

January 21, 2020

The re-organization and the regular meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on January 21, 2020.

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

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

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

ATTENDANCE: Vera Cheatham, James Glass, David Holeman, Ismael Lorenzo.

ABSENT: Kendyll Hedgepath, Tara White, Ondria Garcia Montes.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 15, 2019 as received by Ismael Lorenzo, seconded by Vera Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH - Motion was made by Ismael Lorenzo to appoint Kendyll Hedgepath as Board Secretary for the year 2020. Seconded by James Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

REPORT FROM ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP - Peter Tabbot is here tonight from our Board of Health.

4th quarter report from 2019 - We had 1 retail food and 1 plan review. There was 1 complaint violation. We completed a preoperational inspection on AJ's Bagel. Pack Mentality reported a case of kennel cough with a dog at his facility. 48 Polk Avenue we had a complaint about heating.

We had 15 people here for the flu shots.
We had interventions on some complaints.
We had many administrative meetings as you can see by the list I presented.
We have a new health nurse that replaces Sue Suey. Sue was with us for a long time. We now have Angela.
We also have a new part time health inspector that works with Jaime. Her name is Nancy.

Ismael asked if Peter can bring them to the next meeting so we can meet them. Peter said he would bring them.

We are in the process of compiling our report for the State. They have changed some things so hopefully it won't be so painful to complete. I started putting together a narrative that public can look at. It is not up and running yet, but when it is I will let you know. It's for the public for them to look at information and become familiar with it if they would like. It just describes what the health department does.

Trenton - You may or may not be familiar with certain things in Trenton. There is a Senate Bill # 2136. This was to eliminate religious exemption for vaccinations in public schools. We need to boost the vaccination rates for school age children. Private schools and day cares can have the option to not enforcing the religious exemptions. This is a hot potatoe political issue.

Senate Bill #3265 has just been signed by the Governor. This is now law. It prohibits sale or distribution of flavored electronic smoking devices and related products. This bill is here to help children from vaping by these flavors that seems to draw them in.

This will be converted to an Administrative Code and then we will find out who is allowed to enforce it. The fines are identical to the Clean Air act where people can no longer smoke in public buildings. The fines for the 1st offense are \$250.00, second offense are \$500.00 and the 3rd offense is \$1,000.

I don't know if anyone knows about the corona virus. There are cases coming out. About 40 cases of it. It is tied to some market that sells live animals. First case in the United States is in Washington State. This is very much like pneumonia. We are monitoring it. There is nothing at this time that we can do except that. All health departments are watching this closely. We will update you as we need to.

Also, the DCA has about 5 million in lead abatement monies available. DCA is going to work with the health departments. This is the first time they are giving money for actual lead abatement. This will be monies for mitigated issues regarding kids.

I should have a calendar within the next month letting you know what types of clinics we will be holding. Ismael Lorenzo asked if we can have something over here in Victory Gardens? Maybe our people will come out in more numbers if it is held here. I can look into that Peter said. Some of our residents are asking about it and saying that they can't get to Rockaway. We are talking about getting the blood screenings here in the Spring.

The Mayor asked Peter about the flu. From what he understands there are two different types of flu out here, is that correct? Peter said yes. You have Type A which is novel. This is not seasonal influenza. It can happen at any time during the year. The H1N1 that we had in 2009 was a type A. That type of flu is not anticipated so that means that there is no flu shot prepared for it. The vaccine would have to be made quickly. The more common flu is the Type B. That is seasonal flu. We now use the quadrivalent flu vaccine. This is done so we will be vaccinated against the 3 types of flu that we would normally see in the coming season. This is done by experts around the world. The one we get for our shots is there to protect people against 4 types of flu. Our flu shots cover both type A & B.

UPDATE ON ANIMAL HOSPITAL SERVICES - Peter said that they have been looking into this. Deb and I have been talking in length about this for sheltering services. We are talking to Hodes Vet Group. I have been playing phone tag with a man named Bruce. It's just a matter of us actually talking. It doesn't appear to be a problem for them to handle Victory Gardens. If it turns out to be a no go then there are two other places we are talking to. They are in Morris County and they handle sheltering for other towns. One is Jefferson and the Randolph Regional. I don't want to jump the gun on this by going to the other 2 shelters until I get a definite from Hodes Vet. I know people in both places so I am sure they would be willing to help out.

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

Jim Janone - I didn't hear it mentioned as to what the projected fees would be for Hodes? That is what I am waiting on Peter said. We have to actually talk and stop playing phone tag. I have a fee schedule from them but I don't have it with me tonight. We can't go over any of this until I speak to them. It would be the same fees that Rockaway pays. It would be on an as needed basis.. They would not have a monthly fee. It would be per animal per service. How does Rockaway get emergency announcements or whatever out to your residents? The town website is one way. If necessary we do thru Nixel or reverse 911. We did Nixel and Reverse 911 with Irene and Sandy hurricanes. That was the last time we used them. Why doesn't the town look into Nixel. Anyone can get onto Nixel the Mayor said. Can we have any of this on the website? We would have to talk to the full Council about this. Ismael said it is a charge for that. We put out flu shots on the website. The Mayor said no one reads the fliers. 20 people come out for our flu shots. We get more out for rabie shots.

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

Submitted By:

Typed By: Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Kendyll Hedgepath
Secretary