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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING, November 17, 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. Hugh Evans, Maria Xylas and Sam Yanovich, Health Officer

Absent: Dr. Daniel Feit, Mr. Bader, Council Liaison Jon Warmes, Martha Rogalski, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Xylas and seconded by Dr. Evans to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 13, 2011 (rescheduled from September 15, 2011). A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

The board would like to see a notice put on the website and in the newsletter regarding the vacancy on the board. Mrs. Nicolosi will inform the Mayor of the board's suggestions for this position: Dr. Arthur Peck, Gus Allen and Alexandra Gottdiener.

There was some discussion regarding the pet licensing program. Licenses will be issued this year from the Borough Clerk's office. Mrs. Nicolosi will forward letters via certified mail to both Cresskill and Tenafly Animal Hospitals regarding the rabies program. It was noted that Tenafly Animal Hospital still has not complied with the Borough's procedures for payment.

Flu shots are continuing every Friday when the nurse is in Borough Hall. The program is very well-received by residents.

There was much discussion regarding the health hazards posed from the excessive piles of leaves on the streets following the October snowstorm--issues include mold, mosquito breeding and accidents due to the high and numerous piles of leaves on the streets. Mr. Yanovich will reach out to Borough officials regarding the Board's concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Dr. Evans and seconded by Mrs. Xylas to approve the 2012 Board of Health Meeting Schedule. A voice vote carried the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed. Dates for next year are January 19, March 15, June 21, September 20 and November 15.

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Mrs. Nicolosi is working with Borough Administrator Thompson-Chin on the 2012 Health Department Budget. Board members want to be sure that it is noted that there are tremendous savings due to the shared services agreement for Registrar services. It was noted that Ms. Rogalski has a newer laptop provided by the Board of Education. The Borough has a contract for network/computer services. The board briefly reviewed the contracts for HARP and Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission. HARP will remain the same as last year, \$16,830.00; while Mid Bergen will increase 2% to \$40,348.00. The board will sign off on these contracts at its January Re-Organization meeting.

REPORTS

Health Officer Sam Yanovich reviewed his November report with the board. He advised that the influenza activity level in the entire state is low. The County plan for mass prophylaxis of the population is currently structured to provide medication to the entire population of Bergen County within 24-48 hours of a public health emergency. The distribution plan is continuously edited, reviewed and updated by the County LINCS agency in order to determine minimal staffing levels, as well as addressing issues of security, command structure, safety and traffic. Coordination among the 70 municipalities is required to a large degree and the LINCS planning staff is currently aiming at identifying and working closely with a select few municipalities that would play a more significant role in the plan.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing as many as 500 lung cancer deaths annually in New Jersey. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is encouraging local outreach during January, which is "Radon Action Month". NJDEP is encouraging local health officials to lead activities and host special events to raise awareness, promote testing and mitigation, and advance the use of radon-resistant new construction in their communities. Outreach materials can be ordered if so desired, and means of increasing local awareness through various activities and participation of local groups have been provided to Health Officers and Mayors. Mr. Yanovich will investigate and report back to the board his findings as to what program the Borough may undertake on this.

Ms. Rogalski's October report was reviewed in her absence. Mr. Yanovich will follow-up with her regarding a problem with rats at 46 Norman Place and also several food establishments with employees not wearing gloves while preparing food for customers. These businesses have been warned before. It was thought that perhaps a summons should be issued for non-compliance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Xylas and seconded by Dr. Sacajiu to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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