

November 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on November 15, 2016.

President of the Board, David Holeman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

This meeting has been advertised in one newspaper, The Daily Record, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ATTENDANCE: Vera Cheatham, Veronica Hedgepath, Wayne Jacobus, David Holeman, Ismael Lorenzo, and Ondria Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: James Glass and Ondria Garcia Montes.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country. Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our military.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MEETING DATES FOR 2017 - The following dates are the new meeting dates for the Board of Health for 2017.

Reorganization Meeting & First Meeting of the Year:	January 17th
Regular meeting dates:	April 18th
	July 18th
	November 21st

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY REPORT - Jaime said that everyone has a copy of the reports for the quarter. We had a few complaints at 21 Adams Avenue and also at Victory Court. They have been issued letters and I believe they are now resolved.

We had a dog bite that Jerry took care of. The dog was quarantined. It was a dog from another town. Jerry did pick up a dog that was from Monroe Avenue.

Zika Virus the biggest concern is for pregnant women. People are being advised if they are pregnant not to travel for at least 6 months. There are cases in Florida and only a few up this way. We gave you a break down of the States and the Zika Virus.

The Mayor asked how many people came to our flu clinic? There were 21. More people are insured and maybe that is why we are seeing a drop off. The Mayor said it is free here and a lot of these other places charge.

We also had the rabie clinic. Cats are big ones for the shots. 29 shots were given for the rabie clinic.

Jaime said there is a resolution that he would like the BOH to do regarding National Diabetes Awareness Month. (See Resolution on Next Page)

Motion to adopt the Resolution by Ismael Lorenzo, seconded by Vera Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VICTORY GARDENS BOROUGH

BOARD OF HEALTH

VICTORY GARDENS

Resolution of the Borough of ~~Butler~~ Board of Health
in support of National Diabetes Awareness Month.

Resolution No. 016

WHEREAS, nearly 30 million Americans have diabetes, almost 90 million Americans are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes, and it is estimated that one out of every three children born after 2000 in the United States will be directly affected by diabetes; and

WHEREAS, type 1 diabetes, previously known as juvenile diabetes, affects 5% of all adult diabetes patients and is characterized as an insulin deficiency, wherein the body does not produce the insulin needed to provide energy to the body; and

WHEREAS, type 2 diabetes, the most common form, is characterized by a rising blood glucose level in the body, resulting in the body's misuse of insulin properly over time; and

WHEREAS, the seriousness of this disease is often underestimated but diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States, more than breast cancer and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, diabetes can lead to increased risk for heart attack or stroke, kidney failure, amputations, severe vision loss and nerve damage; and

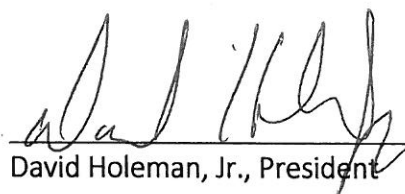
WHEREAS, according to 2014 CDC Diabetes Report Card data, 694,000 New Jersey residents, or 8.4% of adults 18 and older, have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, a healthy lifestyle is important for individuals with diabetes and includes exercising, not smoking and maintaining a balanced diet and proper insulin levels; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Diabetes Awareness Month is *This is Diabetes*, focusing on the real-life stories of friends, families and neighbors managing the triumphs and challenges of this disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Victory Gardens Board of Health does hereby recognize all of the above and November 2016 as *National Diabetes Awareness Month*, and urges all residents to increase their knowledge about diabetes by promoting education to decrease the risk of this disease.

Adopted: November 15, 2016


David Holeman, Jr., President

Ismael asked Jaime if they have gotten any recent complaints regarding grease across the street? I haven't had any. Could you check? I have seen some grease over there and it gets slippery. Also, I got a call from a resident about the drain over here and it being backed up. That is a problem Jaime said. I have called mosquito control in the past and they come and spray. That isn't the issue. There is a standing water issue though. Who maintains this? The owner is suppose to keep it clean Ismael said. All the stuff that comes onto his property is from all other places in town. The owner said he had a grate there and the town took it away. Now, this is why it gets blocked. Jaime said the owner doesn't mind maintaining this if everything is above ground and the grate can go back. Ismael said before the condos dumped all their water into the drain there was no problem. Now that they are bringing their water through now we have a problem. Who is legally responsible for maintaining the drain?

Ismael said everyone should put a grate on their own property and everyone would be responsible for cleaning their own section. Jaime said that was a good idea. The Planning Board sent me a letter telling me to remove my grate Ismael said.

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Ismael Lorenzo, seconded by Vera Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Joan Cegelka - Did Rockaway have any programs for the people in Rockaway about diabetes? I don't know. I could find out for you. We never received the health calendar for the year from Rockaway. The issue with the grates, Mr. Feintuch sent the condos a letter about this because they have some type of drains underneath the road for their water. This was in 2014. The Attorney asked for their records on the maintenance of the drains which we never got. The condos drains may not be working properly. Before the condos we never had this water coming down. The water is now all coming down into the culvert. We may have to start all over again with getting the information from the condos and their maintenance on their drainage.

Valerie Williams - I think there was a grant for that drain. Ismael do you still have that? I don't know. If you don't have it maybe I have it at home. Rockaway Valley may be able to help with this.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Vera Cheatham, seconded by Ismael Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ismael Lorenzo, seconded by Vera Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

** October 18, 2016 meeting was changed due to the flu clinic being held on the same evening. October meeting was rescheduled to November 15, 2016.

Submitted By:

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