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BOARD OF HEALTH

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING, January 21, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Health was held on the above mentioned 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.

On Roll Call the following members were present: Dr. Galit Sacajiu, Howard Bader, Hugh Evans, Dr. Daniel Feit, William Kuhns and Maria Xylas

Absent: Dr. Herbert Lazarus, Sam Yanovich Health Officer

Also present was: Martha Rogalski, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Board of Health Secretary Valerie Nicolosi and Council Representative Patrick J. Rouse

Mr. Howard Bader was sworn in as a Member of the Tenafly Board of Health.

Acceptance of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Kuhns and seconded by Mr. Bader to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 12, 2009, and the Regular Board Meeting of November 19, 2009. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

Correspondence - None

New Business

--Resolution of Approval for Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Cresskill for Registrar/Deputy Registrar

Dr. Feit explained this resolution for shared services to the board members. He noted the Tenafly Board of Health is authorized to appoint the Registrar for the Borough of Tenafly; and Grace Mays' current term of office as the local registrar for the Borough of Tenafly commenced on January 1st, 2006, and her term expired on December 31, 2008, without reappointment or the appointment of a successor. There was no record in any Board of Health minutes regarding this appointment.

Each registrar appointed by the Board of Health shall serve for a term of three (3) years, or until such time as a successor is appointed and qualified. The Borough of Tenafly and the Borough of Cresskill have agreed upon the terms of a Local Shared Services Agreement (the "Shared Services Agreement") whereby the registrar and deputy registrar of the Borough of Cresskill will provide to the Borough of Tenafly all of the services of a registrar. (This signed agreement is on file in the Board of Health Office.)

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Approval of the Board of Health is required in order for the aforementioned Shared Services Agreement to stand in place of an appointment of a local registrar as provided by law. If the Board of Health is in favor of approving the Shared Services Agreement, the agreement will have the same effect as the appointment of a successor to the current registrar.

The agreement will take effect February 1, 2010. This will save the borough approximately \$48,000. Mrs. Nicolosi noted that she will be meeting with the registrar of Cresskill next week to show her the office and review Tenafly's procedures. Councilman Rouse explained that Building Department personnel will be absorbing other duties for the Health Office. Mrs. Nicolosi advised the board that dog and cat licenses were being handled by Donna Eliot and the business licenses have been completed by Lindsay Graham. These licenses will be signed by Mrs. Nicolosi tomorrow if she is appointed Secretary to the Board.

There was more discussion regarding this resolution, which was read into the record and is attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Bader and seconded by Mr. Kuhns to approve this resolution of approval for Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Cresskill for Registrar/Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. The vote was as follows: Voting YES: Dr. Sacajiu, Mr. Bader, Mr. Evans, Dr. Feit, Mr. Kuhns and Mrs. Xylas. None were opposed to the motion.

--Appointment of Valerie Nicolosi as Secretary to the Board of Health

A motion was made by Dr. Feit and seconded by Mr. Bader to appoint Valerie Nicolosi as Secretary to the Board of Health. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

Old Business

The contract for HARP (Health Awareness Regional Program—Hackensack University Medical Center has been received—This contract will be forwarded to all board members for discussion at the next meeting.

It was noted that the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission Agreement for Public Health Services should be forthcoming shortly. This will also be forwarded to all board members for discussion at the next meeting.

Registered Environmental Health Inspector- Martha reviewed her report. It was noted that both health clubs in the borough had been closed down. She explained the food establishment complaints.

Martha noted that she had sent out letters in August of last year to restaurant owners that extra certification was required by the state by January 1, 2010; but that the deadline was extended to

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January 31, 2010. Owners and workers were required to take a food handling course. Fines will be issued if certificates are not on file by the end of the month.

She also noted that the municipal judge had significantly reduced fines for several serious violations. She feels this may become a problem; as businesses may not take her seriously if they believe a fine of \$250.00 will be reduced to \$25.00, after the judge suspends \$225.00 of the fine. Councilman Rouse will contact the Borough Attorney on this matter. Mr. Kuhns would like to have the judge come to the next Board meeting. Board members are very concerned that Martha's role is being undermined without any rationale. Councilman Rouse will handle the matter and report back at the next meeting.

Health Officer's Report- Mrs. Rogalski distributed this report in the absence of Health Officer Sam Yanovich. There was a brief discussion on childhood lead poisoning as noted in the report.

Dr. Dave Subin, a chiropractor at Two Dean Drive, was recognized and asked if he had any concerns this evening. Dr. Subin noted that he was a concerned citizen interested in public health issues.

A motion was made by Mrs. Xylas and seconded by Mr. Bader to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. A voice vote carried the motion. All voted in favor; none were opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie B. Nicolosi
Board of Health Secretary