

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019
6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

In Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis' absence, Mrs. DiGeronimo called the meeting to order.

2. Adequate Notice

Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and the Roxbury Register. Notice 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

Beth BaRoss, Sheila Studint, Patti DiGeronimo, Linda Tuorinsky, Roy Morance and Ken Kappy were present as was Derrick Webb. Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis and Andrew Cangiano were absent.

5. Presentations

A. None

6. Approval of Minutes

A. January 14, 2019 Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Mr. Kappy

Second: Mrs. Tuorinsky

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved

7. Approval of Sanitarian's and Nursing Report

A. January and February 2019

Mr. Webb reviewed the January and February 2019 Sanitarians and Nursing Report. He noted that Mount Olive hired a part time Public Health Nurse, Angela Deiling, whose primary responsibility will be to support Wharton Borough and Mine Hill Township. Mount Olive also

hired an intern, Emian Kalic from William Paterson University, who will be working until mid-May 2019 on the Community Health Assessment project.

Mr. Webb noted that Mr. Weigle attended the Legalizing Recreational Cannabis in NJ: What Does It Mean to Local Public Health Agencies meeting. The organization intends to have information available for municipalities by the end of the year regarding legalizing recreational marijuana.

Moving on to the animal control portion of the reports there were two complains: one dog was impounded at the Animal Hospital of Roxbury and the other was returned to its owner.

We also had a solid waste property maintenance issue at 6 Altenbrand Avenue which was elevated to an enforcement issue. The property owner appeared in court and pleaded guilty and was fined \$286.00.

Mr. Webb reviewed the retail food establishment inspections and noted that four were performed in January and February of this year with all receiving satisfactory ratings.

Mr. Weigle and Mr. Webb attended a teleconference with representatives from Rutgers University regarding development and use of performance management tools to be used to measure competency levels of all employees. Depending on findings, Mt Olive will develop training modules to present to their staff.

Mount Olive has developed handwashing and colorectal cancer awareness posters which will be distributed through our community and hung in the library and borough hall.

Moving to Public Health Nursing, Mrs. Giles provided an in-depth Power Point presentation to the schools to increase immunization rates and compliance with New Jersey Administrative Code. Mr. Webb also noted that his organization re-enrolled in The Vaccine for Children program where low-cost vaccines are offered to children.

Mount Olive continues to work on public health accreditation activities which is a lengthy process. The team uses a performance management system known as VSMG which is a visual tool used to create and track goals and objectives for all programs within the health department. Examples of goals might be to increase the number of food establishment inspections or decrease the number of food borne illness complaints through education and inspections.

The Quality Improvement team continues to work on the Animal Bite/Rabies Case Management Program. All towns under Mount Olive's jurisdiction receive bite notifications where follow-up is required. The follow up includes seeing if the animal is vaccinated for rabies or if a person requires post rabies exposure prophylaxis.

Mr. Kappy asked about the Communicable Disease Investigation portion of the report. He wanted to know what were the results of the reported Hepatitis, Influenza and Lyme incidences. Mr. Webb will check with Mrs. Giles and report back.

Mrs. BaRoss asked about the vaccination portion of the report. She questioned why vaccinations are not being done consistently. Mr. Webb stated that some individual have religious exemptions as well as other reasons for not vaccinating their children. He went on to state that vaccinations are very important and have contributed to the longevity of our population. Individuals are starting to understand the importance of vaccinations and through education he feels this trend will continue.

Mrs. Studint moved to accept the Sanitarian's Report

Second: Mr. Kappy

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved

8. Resolutions

A. None

9. Correspondence

A. Sustainable Jersey Newsletters Distributed

B. NJLBHA Winter 2019 Newsletter

C. Article on Legalization of Marijuana and Public Health

D. CDC Health Advisory – January 23, 2019

E. Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report – February 2, 2019

F. Child Health Clinic – March 6, 2019

G. Colorectal Cancer Prevention Lectures – March 13, 2019 Hackettstown and March 21, 2019 Newton

H. Blood Screening Test – April 27, 2019

The board briefly reviewed the correspondence.

10. New Business

A. NJ Local Board of Health Association membership cards to be distributed

The NJ Local Board of Health Association membership cards were distributed.

11. Old Business

A. None

12. Public Comments

Council President Jack Delany introduced himself to the Board of Health members. The Board members thanked Mr. Delany for participating in our meeting and introducing himself.

13. Board Comments

Mrs. Studint asked what Mr. Webb's thoughts were regarding the legalization of marijuana. Mr. Webb explained that he is 2nd VP on the NJ Environmental Health Association. He said the feelings are mixed. Legalization of marijuana is a source of tax revenue for both the state and the municipalities. He went on to say that marijuana does have medical properties which are beneficial to some people. It has helped with anxiety, social issues and joint pain among other things. Currently NJ does not have CBD regulations, but they are being developed on the state level.

14. Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Studint moved to adjourn

Second: Mrs. Tuorinsky

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Dwyer

Board of Health Administrator

Approved: May 14, 2019

CC: website