January 19, 2016

This is the re-organization meeting and the regular meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on January 19, 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.

ABSENT: James Glass, Ismael Lorenzo and Ondria Garcia Montes.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 20, 2015 as received by Wayne Jacobus, seconded by Veronica Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD OF HEALTH PRESIDENT - David Holeman. This is his appointment as he is the Mayor.

BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY - Motion was made by Vera Cheatham to appoint Wayne Jacobus as the Secretary. Seconded by Veronica Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Vera Cheatham	Yes
Veronica Hedgepath	Yes
Wayne Jacobus	Yes
David Holeman	Yes

REPORT FROM ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP - Peter Tabbot -

Peter brought the quarterly report for October - December 2015. Everyone received a copy. We did two retail food inspections - 8 for the year. We had 6 complaint investigation which brings us to 22 for the year. We sent out 1 letter and two for the year. Details on these matters are outlined in your report.There is training listed that either myself or my staff attend. We had the flu clinic on October 29, 2015 and did 28 flu shots.

Our Health Educator is working on some programs. We offer these in our town but Victory Gardens will be able to attend. She has put something together for substance abuse related health promotion program. The Mayor said he would like to have a program here in Victory Gardens for the substance abuse. Peter said he will talk to the Educator and see what can be set up. If I don't followup with you please get back to me so we can make sure we get this on the schedule.

Veronica Hedgepath asked if this would be considered something that people that are on drug court could come here as part of their drug court proceedings? Peter said he wasn't sure. He could talk to someone at the court and ask what they need to have done and see how their programs work. Peter said he will look into it.

Rockaway Township applied for a grant through Community Development for restoring our health center. The grant was approved. We will be improving our health center and that will help out Victory Gardens also. We are going through bid specs right now.

We are working toward becoming an accreditied health department. There is only one other in the State and that just happened recently. It is a lot of work. This won't happen overnight but we are always working on trying to achieve it.

There are other things in the packet that if you have time you may find good reading. There is an article I wrote and many other things.

There is a law that repeals the mandatory canvass of dogs. We are still doing it in Rockaway Township. With doing this you have somewhat of a knowledge on how many dogs you have and who has rabie shots. A lot of towns aren't doing this because whatever money they use on it they will save.

assembly Bill 4385 the responsible dog ownership act. This requires that anyone that has larger dogs will be required to have new fencing. There are also leashing requirements that would come with this. This is for the protection of children. There would be a $500 fine per day per violation. We don't know if this will pass.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

REPORT FROM ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP CONTINUED - Vera asked if a local town has leash laws and this Bill comes into affect, would it supercede what the towns have? Peter said the law states that the State would have to do a model ordiance for the towns to follow and the towns would have to pass a new ordinance.

I included in your packet the flu report from the State. This lets you know what the flu activity is. This flu season numbers are down compared to years past.

We had a rabie clinic on Saturday November 14, 2015. We did 38 dogs and 7 cats. Victory Gardens can go to other places to get their shots.

There is an article about read meat and processed meats. If you can, please read these articles.

We are just about done with our community health assessment. The top 5 issues for our area are: cardio vascular disease, diabetes, obesity, heroin use and behavior health are the issues for our area. This comes from studying data. These are issues that we will be working on in the coming year.

Peter said he is working on a draft health newsletter for residents of Rockaway Township as well as our contracted towns. What would you think of a four page newsletter for Victory Gardens residents. The one I am doing now deals with general health articles. It would also have a calendar of events. Are you interested in having something like this for Victory Gardens? Yes. We would be interested.

Vera asked if we have a copy yet of the calendar of events for this year? Not yet. We are working on it now. Once we get it to you then you can put it on the website.

Veronica asked about the radon kits. Have you heard anymore about them? That did not work out for last year. I will continue to pursue with them again.

The Mayor asked about the public health funds. Does that mean they are cutting out charity health care at the hospitals? I did not see that specifically. We are working more closely with hospitals now because with the Affordable Health Care Act they have to work with us. Public health is becoming more important to the hospitals. St. Clares had called us a few years ago saying that they were discontinuing many of their community health programs. We then went to Atlantic Health to try to make up some of those services. When you say Atlantic Health are you referring to Morristown Memorial? Yes. When you say vicious dogs what is that? There is very specific language for what is considered a vicious dog. Just because there is a dog bite doesn't mean that dog is considered vicious. The vicious dog law is very complex and you have to follow it through and the owners have to do what the law says. Otherwise, there are consequences.

The Mayor said it seems that the flu is somewhat under control but there are a lot of people with the upper respiratory illnesses. There are a number of respiratory viruses out there.

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

Jim Janone - How do you do the calendar and fliers in Rockaway? We make hard copies available in our Township newsletter and it is made available on line. We put fliers on counters in the Town offices. Once a year the town newsletter is mailed out with the yearly tax bill. What happened to the hand santiziers?They were approved but at our last meeting we were looking to have them imprinted. We discussed purchasing just the larger container of the hand santizer with petty cash. Jim said it doesn't make sense to pay with petty cash it should be out of the line item for Board of Health. Vera said she will make sure that there is something at town hall this week.

What were you talking about with the printing? Originally we were thinking that we would have the Borough name put on the bottles. That is a lot of money. Peter was looking into that for us. Peter said he emailed info to Deb Evans and she gave copies to everyone. We will purchase the sanitizers.

You talk about having things at town hall but do you ever consider having programs at the firehouse? That is more centrally located.

Salem Plaza has a new chicken place. Jaime already inspected them. There is an ongoing problem there with garbage. Even when it is clean - it is dirty. They are told to clean up and they are given notices but do we ever get beyond that? Peter said he will discuss that with Jaime. Jaime was out here at the mall today based on a complaint and just doing a regular drive through inspection. They have a waste oil container that is new and that was never approved by the Planning Board. It doesn't have additional containment if it were to leak. The Administrator sent me an email to check on the grease storage unit at the mall. That is why we were there today. Jaime and Kara saw the problem today when they were out. Someone propped it open with a piece of plastic and Jaime removed the plastic. Aside from that everything was okay.

Public Portion Continued -

Jim Janone - What are the Secretaries duties for the BOH? Vera said she turns the recorder on and takes notes and then turns it off. I do not type the minutes. Someone typed the minutes. I don't know who it was. The Mayor said we will get back to you on that.

No other comment from the public.

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

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

Submitted By:

Wayne Jacobus
Secretary

Typed By: Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk