

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2017
6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Adequate Notice

Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Roxbury Register. The notice is also posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the borough hall.

3. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

4. Roll Call

Sheila Studint, Christopher Anderson, Linda Tuorinsky and Roy Morance were present as was Derrick Webb. Andrew Cangiano arrived to the meeting at 7:05 pm. Ann Marie Westerfield and Patty DeGeronimo were absent.

Mr. Anderson reported that he received Mrs. Westerfield's letter of resignation which he read into the record.

5. Presentations

None

6. Approval of Minutes

A. May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Mr. Cangiano

Second: Ms. Studint

All in Favor: Aye

Absent: Linda Tuorinsky

None Opposed

Motion Approved

B. September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Mrs. Tuorinsky

Second: Mr. Morance

All in Favor: Aye

Absent: Andrew Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

7. Approval of Public Health Services Monthly Reports

Mr. Webb reviewed the September and October 2017 Health officer's Report for the Borough.

Mr. Morance asked what Legionellosis and Giardiasis diseases are which are documented under the Communicable Disease portion of the report. Mr. Webb explained that Legionellosis and Giardiasis are respiratory diseases. The board went on to discuss the increase of Lyme Disease with a year to date total count of 24 cases. Mr. Webb said the increase in Lyme Disease is primarily due to the mild winter we had. The board then reviewed the Retail Food Inspection portion of the report and discussed Davy's Hot Dog conditional satisfactory rating. Mr. Webb explained that Davy's has some housecleaning issues. Specifically caked up grease was found on the restaurant equipment which could lead to a kitchen fire. Also the compressor of the refrigeration unit was not functioning properly because the door of the unit was left open. Mr. Webb will perform a re-inspection of Davy's this week.

Mr. Webb went over the Animal & Zoonosis Control portion of the report. One animal neglect issue was discussed at 355 Howard Boulevard. Our Animal Control Officer, Frank Nelson who is also an Animal Cruelty Investigator, went to the home and found four puppies. He did not find evidence of animal cruelty or neglect. If animal cruelty was suspected fines can be levied against the animal owner. Fines cannot be issued by an Animal Control Officer; they can only be issued by an Animal Cruelty Investigator. Animal Cruelty Investigators can go into in-depth investigations and have the authority to separate the animal from the owner if necessary.

The Board reviewed the Retail Food Inspection portion of the report. Inspections have been light the last two months and only four more inspections are required to be performed prior to year-end. Mr. Webb noted that the Mount Arlington Senior Facility has one of the cleanest kitchens in the area.

Health Education was reviewed; Mount Olive provided educational posters to each of their contract towns and they maintain a web page with a variety of material related to healthy school lunches among other issues. They also have a Public Health Preparedness section on their website designed to help residents through storms like Sandy.

The flu clinic was held at the borough senior club meeting in September with 56 borough residents receiving vaccinations. We also held two health fairs in October with blood screenings and flu shots being administered.

The Mount Olive Board of Health is very proactive in workforce training with employees attending courses in a variety of professional development areas. They work to improve their knowledge of public health standards and practices. Continued Education Certifications (CEU's) towards licenses are required for a number of the Board of Health employees. CEU's can be acquired in person and online from accredited course providers.

Ms. Studint noted that chickens or roosters were on Howard Boulevard. A question was raised regarding the legality of owning chickens in the Borough. Mr. Anderson noted that the Borough has no ordinance against owning chickens.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Studint
Second: Mrs. Tuorinsky
All in Favor: Aye
None Opposed
Motion Approved

8. Resolutions

- A. None

9. Correspondence

- A. Sustainable Jersey newsletters distributed
- B. Public Health Awards nominations

The board had a brief discussion regarding the Public Health Awards nominations. If you would like to nominate someone, the form must be mailed in by November 18, 2017. The dinner will be held December 7, 2017 in Monmouth Junction, NJ.

10. New Business

Mr. Anderson noted he received Mrs. Westerfield's letter of resignation. Mr. Anderson requested that Beth Dwyer prepare a proclamation of recognition for 15 plus years of service to the Borough's Board of Health. We will invite Mrs. Westerfield and her family to our next Board of Health meeting to thank her for her service.

11. Old Business

- A. The annual Rabies Clinic is scheduled for December 2, 2017 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Dr. Hodes will administer the rabies vaccinations. The following BOH members have volunteered;

Roy Morance
Patti DiGeronimo & Mr. DiGeronimo
Linda Tuorinsky
Linda DeSantis

Mr. Anderson said he would like to help during our upcoming Rabies Clinic and he also suggested we have the 2018 licensing paperwork and EBlast signup sheets available during the clinic.

Beth Dwyer reviewed the process used to update the Borough's Animal Licensing database after the clinic. The rabies certificates are used to update the database with the new rabies expiration dates. If an animal is not licensed, a form letter is mailed to the animal owner requesting they license their animal. In addition, if the vaccinated animal does not reside in Mount Arlington those rabies certificates are mailed to the appropriate town so they may update their database as well.

Mr. Anderson asked what process is used for rescued animals; are they vaccinated? Mr. Morance, who is an active member of the animal rescue community, thought the rabies vaccination is not administered. Mr. Morance said rescued animals are microchipped and spayed/neutered. He will find out if the rabies vaccination is also administered. Beth Dwyer said animals which are brought to the Borough's pound are required to have current rabies vaccination.

If the animal is not vaccinated or if the owner cannot show proof of vaccination, the pound will administer the shot prior to releasing.

- B. Mrs. Tuorinsky asked what the status was of the gentleman who set his gas alarms off. Ms. Studint said she provided Mr. Webb's business card to the development representative. They got in touch with the gentleman's family to discuss the issue, but they were not very interested. Mrs. Studint went on to report that the development purchased gas and CO2 detectors for each resident. They plug into the wall socket and also have battery backup. The building captains set the alarms up in each unit of the development. These alarms are plugged into low sockets in the bedrooms of each home rather than the kitchen so there would be fewer false alarms. Ms. Studint provided copies of the purchasing paperwork to Beth Dwyer. Mr. Anderson asked that Beth forward the alarm paperwork to the board members.

Ms. Studint asked if the NJ Natural Gas pamphlets titled "It Smells Bad for a Good Reason" and "The Invisible Killer" were received. Beth Dwyer reported that they are on order and we should receive them this week.

12. Public Comments

None

13. Board Comments

Mr. Anderson asked the board to think about who might be interested in joining the group as a board member to replace Mrs. Westerfield.

The board reviewed the member's term expiration dates and noted that Mr. Morance and Ms. Studint's terms expire December 31, 2017.

14. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Studint

Second: Mrs. Tuorinsky

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Dwyer

Approved: March 12, 2018

CC: website