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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY BOARD MEETING, November 18, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Health was held on the above date. Dr. Daniel Feit 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. Hugh Evans, Dr. Daniel Feit, Dr. Herbert Lazarus, Howard Bader, Sam Yanovich, Health Officer, and Linda Fleurimond, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Absent: Dr. Galit Sacajiu, William Kuhns, Maria Xylas

Also present: Board of Health Secretary Valerie Nicolosi and Council Liaison Patrick J. Rouse

A motion was made by Dr. Lazarus and seconded by Dr. Evans to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2010. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

The HARP contract and the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission contract are being reviewed. A contract came in from the County of Bergen. Mr. Frank Mottola, Director of Code Enforcement, has been directed by Borough Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin to do a financial comparison of the services for all contracts. His report is due back to her tomorrow, November 19th. The Board of Health is still the deciding entity on which contracts to award for these health services. These contracts will be on the January agenda for review. Board members would like to have Mr. Mottola attend an upcoming meeting to explain his role as Director of Code Enforcement and the ordinance which eliminated the Department of Health.

These was some board discussion regarding the increased deer population and number of deer fatalities recently in Tenafly. There also was discussion regarding the leaf collection in the borough. Councilman Rouse explained that there were cuts in the hiring of seasonal workers to handle this as well as cuts in the overtime budget for the Department of Public Works. These cuts were made in an effort to reduce the Borough's budget and subsequent tax increase to residents.

OLD BUSINESS

The Sanitary Code update should be a project for the upcoming year. It has not been updated since the 1960s. Councilman Rouse will provide his copy to Mrs. Nicolosi to scan to all board members.

REPORTS

Ms. Fleurimond reviewed her reports covering the months of September and October. There was much discussion regarding a reported dog bite at 14 Birchwood Place. The dog attacked another

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neighborhood dog, which subsequently died the day after the attack. Board members are extremely concerned with this matter. There needs to be some measure put into place regarding animals attacking other animals. This particular dog has bitten before. It was noted that the owner was issued a summons by the Tenaflly Police Department for allowing her dog to run at large on private property. The owner was scheduled to appear in court last evening. Councilman Rouse will bring the concerns of the board members to the Mayor & Council.

Health Officer Sam Yanovich reviewed his report with the board. He noted that there were 250 participants in the recent flu clinic in Tenaflly. Additional dates for flu shots were November 5th and November 19th. He commented that there is very little flu activity in the State this season. Mid-Bergen Regional has scheduled three pediatric flu clinics for ages 6 months through 18 years. The first two were held in Leonia and Hasbrouck Heights. A third clinic will be held in Leonia on December 1. These flu clinics help to satisfy the State law requiring that all children up to 59 months of age in childcare facilities receive their immunizations by the end of the year.

The State Health Department put out a press release concerning vaccinations among health care professionals. Only about 60% of all health care professionals receive flu shots annually. Mr. Yanovich will follow-up with County Manor to assure that all staff in that facility have received flu shots.

At the annual conference of local and state health officials held last month, it was revealed that the accreditation of health departments/agencies will be coming to New Jersey next year, initially on a voluntary basis. Mr. Yanovich will get accreditation details for the board members.

Councilman Rouse addressed the board members explaining that this would be his last board meeting. He was on the Borough Council for 16 years and was the liaison to the Board of Health for many of those years. He expressed his gratitude to all board members he has worked with over the years. All board members voiced their gratitude and appreciation to Councilman Rouse for his many, many years of dedicated service to the residents of Tenaflly. He will be greatly missed.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be Thursday, January 20, 2011. Mrs. Nicolosi will prepare the schedule for next year and forward same to all board members. Meetings will be held on the third Thursdays in January, March, June, September and November.

A motion was made by Dr. Lazarus and seconded by Dr. Evans 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