

May 13, 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, Westerfield, Tuorinsky, Puskas, Morance, O'Reilly-Stanzilis, and DiGeronimo. Health Officer Wilpert and Administrator Carolyn Rinaldi also present. Attending in audience were Public Health Nurse Helen Giles, Helen's husband Ron Giles and their son Henry Giles. Councilman Cangiano was absent

Member DiGeronimo made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014, seconded by Member Tuorinsky.

REVIEW OF HEALTH OFFICER'S AND NURSE'S REPORTS.

F. Wilpert briefly explained the complaints listed on the report. A complaint was received regarding dog feces at 4 Southard Road; an inspection was made confirming the feces had been cleaned up. The complainant stated the site had been cleaned up to her satisfaction. No further action.

Brief explanation regarding deplorable conditions at 76 Schmitz Terrace; the case worker for the elderly tenants was notified along with the apartment's manager and they will monitor the problem. No further action.

Brief discussion regarding the cat hoarding issue at 8 Fern Place. There has been noticeable improvement and many of the cats have been removed. It is a work in progress but the owners are doing much better at keeping the house cleaned up. The owners will be keeping 4 cats, which have been spayed or neutered.

Lake water sampling has begun at the beach; working along with Department of Public Works (DPW) for such.

F. Wilpert informed the Board of a smoking seminar he had attended through NJ GASP; the Borough does have an ordinance prohibiting smoking on municipal property (parks, beaches, etc). NJ GASP will provide signs; F. Wilpert will follow up with DPW Supervisor, P. Nelson.

Brief discussion regarding the Nurse's reports. President Anderson commented on the great services offered to the seniors by Public Health Nurse Helen Giles at the senior meetings. H. Giles explained all the different screenings available: blood pressure screenings, hearing tests, osteoporosis tests. She also mentioned that the Senior Club President, Judith Loughridge, is so receptive to having all these screenings it makes it even more possible. A diabetes workshop was offered at the Mt. Olive building and three Mt. Arlington residents attended. A skin cancer screening was offered in Mt. Olive, which several Mt. Arlington residents also attended. Member O'Reilly-Stanzilis asked H. Giles if a fasting blood glucose test was offered at the diabetes workshop and H. Giles informed her that it was not offered at this particular workshop as it is offered at the Health Fair.

President Anderson inquired about a flyer he had received from F. Wilpert regarding an Emergency Preparedness meeting to be held at the Police and Fire academy, sponsored by several State Departments regarding how to help disabled persons and other people in need of special assistance. In Mt. Olive, F. Wilpert is working with H. Giles to set up a phone network through the police dept in order to get in touch with these people and determine what their need may be. Brief discussion on the Emergency Response Certificate training. Member DiGeronimo and P. Simari both had trouble getting through on the 800# for this training and could not complete the steps. (The tape cuts out at this time and seems to have not recorded this portion).

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

CORRESPONDENCE

President Anderson went over the correspondence: (The tape resumes recording at this time).

Memo from Patricia Simari Regarding Septic License to Operate and the 24 property owners who have not complied. Brief discussion. F. Wilpert explained how this is handled in Mt. Olive. A Notice of Violation (NOV) is sent out giving the property owner two weeks to comply and then a summons is issued. The Board asked P. Simari to proceed with NOV.

NEW BUSINESS

President Anderson informed the Board of a seminar that H. Giles, F. Wilpert and himself had attended regarding county health rankings. He mentioned there were many important subjects discussed and he was most interested in the ability to obtain no smoking signs for our public beaches, parks, etc. He also mentioned that a discussion ensued about the use of E-Cigarettes and what type of regulations should be set for use of those. NJ GASP is involved in this issue. Other items discussed was the different departments in towns that have come together to help their residents to become more healthy. Member Anderson is interested in attending meetings of the school board and recreation to hear what they may be doing in terms of wellness and to share what the Board of Health is doing also. Member O'Reilly-Stanzilis spoke briefly about the schools wellness meetings and all the good things they are doing for the students. Administrator Rinaldi mentioned that our different departments are already starting to work together in wellness programs, along with our committee Council Liaisons, to help bring the information to each other and to pool our resources together to accomplish more. Discussion regarding a walk to School Event, marking out a walking path, and putting together a flyer to inform residents of the various events being held by the various departments.

Member O'Reilly-Stanzilis mentioned a complaint she has received from a neighbor regarding dog feces all over the sidewalks in Lakeshore Village, multiple occasions, multiple animals. President Anderson mentioned that this was occurring in his neighborhood and once signs were put up, the problem stopped. Admin. Rinaldi mentioned informing the Lakeshore Management Company to get them involved also. F. Wilpert suggested he would talk with R. Stahlhut and P. Nelson and possibly the Lakeshore Association Manager regarding the issue. Brief Discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Proclamation in Honor of Public Health Nurse Helen Giles. C. Anderson read the proclamation. He thanked Helen for all her hard work in all she has done, including the wellness committee. In attendance from the senior club was Juliette Savoia, who also thanked Helen for all her hard work.

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Board Comment

President Anderson asked about a prior complaint regarding 22 Sunset Terrace. F. Wilpert mentioned that the Department of Community Affairs has been notified and that they will be doing any follow up required.

Member Tuorinsky made a motion to adjourn; seconded by member O'Reilly-Stanzilis.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Patricia Simari, Board of Health Administrator