

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
October 9, 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 11, 2012. The Annual Resolution, which included this meeting date, will be advertised in the Morris County Daily Record on January 11, 2012 and the Citizen, the official newspaper of the Rockaway Borough Board of Health, on January 11, 2012.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: JEAN RUETER, President
PAT GIANNETTI
CYNTHIA RUETER
CAROL WILLARD
JACKIE KOURY
CHRISTINE M. RADZAI
DEBBIE BERNARDO
MARK CAPUTO, HEALTH OFFICER

REGULAR MEETING: 6:25PM

Approval and/or corrections to the minutes of the September 11, 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

Jean said we are doing quite well with the licensing. Mark said we have increased the licenses since the last meeting. The cat numbers have been low; the dog are right around the 750 number. The census is about 60% done, at no cost to the town due to the grant. Christine wanted to know if the reason for the cats being low is due to cats moving out or deceased. Mark said that we do call to find out if the cat or dog has died within the licensing year. Mark said he will check and see if we can generate a report showing how many cats and dogs are deceased or moved away.

Vermin Activity Report

Mark said very little vermin activity to report. No bed bugs to report. There was a rat complaint at 63/65 West Main Street, a notice of violation was sent out and the owner has hired an exterminator to abate the situation.

Local Health Shared Services Update

Mark said nothing new to report. Mark will be sending out the animal control contract for renewal for one year. As a Regional Health Department we are reviewing the Mine Hill contract. The Roxbury contract is a ten year contract and we are going into our third year of a ten year contract.

Upcoming Public Health Screenings

Blood Pressure Screening	October 10, 2012
Female Cancer Screening	October 18, 2012
Male Cancer Screening	October 30, 2012
Child Health Conference	December 6, 2012
Flu Clinics (Community Center)	October 17, 2012 (4:00pm-6:30pm)

Jean wanted to know if there was a good response to our flu clinic in September. Mark said we had a good turnout even though the weather wasn't that good with the rain. We will be having follow up clinics.

Randolph Contract Renewal

Rockaway Borough has approved the contract. The Board of Health has already approved it. Jean has to sign it and Mark will send it over to Sheila for the Mayor's signature. The contract is for three years.

Property Maintenance Ordinance

It has been approved. Mark met with Tom Trapasso and the field staff. They went over the finer points and the changes the ordinance brings about. The major changes: that it allows us as enforcement officials to close the loop hole on the owner occupied property that is vacant. Under the old ordinance it didn't allow us to if you have us pursue us to get the property cleaned up. The ordinance gives us authority to have the property taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS

Meningitis Outbreak

Mark said there was a Meningitis outbreak associated with an epidural injection, the batch was contaminated. Mark continues to get updates from CDC with the various states that are involved. Mark said by next month he will have a detailed report for the board.

Childhood immunization Exemptions S-1759

This is a bill that is in committee in Trenton, nurses went down to give testimony advocating a pro vaccine position. About four years ago the religious exemption was liberalized for those that can articulate a tenet of their faith in writing to the Board of Education or Board of Health. There was trepidations from the State Health Dept. It doesn't have to be in written form you just have to say it's against your religion. This bill was drafted to make it more restricted. The person would have to demonstrate that they were advised of the risk of not immunizing your child and the forms must be notarized for the school.

Adult Vaccine for Children Program 2012

Mark left flyers for the board to look at. Vaccines for children has to do with children that meet the guidelines that they get their vaccines at no cost. The CDC has increased to include adults who are eighteen and older who have no insurance or under insured they can get adult vaccines at no cost. It also includes the shingles shot. Jean wanted to know if Medicare covers the shingles shot. Mark said we are the only one in northern New Jersey who is a provider.

Community Health Needs Assessment

Mark is part of the St. Clare's advisory committee. St Clare's is part of a larger group. Mark was invited to a presentation. Obamacare requires hospitals to maintain hospitals to provide non- profit. On September 13th they made a presentation in regard to health assessment. The findings for Sussex and Morris were similar. In Sussex County, that the doctor ratio per population was low.

CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail from council liaison Melissa Burnside stating that she is away on business. She wanted Mark to convey she present to the council of when garbage cans should be put out and brought back in. The council said that it would like the Board of Health to keep an eye on any complaints of cans being left out too long.

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No comment by public

STAFF REPORTS

Mark would like to report back on the following report on some of the items. 38 West New Street there was chimney liner installed and everything was ok. COH on 247 Franklin Ave. it was registered and everything is taken care of. Stone Spa: we received the third application it still is not right they have to apply three references in Morris County. They had to provide three references each one could only supply one each on the applications. Mark said he is not going back and forth with them. Title Shot the final hearing is scheduled for later on in the month. The rat report on Farview Avenue Steve will be following up next week.

VOUCHERS:

Correction on last month's voucher for Garden State Labs was reported as \$242.50 should be \$210.38 which was approved last month.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christine Radzai and seconded by Carol Willard to adjourn the meeting. ALL IN FAVOR TIME: 7:30PM

Mark Caputo, HO, Secretary
Rockaway Borough Board of Health