

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 13, 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: JACQUELINE KOURY
PAT GIANNETTI
CAROL WILLARD
CHRISTINE RADZAI
CYNTHIA RUETER
MARK CAPUTO, HEALTH OFFICER

REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 PM

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 Carol Willard. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog/Cat Licensing

We are in the process of sending out late notices for the dog and cat licenses. Dogs are at 601 and 203 for cats. Total of 804 this is 20% less than last year. We were at a thousand last year. Mark feels we wouldn't have a problem getting up to over a thousand this year.

Vermin Activity Report

We had a rat complaint at Rockaway Gardens Center. Steve responded to it and the business owner responded to the complaint. He is going to hire an exterminator to handle it. Steve will follow up this month.

Local Health Shared Services Update

Mark said we are just waiting for the sign off for the animal control contract from the council. Things are going smoothly with the shared services.

Upcoming Public Health Screenings

Blood Pressure Screening	3/14//2012 (Community Center)
Male Cancer Screening	4/17/2012
Female Cancer Screening	3/15/2012
Child Health Conference	4/19/2012
Chem 23	6/02/2012
Flu Clinics	By Appt.

Property Maintenance code review. Section 197-11

The board voted on the concept of expanding the actability of our existing property maintenance ordinance to owners of vacant single family residences. The way the code is currently written it doesn't matter if it's vacant or not vacant. We have a situation going on where a neighbor is quite upset when he calls for property maintenance we have to tell him it's not something we can enforce under the property maintenance because it's a single family residence property. Council woman Melissa Burnside has brought this back to the council they agree with the Board of Health we shouldn't have a loop hole like this with a single family dwelling. You should be able to enforce the property maintenance code. They did bring it to Ed Wax's office the borough council for review. They came back they wanted to handle it slightly different. They want to have a stand alone ordinance that deals with vacant and abandoned structures. Mark has enclosed a sample from Madison. The Borough attorney suggested how the borough council should proceed. Christine wanted to know if we have to wait six months for the residence if vacant. Mark said only if you don't know if the property is vacant.

NEW BUSINESS

Rockaway Borough Water Testing

A notification went out. Everything is fine with the water. There was a test that exceeded the twenty four hours. It was coliform exist it is an indicator organism that could be pathogen growth. If you don't do the test within twenty four hours you have to put an ad in the paper.

WISE Program: Prevention is Key

Mark put this on the agenda for the Super seniors they will come to you for healthy choices. Discussions about how alcohol and prescription drugs interact with each other. It is located right in Rockaway Borough.

NJ DEP: LSRP

It is an advisory to municipalities that have a mandatory time mediation time frames. The Law has changed as of March 1, 2012. This has to do with the DEP backing away from overseeing contamination sites. This has to do with houses with an in ground oil tank that has leaked.

MUA Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

MUA is holding their annual event on May 12, 2012. Mark will leave the flyers to be given out. If you miss this event you can go to the Mt. Olive Transfer Station in Mt. Olive there is a small fee.

St. Clare's Community Advisory Council

With the affordability and patient care act that's the Obama Care. Hospital's in order to maintain their non-profit status, hospitals must contact community need assessment every three years. St. Clare's is a non-profit hospital. The Obama Care Law says if you want to obtain your non-profit status.

Mark is going to chair the committee. It will take about a year.

Morris County Mosquito Control Commission

We received a letter from them and a memorandum describing Morris County Mosquito Commission points of emphasis. There are three things water management, larva control, and adult control. Water control is any water ways in Morris County that are blocked or clogged will unclog them. Larva control will radiate the mosquito control. The third one is the adult control and will come in with the big trucks.

CORRESPONDENCE

Riverview Trailer Park

We received a Memorandum from Mrs. Petszinger who likes to feed the stray cats. When you feed cats they are going to go the bathroom. The neighbor doesn't like it that Mrs. Petszinger feeds them and then they come over to house to go to the bathroom on his property. We think there are about eight of them that she feeds. Norma, Steve and Ginny have been out there. When we try to trap them she feeds them so than they wouldn't go into the traps. Mark didn't want Steve to go alone so Mark sent Steve and Ginny together. Mrs. Petszinger said they didn't present proper identification. She felt they were trying to deceive her. Steve said if she doesn't stop feeding them she will get a summons. Mark sent a memo to Sheila in regard to this complaint.

Ken Royer E-mail

Ken is the resident that lives next to the vacant property. He's not really interpreting the ordinance the way it is written. He's saying that any structure in the ordinance is 197-11 Mark doesn't see this in the ordinance. He's reading this the way he wants it to read. Mark said this is one code. Mark has given it to the Borough attorney.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No comment by public

STAFF REPORTS

Mark said this didn't make the new business. We got a call from the New Jersey Taxation Department. They did show up but they didn't shut it down. It was Pastimes.

VOUCHERS:

Voucher #1309	Accumed Diagonostic Laboratories	\$66.00
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The motion to approve the voucher was made by Christine Radzai and seconded by Carol Willard .
ALL IN FAVOR.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christine Radzai and seconded by Carol Willard
to adjourn the meeting. ALL IN FAVOR TIME: 7:12pm

Mark Caputo, HO, Secretary
Rockaway Borough Board of Health