

March 11, 2014

BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by Board President Anderson at 6:00 pm. Adequate notice of this meeting has been submitted to the Roxbury Register and Daily Record and notice is posted on the bulletin board.

The members saluted the flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Anderson, Tuorinsky, Puskas, Morance, O'Reilly-Stanzilis, and DiGeronimo. Absent: Westerfield. Councilman Cangiano and Health Officer Wilpert also present.

Member Tuorinsky made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014, with amendments, seconded by Member Morance.

Review of Health Officer's and Nurse's Reports.

F. Wilpert apologized for his lateness of 5 minutes. Food Establishment inspections have begun for the New Year, all were satisfactory and are listed on the report.

F. Wilpert spoke briefly regarding the Bed Bug case discussed at prior meetings, which was finalized with the Court on February 25, 2014. The tenant was found guilty and was assessed a fine. The tenant has relocated to a home outside of Mt. Arlington. The present apartment will not be rented until it has been fully cleared by a NJ licensed exterminator.

F. Wilpert briefly explained the complaints listed on the report. A complaint was received from a tenant at the Shore Hills Apartment complex regarding mold from a water leak. After offering assistance to the tenant, the situation has been resolved.

A complaint was received from a tenant at the Mt. Arlington Garden Apartments regarding an obnoxious odor experienced as a result of floor refinishing of a vacant apartment below this tenants apartment. This complaint has since been abated.

A complaint was received regarding a housing classification. The property at 22 Sunset is being used as a rooming house but is not registered with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). A written complaint was sent to Mark Ridge at the DCA. Mark Ridge will follow up with the complainant and evaluate the current property usage.

Kim Smith, Animal Control Officer, requested the Health Dept. to provide a joint inspection of a cat hoarding problem. Approximately 75 cats were discovered, the owner is requesting assistance to help manage the issue. A plan is being developed to rectify the issue. At this time 21 cats have been removed. The Health Dept. will continue with follow up and will also keep the Municipal Administrator informed of the issue. L. Tuorinsky recalled that about 5 years ago, this property had about 20 cats, and inquired as to a local ordinance prohibiting so many cats. F. Wilpert explained that there is no local ordinance. C. Anderson asked if we can issue warnings, fines, summons, etc. Brief discussion. F. Wilpert explained that the owner is cooperating and there has been no cost to the Borough as of yet. A summons would be as a last resort. The Health Dept. deals with these issues on a case by case basis. Follow up will continue.

Brief discussion regarding the Nurse's reports. F. Wilpert spoke about the Free Diabetes education series that H. Giles is working on.

Member DiGeronimo made a motion to accept the Health Officer's Reports dated January & February 2014; seconded by Member Puskas.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Anderson went over the correspondence:

New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association membership Renewal Notice; brief discussion regarding renewing the Borough membership. The Board agreed to renew the membership. L. O'Reilly-Stanzilis spoke about the NJLBHA newsletter; she spoke about the importance of supporting this Association on the local level. The NJLBHA is getting a lot of Health Department support with policy and information to share with the Boards of Health.

F. Wilpert mentioned shared services and that he chairs the committee on shared services with the NJ health Officers Association. They are currently working on contract structure, inspection time, etc.

C. Anderson asked if the NJLBHA was involved in homeland security, F. Wilpert mentioned that they work with the State Police and the State Department of Health in planning for county emergency resources. There is also a plan afoot to develop a county regionalization of preparedness, i.e., gathering data, assessing what plans counties have, how to mobilize in case of emergency, what resources can be shared, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Proclamation in Honor of Public Health Nurse Helen Giles. C. Anderson read the copy of the proposed proclamation. All Members are in support of issuing this proclamation and would hope to do so at the May 13, 2014 meeting. The Board asked that Mayor Ondish and Municipal Administrator Rinaldi be invited along with the Senior Club President Loughridge. C. Anderson mentioned that he has heard many good things about Helen; L. O'Reilly-Stanzilis mentioned what a great job Helen is doing getting health information out to our residents. She also mentioned that there will be a piece in the NJLBHA newsletter about Helen and her role in wellness issues.

Open to the Public

Closed to the Public

Board Comment

Councilman Cangiano mentioned the St. Clare's proposal for ambulance posts in Mt. Arlington; F. Wilpert has nothing further on this issue. F. Wilpert briefly explained the services the Borough has used through St. Clare's; the Doctor's and Nurse's for the health fair at reduced costs, mammograms at reduced costs, various screenings, etc. These services are now no longer available. F. Wilpert mentioned that the current agreement was cancelled by St. Clare's in January 2014. Councilman Cangiano asked if St. Clare's will be offering of a new agreement. F. Wilpert stated that he did not know. Right now they are not of a mind to offer that. C. Anderson inquired as to other options, i.e. Atlantic Health. F. Wilpert mentioned that if need be that is an option, we could talk to them about their community based services. Councilman Cangiano mentioned that this would require a lot of shopping to provide for these services, and it would have to be done over time. F. Wilpert mentioned that he is already looking into this for all the towns he services. Councilman Cangiano would like the question asked to St. Clare's if they plan to revisit this type of community service to the towns.

President Anderson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by member Tuorinsky.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Patricia Simari, Board of Health Administrator