

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
February 14, 2012

A regular meeting of the Rockaway Borough Board of Health was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President, Jean Rueter. This meeting was held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act. Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided by posting written notice of the time, date, and location of the meeting in Rockaway Borough on the Municipal Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and filing notice of the meeting to those persons or entities requesting notification and also by notifying the Morris County Daily Record by emailing them the Annual Resolution adopted by the Board of Health of January 10, 2012. The Annual Resolution, which included this meeting date, will be advertised in the Morris County Daily Record on January 10, 2012 and the Citizen, the official newspaper of the Rockaway Borough Board of Health, on January 10, 2012.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: JEAN RUETER, President
JACQUELINE KOURY
PAT GIANNETTI
CAROL WILLARD
CHRISTINE RADZAI
CYNTHIA RUETER
MELISSA BURNSIDE
MARK CAPUTO, HEALTH OFFICER

REGULAR MEETING: 6:25PM

Approval and/or corrections to the minutes of the JANUARY 10, 2012 Board of Health Meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Christine Radzai and seconded by Pat Giannetti. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog/Cat Licensing

These are the license numbers from yesterday: 355 dogs and 111 cats. The deadline is at the end of the month for both. That coincide with our voucher program with the participating vets. Jean wanted to know if we are going to send out late notices. Mark said we will try and get late notices out by the beginning the first week of March. Mark said it is our objective to try to wrap up licensing by the summer time. Jean asked if we will be doing the census for Rockaway Borough, Mark said we will be doing the census this year.

Vermin Activity Report

No activity to report.

Local Health Shared Services Update

Nothing new to report.

Upcoming Public Health Screenings

Blood Pressure Screening	2/15/2012 (Community Center)
Male Cancer Screening	2/28/2012
Child Health Conference	4/19/2012
Flu Clinics	By Appt.

Mark said we did reach out to the other senior group. We did reach out Joe Munch and had a clinic for the other senior group and we did have a clinic late last year.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Clare's Hospital Agreement

Every year St. Clare's enters into an agreement with Randolph and Rockaway Borough. It's basically the same agreement we utilize this for our female and male screenings. We do not use them for our Chem 23; we are contracted to Accummed, the price is much more reasonable. It's Mark's recommendation that Rockaway Borough signs on with St. Clare's. Male cancer screening PSA is \$42.16 and female cancer screening is \$50.19 that's for the Pap smear. We do hire Dr. Steven Ware for the male cancer screening Dr. Patricia Renz for the female cancer screening. We pay them under a separate agreement at \$120.00 an hour and is usually about two hours per screening. Christine Radzai had a question in regard to the contract on the third page it says the physician fee is \$50.00 and the nurse practitioner is more than the physician. We don't use the 50.00 rate that's the hospital rate. Christine was just questioning the practitioner rate of \$75.00. Jean asked for a motion to approve the contract with St. Clare's. It was made by Christine Radzai and seconded by Pat Giannetti, All In Favor.

"Senior Help Line" Scam- Attorney General Notification

Mark received a notification from the Attorneys General's office thru the state Health Dept. the scam involves preying on seniors fear and lack of knowledge of Medicare and Medicare supplemental insurance. Where by the scam artist obtain social security numbers. Mark said for everyone to make copies of the letters and circulate to the seniors. Jean wanted to know if Joe Munch got a copy of this and Mark said yes she did.

Norma Jacobs – Animal Control Report: Feral Cats

Mark put it on the agenda and she was going to report on the feral cats management in Rockaway but because it was Valentine Day she couldn't make it. She will try make it next month. She

mentioned to Mark she has been trapping the feral cats. One of the residents from the trailer park has been feeding the cats. Norma has told the resident not to feed the cats so they can catch the cats. The Friends of the Pound were trapping the cats and fixing the cats and then bring the cats back. They will continue to trap the cats and spay or neuter and then find good homes for the cats.

Property Maintenance code review, Section 197-11

This is not a Board of Health ordinance this is really a council ordinance. Borough attorney may need to review changes. The property maintenance code is applicable to non-residential properties only. An abandoned residential property cannot be addressed. We do have a property in town that a tree fell in the back yard where the neighbor insists we take action. The code prohibits us from doing so. Mark proposes to amend the ordinance to allow us to act on unoccupied properties.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter from Ms. Kathleen Haake would like the fees for spayed and neuter pets to go up. Mark sent her a letter saying the license fees are set by statute (NJSA 4:19-15.3)

The annual C of H notification we sent out to our garden apartments. We also cc the realtors in the Borough. Just letting them know what the requirements are for the C of H.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No comment by public

STAFF REPORTS

There was a complaint in regard to Brick 46, there was someone complaining about unsanitary conditions. Steve investigated and concluded it was a disgruntled former employee making the complaint.

VOUCHERS:

No vouchers

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christine Radzai and seconded by Carol Willard to adjourn the meeting. ALL IN FAVOR TIME: 7:05pm

Mark Caputo, HO, Secretary
Rockaway Borough Board of Health