Dr. Herbert Lazarus 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. Herbert Lazarus, Dr. Galit Sacajiu, Dr. Daniel Feit, Howard Bader, Dr. Hugh Evans, William Kuhns, Sam Yanovich, Health Officer, and Linda Fleurimond, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Absent: Maria Xylas, Council Liaison Jon Warmes

Also present: Board of Health Secretary Valerie Nicolosi
Guest Mrs. Linda Evans

A motion was made by Dr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Bader to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2011. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Nicolosi prepared and distributed a Vaccine Analysis report for 2008-2010, which had been requested by the board at its prior meeting. The Borough of Tenafly provides free rabies vaccinations for dogs/cats of Tenafly residents at Cresskill Animal Hospital and Tenafly Animal Hospital. In 2008, 26.43% of residents with registered dogs/cats participated in the program; in 2009, 25.39% participated and in 2010, 23.58% participated in this free program. The board wished to continue with the program; however, it was noted that Tenafly Animal Hospital has not as of yet produced a bill to the Borough for vaccines for the current year. It was noted that a signed contract was received indicating that the Tenafly Animal Hospital would submit monthly billings, with copies of rabies certificates attached. The board directed Mrs. Nicolosi to write to the veterinarian and indicate that if a bill is not received by July 8, 2011, for the first half of the year that no payments will be made. Further, monthly bills must be submitted from July forward or Tenafly Animal Hospital will not be asked to participate in the program in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Nicolosi advised that a flyer entitled "Use of EpiPen by Non-Healthcare Personnel" dated June 2011, has been uploaded to the Borough website. Mr. Yanovich had received an email from Borough Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin requesting information for the upcoming newsletter. Board Chairman Lazarus will forward an article for the Board of Health to Mrs. Nicolosi, who is also the Secretary to the Borough Administrator. Topics may include Lyme disease and information regarding the annual flu clinic in the fall.

The board reviewed the draft meeting schedule for the calendar year 2012. There is a conflict on Thursday, June 21, 2012, with the Tenafly High School graduation. Board members did not wish to change the meeting date at this time. The following dates will be forwarded to the Board

of Education for inclusion in its Board of Education/Borough calendar: January 19, 2012, March 15, 2012, June 21, 2012, September 20, 2012, and November 15, 2012.

REPORTS

Ms. Fleurimond reviewed her reports covering the months of March, April & May 2011. There are some ongoing problems with Celebrity Bagels. Ms. Fleurimond will follow up with another inspection. Also, LaPromenade has many vendors utilizing its commercial kitchen. All businesses running from that establishment must be licensed. She will continued monitoring that facility.

The 7-Eleven is set to open in the 2nd week of July. Ms. Fleurimond will be inspecting the site prior to the grand opening. There was some discussion about rules and regulations regarding outdoor dining during the summer months. Ms. Fleurimond noted that she monitors all establishments with outdoor seating to assure that procedures are being adhered to properly.

Health Officer Sam Yanovich reviewed his report for June 2011 with the board. This year's influenza vaccine will incorporate the same strains as last year's vaccine as those same flu strains are being found in monitored areas of the globe used to determine the components of the upcoming seasonal vaccine. He noted that this may lead to some confusion, as some people may believe their immunity is still effective come the fall. The CDC claims that at the best of times, flu shots are only 70% effective, and urges everyone be revaccinated.

Mr. Yanovich reviewed a flyer on bat-related rabies situations. The New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services (NJDHSS) has requested that information concerning the proper handling of bat-related rabies situations be passed on to police & dispatchers, particularly due to situations where bats have been found in bedrooms where people have been sleeping. NJDHSS stresses that although only about 1% of bats are infected with the rabies virus, and that human attacks by bats are rare, infected bats may have problems flying, and therefore may come into contact with people. In the past few months several raccoons that were captured & euthanized in nearby towns, as well as in Tenaflly, tested positive for rabies. The raccoon in Tenaflly was in Sunnyside Park. Other matters discussed included the food-borne outbreak in Europe and tanning bed usage.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011. Board members should let Mrs. Nicolosi know of their attendance plans to assure a quorum.

A motion was made by Mr. Bader and seconded by Dr. Sacajiu to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 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